

Franciscan Voices

Living and Promoting Active Nonviolence and Peacemaking | September 2021

— Commissioning Celebration —

The annual Commissioning service for Sisters, Sojourners, and Associates was held on August 20 at The Canticle with a theme of “Look Well to the Growing Edge.” Members were commissioned to their local communities and particular ministries within the Clinton, Chicago, and Western regions.

Commissioning was the first in-person event offered at The Canticle since March 2020. Guests were invited to attend in person if fully vaccinated. Masks were worn by all in attendance. “As I was coming down the driveway [to The Canticle], I was overwhelmed with



emotion. I still can’t believe I am here!” exclaimed Associate Lodi Pippen. “It has been two years since my last visit. It is great seeing the sisters and my friends again. Being here brings peace and normalcy,” she added.

Commissioning was also streamed over Zoom so all members of the Clinton Franciscan Family had the opportunity to attend as a means to be together and present with one another.

As part of the service, Associates recommitted themselves to living Gospel and Franciscan values in partnership with the Sisters of St. Francis for an additional three years.

— Bishop Turley Visits Clinton —

We, the Sisters of St. Francis, welcomed Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A, newly-retired Bishop of the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru, to Clinton at the end of the July. It had been two years since his last in-person visit to The Canticle.

Bishop Turley celebrated Mass at The Canticle and at Prince of Peace Parish. (Prince of Peace Parish serves as a sister parish to La Virgen Pura y Limpia in Sapillica, Peru.)

A longtime friend of the Clinton Franciscans, Bishop Turley ministered in Peru nearly five decades alongside our sisters, particularly Sister Phyllis Morris.

In 1965, four Sisters of St. Francis opened the mission in the Diocese of Chulucanas, and sisters served in schools, parishes, and the chancery office until 2018.

Bishop Turley arrived in Peru in 1969, shortly after his ordination into the priesthood. He was ordained a

bishop in 1996 and served as coadjutor to Bishop John McNabb, O.S.A, founding bishop of the diocese. In 2000, Bishop Turley became diocesan bishop.

“There has been great progress and improvement since our arrival in Peru,” he explained regarding the conditions in the Diocese of Chulucanas. “In the 1960s, there were maybe seven schools for the 120 towns. Now, there are 120 schools, one in each town. There were no high schools — now there are 12 to 14 high schools.” There is more



**Bishop Daniel Turley, O.S.A., and
Sister Phyllis Morris**

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— Employees Enter Retirement

Two full-time employees of the Sisters of St. Francis have retired.

Lori Freudenberg, Community Outreach Director for the Franciscan Peace Center, semi-retired on July 1, after serving the Sisters of St. Francis for eight years. She continues to serve on a housing committee.



**Sister Martinelle Bonnell
with Lori Freudenberg**

Lori began a part-time position in July as Program Director at [Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat](#) in Wheatland, Iowa, a ministry of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, Davenport, Iowa.

"We are grateful for Lori's efforts to promote our mission and for her kind, caring, professional, and faith-filled presence," said Sister Jan Cebula, President.

Sharon Rathjen, Supervisor of Housekeeping and Med-Aide CNA at The Canticle, retired on August 6. She served the Sisters of St. Francis for twenty-one years. Sharon expressed she will miss her bond with the sisters the most.



**Sister Shawn Kelley with
Sharon Rathjen**

"We are grateful for Sharon's kind and gentle manner, her loyalty and dedication to the sisters and residents of The Canticle, and her willingness

to help in any situation," said Renee Williams, Administrator of The Canticle.

Both Lori and Sharon look forward to spending more time with family, especially grandchildren and, for Sharon, a great-grandchild.

Wishing you both many blessings as you begin a new path in life! Happy Retirement!

Share Our Sandwiches

For people experiencing food scarcity in the Clinton area, the Franciscan Peace Center's *Share Our Sandwiches* program has provided sack lunches since 2013. Lori Freudenberg coordinated the program since its inception.

Despite Lori's retirement, the program will continue through the work of sisters and volunteers. Longtime volunteer **Sandi Sills** has stepped forward as the new coordinator with **Sisters Teresa Kunkel and Joan Theiss** serving as the contacts at The Canticle.



Share Our Sandwiches is held every Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. (CT) in the parking lot of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 715 S 3rd Street in Clinton.

