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Rest in Peace

Nancy MacLean, SP (Sister Karen Marie)

Sister Nancy Ann MacLean died November 3 at the age of 70 in Fort Belknap, Mont., while serving in ministry on the Fort Belknap Reservation. She had been a Sister of Providence for 51 years.

She was born May 6, 1938, to Rose Agnes (Stocke) MacLean and James A. MacLean in Missoula, Mont. Her birthplace was St. Patrick Hospital, a Sister of Providence institution, and she attended St. Francis Xavier grade school and Sacred Heart Academy, both Sisters of Providence educational institutions. She worked four years while in high school in the dietary department of St. Patrick's to pay her way at the academy. Her "bosses" were Sisters of Providence and spiritual mentors to her. All of this "Providence Presence" of course fostered and led to her call to become a member of the Providence community. She announced to her mother when only in second grade that she was going to become a sister. And again in sixth grade, Nancy made a promise to God to give her whole life to His service if He would only save all her family!

She entered the religious order in July 1956 in Seattle. After her first vows in 1958 she attended Seattle University and graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in humanities, earning her teaching certificate for elementary education. Her first mission assignment was to St. Gerard's School in Great Falls, Mont., where she taught 51 third graders in the fall of 1961. She later served in Kellogg, Idaho; St. Thomas Home, Great Falls, Mont.; Maryville Academy, Des Plaines, Ill.; and again at St. Gerard's from 1967 to 1971.

Then Sister Nancy was called by her religious community to serve in religious education, parish ministry in Northern Idaho. The bishop of Idaho asked the Sisters of Providence to minister to the ten parishes of the Idaho Panhandle in order to help the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church begun by Vatican II. This ministry was carried out in Idaho

(1971-1973) and in Spokane Valley (1973-1975) at St. Mary's Parish.

In the fall of 1975, Sister Nancy attended Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., to obtain her master's degree in alcoholism studies in the Sociology Department. When this was accomplished in 1976 her religious community and the diocesan bishop, Bernard Topel, encouraged her to open a residence for recovering women religious and others. This was the beginning of River House in the Spokane Valley, which lasted five years. This was a very precious and rich time of prayer, recovery and life in the Spirit.

Sister Nancy then returned to Great Falls as pastoral minister at St. Gerard's Parish. Her activity in the Cursillo (Cum



Christo) and AA communities was a great joy in her life.

Having suffered a heart attack in 1986, Sister Nancy resigned her ministry at St. Gerard's and moved back to Spokane in the spring of 1987, working and ministering at Kairos House of Prayer until 1989.

It was in April 1989 that she was called by the Spirit and her religious community to walk with the folks of Fort Belknap Reservation, Mont. The earth, the People and the faith community welcomed her with warmth and love. Here she lived the fullness of her vows and the charisma and mission of her calling as a Sister of Providence, Daughter of Charity, Servant of the Poor.

The Vigil Service was held November 6, and the Funeral Mass was celebrated November 7 at Sacred Heart Community, Red Whip Gym, in Fort Belknap. A memorial Mass was held in Spokane at Mount St. Joseph Chapel on November 15, followed by inurnment in Missoula, Mont.

Survivors include brothers Calden John HagEsted, Kamiah, Idaho, and Joseph

Michael HagEstad, Missoula, Mont., and a sister, Rosemary (Tim) HagEstad-Hubbard, of Missoula; 20 nieces and nephews and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Donations in memory of Sister Nancy MacLean to support the ministries of the Sisters of Providence may be sent to: Sisters of Providence, Office of Development, 1801 Lind Ave. SW, #9016, Renton, WA 98057-9016. ●

Dorothy A. Warren, PA

Dorothy A. Warren, a Providence Associate, died November 11 in Spokane at the age of 80.

She was born December 11, 1927, in Los Angeles and was a second-grade teacher in the Riverside School District until her retirement. She also was a volunteer with the Sacred Heart Hospital Service League and with Miryam's House of Transition Auxiliary.

