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Marie de la Roche Province

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2012 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Oct 23 2012 - 12:00pm

On October 23, 2012, the Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Bishop Ketteler Award for Social Justice to award-winning Christian singer and activist Natalie Grant for her passionate commitment to fighting the atrocities of human trafficking and the child sex trade, her dedication to living out her faith, and her commitment to making God's providence more visible in our world.

In accepting the award, Ms. Grant spoke about her involvement in the fight against human trafficking and the work being accomplished by her foundation, Abolition International. She has committed her life and public platform to fighting for the freedom of all who are forced into the commercial sex trade. Ms. Grant promotes awareness of this problem of modern day slavery in the world; she encourages her audiences to support those who are already providing relief to victims; and she encourages those concerned about this issue to pray. Her work against trafficking has domestic and international impact and provides advocacy, education, and relief efforts to end the suffering of women and children sold into sexual slavery.

Location: Providence
Heights



2013 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Aug 3 2013 - 12:00pm

On August 3, 2013, the Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Fr. Gregory "Greg" Boyle, SJ, at an event attended by 150 Sisters and guests. The award recognized Fr. Boyle, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, and his commitment to helping high-risk, formerly gang-involved men and women, gain an education and job and life skills.

At the event, Fr. Greg spoke of the supportive community and sense of family that Homeboy Industries offers to those with whom they work. "Finding work is important, but 'connection' is critical to the healing process," said Fr. Greg. Homeboy Industries assists these young people on their journey to becoming contributing members of their families and communities. Fr. Greg's work with the organization and those it serves parallels Bishop Ketteler's unwavering support of the disenfranchised in Germany in the 1800s.

Fr. Greg is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. To learn more about his work, visit www.homeboyindustries.org.

Location: Providence
Heights



1999 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

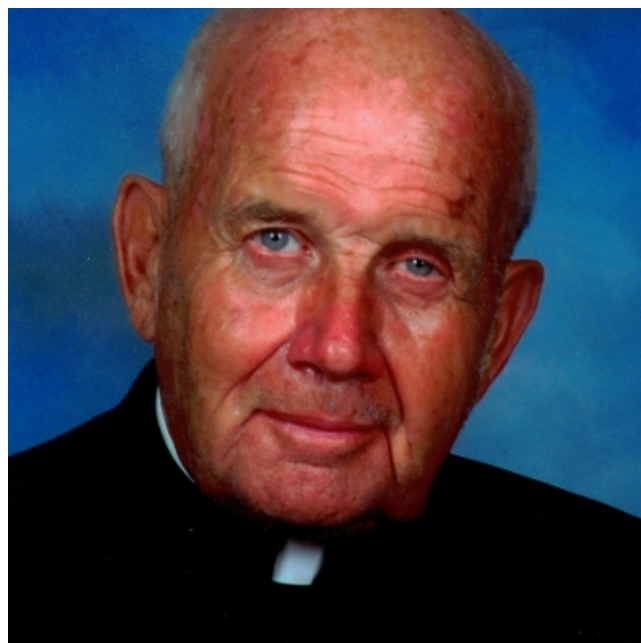
Mar 5 2014 - 6:30pm

Rev. Donald McIlvane was co-recipient of the 1999 Bishop Ketteler Award for Social Justice and former chaplain of the Sisters of Divine Providence. Mary Traupman, CDP, is quoted at the end of his obituary in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, "[Donald McIlvane / Catholic priest and outspoken rights activist.](#)"

This memorial service, open to the public, is being organized by Pittsburgh Priests:

Pittsburgh Priests invite you to participate in a memorial service for Rev. Donald McIlvane on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Providence Heights Motherhouse, 9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, PA (between La Roche College and UPMC Passavant Hospital). All are welcome to remember and celebrate our friend Donald, former chaplain, and prophetic voice in western Pennsylvania and beyond.

Location: Providence
Heights



2014 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Aug 2 2014 - 7:00pm

The Sisters of Divine Providence presented Simone Campbell, SSS with the 2014 Ketteler Award for Social Justice.

Sister Simone was recognized for her commitment to peace-building, immigration reform, healthcare reform, and economic justice. Sister Simone is the executive director of NETWORK. In 2012, she spoke at the Democratic National Convention, and was instrumental in organizing the Nuns on the Bus tour to lobby for passage of a “faithful budget” that would promote comprehensive and compassionate budget principles. Sister Simone reflects Bishop Ketteler’s unwavering justice work for the marginalized and disenfranchised in Germany in the nineteenth century.