— Franciscan Peace Connection

Submitted by Sister LaVern Olberding

Like everyone else, the [Franciscan Peace Connection](#) team adapted quickly to the COVID-19 restrictions. Cobwebs were more common than people in meeting places! Zoom and conference calls not only saved time and gas, they increased networking opportunities.

A Course in Miracles, a unique spiritual program designed to awaken us to the truth of our oneness with God and Love, continued weekly thanks to Zoom. *Monday Mindfulness* met in July for the first time in sixteen months, and will meet bi-weekly going forward.

The Franciscan Peace Connection continues to offer outreach to persons living on the margins. The best news is that the two churches who hosted marginalized

persons bi-weekly are allowed to reestablish all their indoor hospitalities: sit-down breakfast, shopping, hair cuts, showers, networking, and more.

Our many interfaith partners helped make the 5th annual [Interfaith Awareness Week](#) the best one so far and opened several doors for more collaboration in the fall.

The [Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action](#) (September 18-26) is our next big San Diego-wide focus. Countless individuals, local peace and justice groups, city officials, and state representatives are organizing a variety of challenges, trainings, and around-the-table efforts to build bridges and promote dialogue.

The Franciscan Peace Connection, located in La Mesa, California, is an outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis.



— Strengthening Collaborations

One way to further our mission of living and promoting active nonviolence and peacemaking is to strengthen our relationships and collaborations with other organizations aligned with our mission and values. During 2020-2021, our congregation made charitable gifts, including the gifting of stimulus funds, to the following:

Death Penalty

- Catholic Mobilizing Network *Washington, D.C.*
- Iowans Against the Death Penalty *Des Moines, IA*
- Midwest Innocence Project *Kansas City, MO*

Nuclear Weapons

- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation *Santa Barbara, CA*

Immigration Reform and Assistance

- Amer. Immigration Lawyers Assoc. *Washington, D.C.*
- Catholic Charities *San Diego, CA*
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network *Silver Springs, MD*
- First Presbyterian Church *Mt. Pleasant, IA*
- Interfaith Comm. for Detained Immigrants *Chicago, IL*
- Lake Street Church of Evanston *Evanston, IL*
- Migrant Farmworkers Assist. Fund *Kansas City, MO*

Human Trafficking

- Polaris Project *Washington, D.C.*
- U.S. Catholic Srs. Against Human Traffick. *St. Louis, MO*

Care of Creation

- Bickelhaupt Arboretum *Clinton, IA*
- Catholic Climate Covenant *Washington, D.C.*
- Clinton Trees Forever *Clinton, IA*
- Disaster Recovery Coalition of Clinton Cty. *Clinton, IA*
- EarthBeat, *National Catholic Reporter* *Kansas City, MO*
- Global Catholic Climate Movement *Washington, D.C.*
- Interfaith Power & Light *Des Moines, IA*

Basic Human Rights & Income Inequality

- Amnesty International *Washington, D.C.*
- Associate Benevolent Society *Clinton, IA*
- Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry *Aurora, IL*
- Bread for the World *Washington, D.C.*
- Café on Vine *Davenport, IA*
- Catholic Charities *Blue Island, IL; Gallup, NM; and Baltimore, MD*
- Catholic Worker House *Iowa City, IA; Davenport, IA*
- Fishers of Men Ministries *Davenport, IA*
- Friends in Solidarity *Silver Springs, MD*
- Honduras Hurricane Relief *Dubuque, IA*
- Humility Homes and Services *Davenport, IA*
- Information, Referral, & Assist. Services *Clinton, IA*
- Interfaith Community Services *Escondido, CA*

- L'Arche *Clinton, IA; Chicago, IL; and St. Louis, MO*
- Mater Dei Africa / USA *Unionville, MO*
- Medical Missionaries of Mary, Inc. *Chicago, IL*
- Missionaries of Charity *Gallup, NM*
- NETWORK Lobby for Cath. Social Just. *Washington, D.C.*
- New Ways Ministry *Mt. Rainier, MD*
- Pantries United *Clinton, IA*
- Pillars Community Services *Hickory Hills, IL*
- Prairielands Freedom Fund Team *Iowa City, IA*
- Re-Member *Pine Ridge, SD*
- Southern Poverty Law Center *Montgomery, AL*
- St. Francis Mission Food Pantry *Saint Francis, SD*
- St. Francis of Assisi Parish Food Pantries *Orland Park, IL*
- St. John Vianney Haiti Committee *Bettendorf, IA*
- Victory Rescue Center *Clinton, IA*
- Water With Blessings *Louisville, KY*
- Willis Dady Homeless Services *Cedar Rapids, IA*

