



# RECONNECT

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## Former Sisters



**Reunion news**

We gathered and mingled in The Canticle on Friday, September 29, to the sound of greetings and chatter that was almost deafening at times! What fun it was to see so many familiar faces gathered again and to have time to catch up on old friendships. The time went all too quickly and we don't have a lot of photos but here are the ones we managed to get.



TOP (CLOCKWISE) 1. Sr Marie Davenport 2. Mardi Delhotal Bloch and Sr Maria Zeimen  
 3. Sr Mary Smith and Peg O'Herron 4. Sr Mary of the Angels and Sue Hansen McKenzie  
 5. Sally Flanagan and Pat Moran 6. Sr Phyllis Morris and Kathleen Gutierrez 7. Carol Wisor  
 Krysko and Karen Hunz Mangold 8. Angela Cain McMahon and Sr Teresa Kunkel

Clockwise: 1. Joan Ruebush Frohne 2. Srs Donna Burke, Maria Zeimen and Deborah Schneider 3. Sr Paschal Hocum and Rosemarie Chihak Schroeder 4. Sr Anne Martin Phelan and Peg O'Herron 5. Marguerite Delhotal Bloch, Bob Healy & Peg O'Herron and Susan Hansen McKenzie 6. Carol Nugent Krysko, Srs Jacqueline Herrmann and Ida Green 7. Carol Nugent Krysko and Kathleen Gutierrez. (center) Mary Ann Mishur Ryk (sister of Ellen Mishur Lolakos) and Sr Dorothy Mae Stolmeier

*If you have photos from the reunion, please mail/email them to us so we can put in the next Newsletter.*



## MESSAGES from others...

**Cathy Meegan:** We talked to Cathy on the phone and were so happy to reconnect, getting her address for the newsletter. Cathy is an attorney in Chicago; she is married and has 6 step-children and grandchildren. Her mother is alive and happy at 94 years of age. We are hoping to get a written (emailed) note from Cathy that we can publish soon.

**Gerrienne Agnew Savage (sept '06) (Sr Vianney)** Oh how I wish I could join everyone for the reunion and Peace Conference but it just isn't going to work for me. I know it will be a grand time for those in attendance with wonderful stories, reflections, celebrations and probably a few tears too. Frank and I have been married for 34 years. Our daughter, Clare, is a social worker living in Silver Spring, MD and our beautiful son Mark was with us for 22 years before died in an auto accident. Frank's work in Catholic Education has taken us to various parts of the country. Currently we are back in his hometown of Birmingham, AL, where he is Director of Catholic Education and Lifelong Learning and I am the Human Resource Director for a manufacturing firm. This is my first job in a for profit environment! We love to fish and go down to the coast, but not often due to not having visitors. So if you are in the neighborhood, the welcome mat is always out. My Mom, at 93, is still living at the Resurrection Retirement Center.

**Maddie Maureen Marena Hogan (Sr Madeleine)** Sister Callista gave me the name Maddie back in 1965. I am still teaching music full time, and have two boys in college. My oldest is teaching band at the local Catholic school. The other two are both majoring in music. My husband is executive director of a youth symphony. I think we were all so delighted to get e-mails of so many former sisters that I knew. It will be fun to make some connections at the wonderful reunion.



**The reunion sounds like so much fun--I really wish I could be there. Know that I'm with you in spirit, and send my love to everyone.**

**Janet Dalton Forman '65 (Sr Augustine)** I will not be attending the reunion but it would be wonderful to meet you all. I am still in touch with Ann Butler and Bernie Veeneman and Joelyn Olen. Each Christmas I usually the first one I receive and read it with holiday delight. Mother Leona always considered me a member of the Farm, KY because after she had prayed for postulants, she received my letter inquiring about the Clinic. I and I look forward to celebrating 25 years of marriage in April 2007 with our two children who have their own lives. Abigail, 23, is a Ford model in Manhattan, and an actress for TV and film. She was the front cover in Jan/Feb '06 issue of Modern Bride Magazine! David, 20, is a junior at Appalachian State University, majoring in Music Business Industry. He is a guitarist and the praise and worship leader for a campus prayer ministry he helped establish. I am a one-year breast cancer survivor and have a whole new family of surviving 'sisters' whom I joined this year in the Susan Komen - Walk for the Cure! I have my retirement from IBM, who in 2003 sold its Human Resources to Fidelity Investments, where I continue to work in Health and Welfare as a Benefits Administrator. Since I still enjoy teaching, I am currently putting together a course, "Effective Communications in the Work Place", and will teach an adult evening class this Fall. Life continues to show Brian and me God's abundant love and the truth of Proverbs: 19-21: "You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail".