Memorial services were held November 22 at Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home, Spokane. Survivors include her husband of 23 years, John H. Warren of Sagle, Idaho; her children Kevin (Dianna) Kilgore of Spokane, Mary (Jack) Kivle of Spokane Valley, Kathy Kilgore of Seattle, Mike (Cathy) Kilgore of Spokane Valley, Megan (Tom) Neill of Seattle, Jeff (Julie) Kilgore of Deer Park, Wash., Jenny Kilgore Adams (Brian Lynch) of Spokane Valley, Matt Kilgore of Spokane, Connie (Walt) Strack of Spanaway, Wash., John (Kirsten) Warren Jr. of Post Falls, Idaho, Kathy (Earl) Nelson of Portland, Ore., and Ellen Schultz of Bakersfield, Calif.; 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Providence Associates of Mother Joseph Province or any charity that supports women and children in need. ●



Eleanor McElwee, PA

Eleanor McElwee, a Providence Associate, died of cancer December 11 in Portland at the age of 84.

She was born May 15, 1924, in New York City and graduated from Ladycliff College in West Point, N.Y. She was a technical editor for RCA in New York for 27 years before moving to Portland, Ore., in 1979 to take a job as a technical editor for Tektronix.

Mass was celebrated December 29 at St. John Fisher Catholic Church in Portland. Arrangements were handled by Riverview Abbey. Survivors include a niece, Betsy Trenholm, and nephew Michael Morceau.

The family suggests donations to the Providence Associates of Mother Joseph Province of Spokane in lieu of flowers. ●



Madeleine Monica Fortier, SP

Sister Madeleine Monica Fortier died January 18 at 90 years of age, after 68 years as a Sister of Providence.

She was born on Palm Sunday, March 24, 1918, to Onesime Fortier and Clarida Drouin in St. Bernard, Cte Dorchester, Quebec, Canada. She was baptized the same afternoon under the name of Marie Marguerite Etienne. She was the twelfth child of a family of 14 with seven sisters and six brothers. The children grew up on a farm and learned early the value of work.

On November 18, 1939, she entered the community of the Sisters of Providence in Montreal on the same day that her sibling, Sister Irene Gabrielle, was making her final vows in Seattle, Wash. After two years in the novitiate, Etienne made her profession and received the name of Sister Madeleine Monique (later anglicized to Monica). Sister Madeleine Monica was one of three

Fortier daughters to become a Sister of Providence. Sisters Helen Celine and Irene Gabrielle preceded her into religious life.

Sister Madeleine Monica was named to Sacred Heart Province in Seattle. Her first assignment took her to St. Vincent Hospital in Portland. She then was transferred to Mount St. Vincent in Seattle, where she worked for one year in the dietary department and one year in the infirmary. Her next mission led her to St. Joseph Academy in Yakima, where she earned credits in English in order to enter Seattle University. She graduated from Seattle University in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in dietetics, followed by a year of internship at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Upon returning to Sacred Heart Province, Sister Madeleine Monica was assigned to Providence Hospital in Everett, Wash. In the fall of 1955, she returned to Seattle University to study nursing. She then worked at Providence Hospital in Seattle and later at Providence Hospital in Portland, Ore. The various positions she held were supervisor of the orthopedics, pediatrics and medical and surgical units.

In March 1970, a change of assignment took her to Providence Hospital in Oakland, where she worked in pastoral care. She was certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains in 1976. After retiring in 1995, she took a three-month sabbatical with the Sisters of the Cenacle in Florida, taking courses in theology and related subjects. In recent years, she lived at St. Joseph Residence in Seattle.

Vigil Service was held January 25 at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, and the Funeral Mass was celebrated in the chapel there on January 26. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home, West Seattle, was in charge of arrangements.

Sister Madeleine Monica was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by several nieces.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, 1801 Lind Avenue SW, #9016, Renton, WA 98057-9016. ●



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anita Reynolds, mother of Linda Jo Reynolds, SP, died November 12, 2008, in Seattle.

Peter Han Nguyen, father of Gabrielle Nguyen, SP, died November 16 in Flower Mound, TX.

Gil Mickel, father of Betsy Mickel, SP, died November 19 in Port Angeles, WA.

Barry E. Wallace, brother-in-law of Kelly Davis, PA, died December 8 in Mesa, AZ.