Location: Providence Heights

2015 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Aug 2 2015

The Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Beth Davies, CND. In 1998, the Sisters of Divine Providence instituted the Ketteler Award to honor individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice. The award, named for Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, Bishop of Mainz, Germany, and founder of the Congregation, is presented annually.

Sister Beth Davies has served as an advocate and activist on behalf of the impoverished, addicted and exploited in the heart of Appalachia—a region left in despair by the coal industry. A member of the Congregation of Notre Dame, she has worked in close collaboration with the people of Southwest Virginia for more than 40 years, building effective substance abuse and addiction programs; fighting the intrusion of maximum security prisons; working for environmental protection; and developing a network of medical clinics.



Sister Beth was first drawn to the region by the poverty she witnessed during a visit in the summer of 1971. The region’s residents were receiving little return or reward from the coal industry and left with heavy environmental and social fallout. After spending a career as a teacher and administrator in New York and Connecticut, she made the move to Appalachia in 1972 to join the region’s struggle. She said she learned early on that “whatever gifts I bring are useful only in collaboration with those that are already here, because we can only be effective when the whole community is working together.”

In those first few years, Sister Beth helped to build a community center where people could meet and share their experiences; she was part of the Catholic Committee on Appalachia, which conducted “listening sessions” in towns across the Appalachian region and served as a guide for the 1975 Appalachian Bishops’ Pastoral Letter, *This Land Is Home to Me*, which called for a meaningful response by people of faith to the exploitation of people and mineral resources in Appalachia; she was an active member of the Virginia Citizens for Better Reclamation—an organization instrumental in bringing to passage the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, which is a federal law that regulates the

environmental effect of coal mining in the United States; and she was an integral part of establishing the St. Charles Community Health Clinic—a permanent local clinic for the medically underserved area, which over the years grew into a network of clinics for low-income families.

In the 1980s, Central Appalachia was reeling from the loss of mining jobs to technology. Coal operators, desperate to keep their land profitable, began trying to turn mining operations into landfills to accept stockpiles of trash from other states. Sister Beth wanted more worth for Appalachia than being known as America's dump. She helped lead the fight and block two proposals for private landfills in Lee County, Virginia, and founded CLEAN—the Citizens of Lee Environmental Action Network. She also wanted more worth for those abusing substances as a way to medicate despair. In 1982, she co-founded the Addiction Education Center in Pennington Gap, Virginia—an outpatient facility for low income alcoholics, addicts and their families—with the late Elizabeth Vines, a Sister of Divine Providence and 2005 Ketteler Award recipient.

With layoffs in the coal industry, prisons were built in the 1990s in an effort to solve local economic problems but only multiplied them. Job-starved people with little experience and without racial sensitivity were given guns, badges and authority over inmates from different races and cultures. Prison guards began to seek out medication to help them deal with the job and were prescribed OxyContin, which was being aggressively marketed to doctors in Southwest Virginia because of its high Medicaid and disability rates. By 2001, OxyContin was the drug of choice and death rates skyrocketed. "This has changed the face of Appalachia," Sister Beth said in a 2007 Time article about punishing the pharmaceutical company that makes the painkiller. The prisons became an abusive, oppressive environment and concentration camps for drug addicts. Joining forces with the Appalachia office of Justice and Peace—a prisoners advocacy group—and the Lee County Coalition for Health—a nonprofit corporation composed of people from local government agencies, churches, health care institutions and the community—she worked to change the Virginia criminal justice system and improve its treatment of inmates, as well as bring drug courts to Southwest Virginia, which help people get rehabilitated and reduce the need to put non-violent drug offenders in prison. Unfortunately, prisons are a growth industry and the battle has not been easy. In a 2010 Virginia Organizing article, she said, "The most important thing is to have staying power because nothing happens overnight."

Sister Beth's educational background includes a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor certification from Rutgers University School of Alcohol and Drug Studies and she is a member of the Association of Addiction Professionals. Given the epidemic of prescription drug abuse, she focuses much of her work today on drug rehabilitation at the New Beginnings residential treatment center in Dryden, Virginia, where she is on staff, as well as running the Addiction Education Center in Pennington Gap that she co-founded nearly 35 years ago.