**Pat Donahue Knabel, '67 (Sr. Patricia)** My husband of 30 years, Steve Knabel, our daughter, Genevieve graduating from the College of Wooster in Ohio; our son, Louie and me. I met Steve when I was teaching in Dubuque at St Anthony's. We went to graduate school in Ames in the 802 and have been living in State College, PA for almost 20 years. I teach special education students K-3<sup>rd</sup> and Steve teaches graduate students at Penn State. Amazingly, we have very similar stories to share at the end of the day! Thank you so much for starting the RECONNECT. I love reading about everyone. Ever since I saw the picture of the musical group in the last issue I can't get the 'Come Along' song out of my mind! (Stunning outfits, by the way), Patty

**Lucy McDermott Re (Sr Lucy) 9/21/06**

I am sorry that I cannot attend the reunion. The weekend sounds wonderful. I see Angela McMahon a lot so I will have to get all the news from her. Tomorrow I am having laser surgery on my right eye for glaucoma and next week I have the same surgery on my left eye. Where did that come from ??? Getting older can be the pits. God bless all of you! Lucy



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**On Tuesday, December 5th, a huge fire destroyed the apartment building that had been our first motherhouse in Clinton and the first location of both**



**Mount St Clare Academy and The Alverno.** We are grateful that everyone was able to escape unharmed. The Clinton community, including Ashford University, responded in an almost overwhelming midwest fashion to help those who had lost their homes so close to Christmas.

The building was constructed about the time of the Civil War for Judge Charles Warren Chase. We acquired the building in 1893 and it was named Mount Saint Clare and became our motherhouse. Our sisters were teaching at St Patrick School, not far from the home. The boarding school began that year in that location. Additions to the building were made in 1895, 1904 and 1906. The academy and motherhouse moved to the present location of the college in 1911 and the Chase property became Mount Alverno. A boys school was operated there from 1911-1914 and then Mt Alverno was converted to a home for the elderly in 1914 and continued to operate there until moving to its present location in 1971.

## REST IN PEACE

**Beverly Ralph Grogan**, age 75, formerly Sister M. Victor died June 19, 2006 . After leaving Clinton, Bev married Thomas F. Grogan, who preceded her in death after 44 years of marriage. She taught at St. Mark's and Christ Child School in St. Paul where she worked as a special ed. teacher. She is survived by 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Bev died in Bloomington, Minnesota.

**Sister Blanche Quinlan's** sixty years of active ministry included both teaching in the primary grades and pastoral ministry to the sick and elderly. Her first teaching assignment was in Victor, Iowa, followed by twelve years teaching at St. Francis de Paula Parish School, Chicago., 6 years at St. Margaret Mary School, Chino, Calif., and 6 years at St. Kieran School, El Cajon, Calif., where she also served as principal. From 1966-1974, she taught at Mary, Star of the Sea School, Freeport, Grand Bahamas. Her final mission was to St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Riverside, California, where she taught for 5 years in the parish school and then embarked upon a 23-year pastoral ministry to the sick and elderly of St. Catherine Parish. In 2002, after a total of 40 years of service in California, Sister Blanche retired from active ministry and returned to Clinton. She lived at The Canticle until her death on Friday, August 25, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center, Clinton.

**Sr David Blackburn** spent most of her 43 years of active ministry in the health care field as a physical therapist, serving mainly in medical facilities then owned and staffed by the Clinton Franciscans. She was stationed at St. Francis Hospital, Macomb, Illinois, from 1946 to 1949; at St. Francis Hospital, Grinnell, Iowa, from 1949 to 1952; and at Mercy Hospital, Burlington, Iowa, from 1955 to 1969. She continued her service to the Burlington area for an additional nine years, working at the merged Burlington/Klein Memorial Hospital. Returning to Clinton in 1978, she established the physical therapy department at The Alverno Health Care Facility. She continued as director of the department until her retirement at Mount St. Clare Convent in 1989. Sister David lived at The Canticle, from 1997 until moving to The Alverno in 2002. She died there on August 27, 2006.

**Sr Agnes Clare Henderson's** 37 years of active ministry included both teaching and nursing. She taught the intermediate grades in Vail and Victor, Iowa, for five years before entering nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Macomb, Illinois. She did further study at St. Mary Hospital School, Quincy, Illinois. She served for ten years at in Macomb, Illinois, and St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, working as night supervisor and in central supply. In 1952 she resumed her teaching ministry at St. Boniface School, Clinton. She also taught in Lourdes, Varina, Perry, Danbury and Fonda, Iowa; and in Chicago and Oak Lawn, Illinois. Sister Agnes Clare retired at Mount St. Clare Convent in 1974, and assisted for a time with the elementary tutoring program. She lived in The Canticle from 1997 until moving to The Alverno Health Care Facility, Clinton, in October 2002. She died there at 1:50 A.M. on Thursday, October 26, 2006.

**Sr Laurita Morehead** spent her 58 years of active ministry teaching in intermediate and junior high grades, and serving as principal for 29 years. Missions on which she served included Carrollton, Missouri; Toluca, Oak Lawn and Chicago, Illinois; and Greene, Lourdes and, most recently, Danbury, Iowa, where she was stationed for 23 years. In 1980 she was named on the "Honor Roll of Outstanding Catholic Educators" published in Today's Catholic Teacher. She retired at Mount St. Clare Convent in 1990, and assisted for a time with the elementary tutoring program. She lived at The Canticle from 1997 until moving to The Alverno in July 2006. She died at The Alverno on December 3, 2006.