Paul Zimmer, brother of Dorothy Zimmer, SP, died December 13 in Chicago.

Hilda Castro, mother of Anibal Castro, PA, died December 15 in El Salvador.

Matthew A. Tyllia, brother-in-law of Mary Tyllia, PA, died December 23 in Spokane.

Irene Lelifeld, mother of Alaine Qualls, PA, died January 2, 2009, in Spokane.

Dorothy (Carroll) Petesch (Rose Frances, SP,) died January 26 in Fresno, CA.

John Boland, brother of Mary Clare Boland, SP, died February 14 in Toledo, WA.

James Hensel, nephew of Carol Marie Morin, SP, died February 17 in Montana.

“Come and See”

In early November, the Sisters of Providence welcomed two women into a “Come and See” experience in Seattle. Teresa Huong Nguyen and Marie-Thèrese Gnamazo are sharing a home in West Seattle with Sisters Beverly Dunn and Karen Hawkins. The two eagerly agreed to introduce themselves to the community of Caritas readers.

Introducing Huong Nguyen

I am Teresa Huong Thi Nguyen and my birthdate is October 07, 1975. I come from Thanh Hoa province, North Viet Nam. My family has 9 children and I am the fifth.

I was very glad when I met the Sisters of Providence by the website. First, I talked with Sister Lang Tran. She gave me the email address of Sr. Clare Lentz and the website address of the Sisters of Providence. The story about me began. I talked with Sister Clare and she helped me very well.

On March 20, 2008, my parents and I met Sister Beverly Dunn and Sister Clare at Ha Noi, Viet Nam. My parents were very happy and they hope that I will continue my vocation with the Sisters of Providence.

God bless me! Sisters of Providence guided and helped me to come here three months ago. When I came, I was surprised that the Sisters could play cards very well and they could eat some vegetables uncooked...

Now, for me, I am very happy and hope that The Lord will bless me and that in a short time I will become a Sister of Providence.

I will pray for the Sisters of Providence each day and I hope that Sisters of Providence will have a house in my country also, especially in my province, because it has only one convent. Its name is Thanh Hoa Lovers of the Holy Cross. There are not enough places for many young women to go if they want to become a sister.

God bless you! I am very thankful to the Sisters! ●



Teresa Huong Nguyen (left) and Marie-Thèrese Gnamazo (right) visit with Sister Karen Hawkins.

Introducing Marie-Thèrese Gnamazo

To live away from one’s family or leave the land that you grew up in is very often not an easy decision, especially when we have to go thousands of miles away. But we can for the best cause: Christ.

I am 33 years old and my native country is Cameroon, but I came here directly from Rome, Italy, where I have just completed my studies in social communications.

My father, Dieudonné Medang, who is deceased, was a nurse. My mother Veronica Madjo’o cultivates the land to this day. I am one of six children; I have four sisters and one brother.

I came to know the Sisters of Providence through Father Emmanuel Mbock Mbock. He put me in contact with Sister Clare Lentz. I then began a discernment process via e-mail during the two years that I completed my studies in Rome. I thank the Vocation Team and Sister Clare who have given me the opportunity to begin my “Come and See” experience in the hope of deepening my desire to enter religious life. I am very happy with what I am living in my experience.

I have been in the United States since November 4th and this is my first time. I have had some surprises. First, the language was a big challenge upon my arrival at the airport. The time difference is also part of the changes I experienced. I believe that I have much to learn of the American culture because it is entirely new to me. The journey will be a long one, but I believe that all will go well. I am happy to learn and to discover other things in my new experience.

My first step is the “Come and See” experience that I began last November. It is with much emotion and joy that I am living this experience, because I am well accepted in my new religious family of the Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Province. I thank from the bottom of my heart the sisters who first gave me the opportunity to follow English classes at the community college here in Seattle. Language is the base of all, because the language allows me to understand better the culture and the interpersonal relationships in the community, to communicate with those around me and to be more efficient in my future ministry.

My long-term goal is the discernment in the Spirit, with my director, about my formation as a Sister of Providence. Now all are in the hands of God and I think that He will help me to pursue this way.

God’s blessing. ●