Peace / Nonviolence

- Braver Angels *New York, NY*
- Churches for Middle East Peace *Washington, D.C.*
- Eastern Mennonite University *Harrisonburg, VA*
- Eyewitness Palestine *Washington, D.C.*
- Nonviolent Peaceforce Chicago *Chicago, IL*
- Pace e Bene *Corvallis, OR*
- Pax Christi International & USA *Washington, D.C.*
- Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation *Chicago, IL*
- Until We All Are *Chicago, IL*

Spirituality / Religious

- A Nun's Life Ministry *Toledo, OH*
- Catholic Rural Life *St. Paul, MN*
- Center for Action and Contemplation *Albuquerque, NM*
- Center for Christogenesis *Washington, D.C.*
- Diocese of Davenport *Davenport, IA*
- FutureChurch *Cleveland, OH*
- National Black Catholic Congress *Baltimore, MD*
- National Black Sisters' Conference *Washington, D.C.*
- *National Catholic Reporter* *Kansas City, MO*
- Shalom Spirituality Center *Dubuque, IA*
- Unity Christian Academy *South Holland, IL*

Women

- The Pregnancy Center *Clinton, IA*
- Women's Crisis Center of S. Suburbia *Orland Park, IL*
- YWCA Children's & Empowerment Centers *Clinton, IA*

COVID-19 Efforts

- Catholic Extension *Chicago, IL*
- Catholic Relief Services *Baltimore, MD*
- Disaster Recovery Coalition of Clinton Cty. *Clinton, IA*

Additional gifts have been made in support of local, non-profit organizations in Clinton.

2021 Jubilarians

Eight Sisters celebrate their Jubilee, the anniversary of entrance into religious life, this year. Sisters Beatrice Griffin, Donna Burke, Maria Zeimen, Carmel Jacobs, LaVern Olberding, Barbara Rosener, Janice Cebula, and Patricia Weldon have a combined 495 years of service to God's people. Also celebrating 25 years as a Clinton Franciscan Associate is Robert Ketelsen. The usual public Mass and celebration are postponed due to the ongoing pandemic.

Celebrating 75 years...

Sister Beatrice (Bea) Griffin celebrates 75 years of religious life. She was born in Bird Island, Minnesota, and graduated from Alvernia High School in Chicago, Illinois. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1946, and received the name Mary Therese Martin at her reception on June 16, 1947. She later resumed use of her baptismal name. She made her first profession on August 12, 1949, and perpetual profession on August 12, 1952.



Sister Bea Griffin

Sister Bea earned a bachelor's degree in education with minors in history and biology from San Diego College for Women, San Diego, California, and a master's degree in education with a minor in special education from Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. She received a second master's degree in religious studies from Seattle University, Seattle, Washington.

She began her teaching career at St. Gerald School, Oak Lawn, Illinois, where she taught second grade for five years. She later returned to St. Gerald School to serve as principal for six years.

The majority of Sister Bea's ministry was in California where she served as an educator and administrator at St. Catherine of Alexandria School, Riverside; St. Kieran School, El Cajon; Christ the King School, Oildale; St. Hyacinth Academy, San Jacinto; and Holy Rosary Academy, San Bernardino.

When Sister Bea returned to Clinton, Iowa, in 2004, she served as the official driver for sisters who were unable to drive. She then became the Coordinator of Assisted Living, which involved visiting sisters at The Alverno and shopping for them.

Sister Bea currently resides at The Canticle in Clinton.

Celebrating 70 years...

Sister Donna Burke was born in Winner, South Dakota, and graduated from St. Joseph High School in DeWitt, Iowa. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1951, and received the name of Donald Marie at her reception on June 16, 1952. She later changed her name to Donna Marie. She made her first profession on August 12, 1954, and her final profession on August 12, 1957.



Sister Donna Burke

Sister Donna obtained an associate degree from Mount St. Clare College, Clinton, Iowa; a bachelor's degree in education from St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa; a master's degree in Elementary Principalship in Education from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. She also holds a certificate in Cultural and Creation Spirituality from Holy Names College, Oakland, California.

For thirty-three years, Sister Donna ministered as a teacher and principal at schools in four states, including: St. Rita School, Cameron, Missouri; St. Ann School, Vail, Iowa; St. Columbkille School, Varina, Iowa; St. Kieran School, Chicago Heights, Illinois; Thorton Community College, South Holland, Illinois; St. Patrick School, Maysville, Kentucky; St. Patrick School, Clinton, Iowa; and Seton School, Clinton, Iowa.

She was appointed Director of Vocation/Formation at Mount St. Clare Convent in 1989, and Director of the Associate Partnership Program. Sister Donna relocated to Jesup, Iowa, in 1996 and accepted a position as Pastoral Associate at St. Athanasius Parish, where she served for twenty years until her "retirement" in 2016. She moved to Chicago, Illinois, for one year before returning to Clinton.

Currently residing at The Canticle in Clinton, she voluntarily ministers to the elderly through visits to members of Prince of Peace Parish who are in nursing homes, skilled care, or homebound.

Celebrating 70 years...

Sister Maria Zeimen was born in Mapleton, Iowa, and graduated from Denison Public High School in Denison, Iowa. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1951, and received the name Maria Goretti at her reception on June 18, 1952. She later asked to be known simply as Maria. She made her first profession on August 12, 1954, and her final profession on August 12, 1957.



Sister Maria Zeimen

She earned a bachelor's degree in general science from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and a doctorate in animal biology from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

She began a career in education teaching second grade at St. Gerald School, Oak Lawn, Illinois, and then high school science and math at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Fonda, Iowa. After obtaining her doctorate, she taught biology for sixteen years at Mount St. Clare College and Academy in Clinton, Iowa.

From 1980 to 1988, Sister Maria served as Pastoral Minister and teacher at St. Paul School and Parish in Macomb, Illinois, and as Pastoral Minister at Christ the King in Moline, Illinois.

Answering the call to congregational leadership, Sister Maria served as Vice President of the Sisters of St. Francis from 1976 to 1980, and again from 1984 to 1988. She served as President from 1988 to 1996, helping lead the congregation in choosing active nonviolence as its mission.

In 1993, Sister Maria was elected Vice President of the Franciscan Federation of the United States and served two years as its President beginning in 1995.

After her terms in congregational leadership, Sister Maria, as Community Leader, helped in founding L'Arche Chicago. She has also worked with L'Arche communities in Mobile, Alabama; Orange, California; Jacksonville, Florida; Clinton, Iowa; Bradford, Massachusetts; Kansas City, Missouri; and Spokane, Washington. She served as the Assistant Regional Coordinator of Central L'Arche USA from 2006 to 2011.

Currently residing in Chicago, Illinois, Sister Maria volunteers with VoteForward, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, and Garden Center Services. She also helps with assistant and staff formation for L'Arche communities.

Celebrating 60 years...

Sister Carmel Jacobs was born in Clinton, Iowa, and graduated from Clinton High School. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1961, and received the name Mary Carmel at her reception on June 13, 1962. She pronounced perpetual vows on August 12, 1967.



Sister Carmel Jacobs

She received an associate degree from Mount St. Clare College, Clinton, Iowa; a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa; a master's degree in religious studies from Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois; and a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

Sister Carmel taught elementary grades at St. Patrick School and Sacred Heart School in Clinton, and at St. Gerald School in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She pursued additional studies in art at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan, before serving as an art instructor at St. Gerald School and Mount St. Clare College. She concluded her career in education working at St. Gregory School in Phoenix, Arizona.

After teaching, Sister Carmel served twenty years assisting marginalized persons at St. Vincent de Paul Society, Phoenix, Arizona, in the Family Assistance and Special Ministries department until her "retirement" in November 2019.

Currently residing at The Canticle in Clinton, Sister Carmel continues to support the mission of active nonviolence and peacemaking through study, discussions, emails, and letters. Studying the history of racism has had a big impact and has connected her more to the suffering of many.

Celebrating 60 years...

Sister LaVern Olberding was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and graduated from St. Columbkille School in Varina,

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Iowa. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1961, and received the name Mary LaVern at her reception on June 13, 1962. She pronounced perpetual vows on August 12, 1967.

She earned an associate degree from Mount St. Clare College, Clinton; a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa; and a master's degree in religious education from Seattle University, Seattle, Washington.

Sister LaVern served as a teacher, religious education director, and campus minister in four states, including: Danbury Catholic High School, Danbury, Iowa; St. Ann School, Lexington, Nebraska; St. Kieran School, El Cajon, California; St. Patrick High School, Maysville, Kentucky; St. Anthony School & Parish, Manteca, California; University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky; St. George Parish, Louisville, Kentucky; and Mount St. Clare Academy and College, Clinton.

She ministered as the pastoral care coordinator for Dismas Charities in Louisville, Kentucky, where she worked with felons at numerous halfway houses. During that time, she co-founded the Micah 6:8 community, an intentional, co-ed, young adult residence and outreach ministry for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Moving to California in 2004, she promoted active nonviolence and peacemaking while working as an Operations Coordinator for Atwood and Thompson, Inc. in Spring Valley.

Sister LaVern co-founded the Franciscan Peace Connection in La Mesa, California, in 2012. The Franciscan Peace Connection continues today as an outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis offering opportunities for workshops, study groups, and training in active nonviolence, peacemaking, and life skills.

Sister LaVern resides in Lakeside, California, where she ministers as the director of the Franciscan Peace Connection, networks with numerous interfaith groups, and provides outreach to persons living on the margins. She serves as president of the 2021 board of directors of the Peace Resource Center of San Diego, where she works closely with other groups and organizations who promote nonviolence, peace, justice, equality, and equity for all.



**Sister LaVern
Olberding**

Celebrating 60 years...

Sister Barbara Rosener was born in Breda, Iowa, and graduated from Kuemper High School in Carroll, Iowa. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1961, and received the name Mary Barbara at her reception on June 16, 1962. She pronounced perpetual vows on August 12, 1967.



**Sister Barbara
Rosener**

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa, and a master's degree in religious education from Seattle University, Seattle, Washington.

Sister Barbara served forty-three years as a teacher in four states, including: St. La Salle School, Reedley, California; St. Patrick School, Rochelle, Illinois; St. Catherine of Alexandria School, Riverside, California; St. Francis de Paula School, Chicago, Illinois; St. Patrick School, Maysville, Kentucky; St. Gerald School, Oak Lawn, Illinois; Holy Cross School, Vail, Iowa; and St. Edmond School, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

After retiring from teaching in 2006, Sister Barbara cared for sick and elderly persons for thirteen years. She worked in resident services at The Marian Home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and later as a companion, caregiver, and housekeeper to elderly persons in private homes.

Sister Barbara resides in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and enjoys volunteering.

Celebrating 50 years...

Sister Janice (Jan) Cebula was born in Goodland, Kansas, and graduated from Goodland High School. Prior to joining the Sisters of St. Francis, she earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education with a major in natural science from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.



Sister Jan Cebula

Sister Jan entered the Sisters of St. Francis on August 11, 1971. She professed temporary vows on August 12, 1974, and perpetual vows on April 2, 1983. She initially served as a teacher at St. Justin the Martyr School in Sunset Hills, Missouri, and Sacred Heart School in Clinton, Iowa.

After teaching, she ministered over two years with the Missouri Catholic Conference in Jefferson City, Missouri. Her call to be an advocate for persons marginalized by poverty and unjust systems led her to study law at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, earning a Juris Doctor degree.

For the next twenty-three years she served as an attorney for Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, and volunteered at Holy Family House, a Catholic Worker house in Kansas City.

Answering the call to congregational leadership, Sister Jan was elected to the council in 1992 and served as Vice President from 1996 to 2000. She was President from 2004 to 2012 and again from 2016 to 2021. She was re-elected in May 2021 to lead her congregation another four years.

Between her terms in congregational leadership, Sister Jan worked as the U.S. Liaison for *Global Sisters Report* in Kansas City, Missouri.

Sister Jan is a board member for *A Nun's Life* ministry and is a longtime advocate for social justice. She currently resides at The Canticle in Clinton.

Celebrating 50 years...

Sister Patricia (Pat) Weldon was born in Chicago, Illinois, and graduated from Trinity High School in Chicago. After graduation, she attended Mount St. Clare College in Clinton, Iowa.

She entered the Sisters of St. Francis on August 7, 1971, and was received as a novice on June 1, 1973. She made her first profession on August 12, 1974, and perpetual vows on August 12, 1982.

She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, and a master's degree in administration from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

Sister Pat served as a teacher and principal in three states, including: St. Rose of Lima School, Denison, Iowa; St. Patrick School, Perry, Iowa; St. Kieran School, Chicago Heights, Illinois; St. Kieran School, El Cajon, California; and St. Michael Academy, San Diego, California.



Sister Pat Weldon

Outside of education, she ministered as the Senior Services Coordinator at Catholic Charities in San Diego, California, where she managed social service needs of residents in diocesan housing units.

In 2003, Sister Pat accepted the position of Director of Religious Education at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Chula Vista, California. She later became the pastoral director of the De Flores Center at St. Rose of Lima and served in that position for nine years.

Sister Pat served the congregation as a Council member from 2000 to 2004. She presently serves as the Associate Partnership Coordinator for Clinton Franciscan Associates living in the western region.

Sister Pat resides in Spring Valley, California, and voluntarily ministers with the San Diego Catholic Worker.

Celebrating 25 years...

Robert (Bob) Ketelsen celebrates 25 years as a Clinton Franciscan Associate. He became acquainted with the congregation in 1939 when he attended St. Patrick School in Clinton, Iowa, and had the sisters as teachers. "When I learned of the Associate Partnership Program, I knew I wanted to join. I have felt called to the community since kindergarten," he said.



Robert Ketelsen

Bob committed to living the gospel and Franciscan values in association with the Sisters of St. Francis by becoming an Associate on October 20, 1996.

As the owner of a travel agency outside of Chicago, Illinois, Bob was instrumental in arranging pilgrimages to Assisi, Italy – birthplace of Saints Francis and Clare – for the sisters. He also arranged trips to Chulucanas, Peru, where the Sisters of St. Francis ministered from 1965 to 2018.

During his time as an Associate, Bob himself visited Chulucanas. "Sister Phyllis Morris really inspired me with the work she was doing in Peru," he said. "I knew I wanted to do something similar to help people in need." When it came time to retire from the travel agency in 1998, Bob offered his volunteer services at St. Mary's Mission on the Navajo Reservation in Tohatchi, New

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opportunity for education too, as girls are being educated where, earlier on, it was primarily boys.

"The people of Peru have been so thankful for the many blessings," Bishop Turley exclaimed. "There have been major improvements in roads... medical centers... water sources... electricity." Most households have a television, internet, or cell phone. "Much like Americans, the people of Peru love their communication devices," he chuckled.

On April 2, 2020, it was announced that Pope Francis had accepted the resignation of Bishop Turley from the pastoral care of the Diocese of Chulucanas on having reached the age of retirement. Reverend Cristóbal

Bernardo Mejía Corral of the clergy of the Diocese of Lurín, Peru, was named his successor. He was ordained a bishop in December 2020 by Bishop Turley.

Back in the United States since April 2021, Bishop Turley now lives in community at St. Rita Parish in Chicago, Illinois. "I feel at home at St. Rita's ministering to an immigrant population. It is nice to be able to continue to speak Spanish with parishioners."

When asked what his greatest challenge was in returning to the United States, he expressed the reality of living in Chicago with the surrounding gun violence. "I know we have prayed for Peru, but we also need to pray for Chicago," he urged.

— Exploring Intersections Webinar Series —

A livestreamed conversation series, titled [*Exploring Intersections: Catholic Sisters on Racism, Migration and Climate*](#), continues each month focusing on a different social issue and exploring how it intersects with racism, migration, and climate in a thought-provoking and engaging conversation. Join us on **Wednesday, September 8, at 3:00 p.m. CT** as panelists address Economic Justice. Registration is free and open to the public.

Additional upcoming monthly episodes will include:

October 13 - Food Security

November 10 - Restorative Justice

December 8 - Affordable Housing

Exploring Intersections is a collaborative project of Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Region 10, which includes the Sisters of St. Francis and congregations in Iowa, eastern Missouri, and Nebraska, joined by additional congregations from Wisconsin.



— Ketelsen continued... —

Mexico, which was operated by Franciscans from Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Albuquerque.

Bob helped open, and later manage, the Mission's halfway house for men struggling with substance abuse. The house offered treatment and free room and board for those needing temporary help. He retired from St. Mary's Mission in the spring of 2015 after eighteen years of service.

"Being an Associate has enriched my life. It really helped me mentally while working on the reservation," Bob added. In August, he renewed his commitment to the Associate Partnership Program for another three years as a member of the Chicago region. He currently resides in DeKalb, Illinois.



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