Location: Providence Heights

2016 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Jul 31 2016 - 7:00pm

The Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Linda Yankoski, CSFN.

A member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Sister Linda Yankoski serves as the President and CEO of Holy Family Institute (HFI) in Pittsburgh. Her 40+ year career with the nonprofit organization began in 1975 when she was assigned as a social work intern. In 1988, she was named executive director of the institute and in 2001, its president.

From its roots in the Catholic orphanage system at the turn of the last century, HFI has evolved into a social services agency that provides help, healing, hope and support to children and families in western Pennsylvania. Each year, it serves more than 11,000 families and children.

As HFI president, Sister Linda has implemented a violence prevention initiative and established a workforce development program. Following the 2010 Haitian earthquake, she was instrumental in providing temporary housing and developing a comprehensive program—including preschool and elementary education—to help young Haitian refugees. In 2011, the institute launched an international college preparatory program, through which dozens of international students now live on its campus and study at local Catholic high schools. In 2012, HFI implemented a new approach to residential treatment, designed to help reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders. In August 2014, a new Catholic high school, Holy Family Academy, opened its doors to students to prepare young people to be successful in life and work.



Active in many professional and community organizations, Sister Linda is on the board of Catholic Charities USA; Council on Accreditation, New York; and is an emeritus member of the Duquesne University Board of Trustees and the Mentoring Partnership Board of Trustees. She has served on a number of other boards: Community at Holy Family Manor, Pittsburgh; Kearns Spirituality Center, Allison Park; Suburban General Hospital, Pittsburgh; Mercy Hospital, Altoona; and Families International, Milwaukee.

Sister Linda graduated summa cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in social work, from the University of Pittsburgh. She holds a master's in administration from the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate in education from Duquesne University. Her research interests include nonprofit governance, leadership, and organizational development. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her accomplishments. To name a few, she was presented with the Social Service Award from the Turkish Cultural Center in November 2015; inducted into the Century Club of Distinguished Duquesne Alumni in October 2013; recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement in August 2011 for her work with the Haitian Orphans; and presented the Campfire USA award in 2007, the "Champions for Children" award from the Homeless Children's Education Fund in 2004, the Carlow "Woman of Spirit" award in 2001 and the "Manifesting the Kingdom" service award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1999.

Location: Providence
Heights

2017 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Aug 5 2017 - 7:00pm

The Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Dr. Zane H. Gates and Associate Jane Kerr.

DR. ZANE H. GATES

Internist Zane Herbert Gates has spent his medical career giving back to his hometown of Altoona, Pennsylvania. It wasn't easy growing up in the rural city where only a small percentage of the population is African-American. Dr. Gates was raised by his single mother Gloria in the Evergreen Manors housing project in the Eldorado section of Altoona. In a 2016 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette article, Dr. Gates remembers dodging friends at the supermarket as he went to hand the cashier food stamps. "They had dads, they had homes. ... It was kind of intimidating," he said. But his mother inspired and encouraged him to strive for what he desired in life. "She once told me I was going to change the world. ... She was my best friend," Dr. Gates said. She died when he was 22 years old.



Dr. Gates received his medical degree in 1995 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He spent his residency at Allegheny General Hospital where he worked with Dr. Jim Withers—the Founder of Operation Safety Net, which provides medical care for the homeless on the streets of Pittsburgh. For Dr. Gates, attending to those less fortunate in our society was an inspiration. After his residency, he returned to Altoona zealously wanting to give back to the town where he was raised. In 1999, he initiated an after-school program and named it in honor of his mother—the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation, which provides mentoring and academic enrichment for children in Altoona housing projects. At the same time, he started a free clinic in a van to provide quality medical care for the working poor—those who earn too much to qualify for a government health plan, but not enough to purchase private insurance. Dr. Gates' van-based clinic evolved into Partnering for Health Services, which provides access to free health care to approximately 3,500 individuals in Altoona each year. All the while, he was also focused on inventing a new model for providing better healthcare at a lower cost. That model is Empower3 Center for Health—a direct-pay physician practice that he co-founded with Patrick Reilly. Empower3 Center for Health is dedicated to providing people with access to high quality medical care, enhanced knowledge to help them make better choices impacting their health, and encouragement and support to increase their own efforts to stay healthy.

Dr. Gates has received numerous awards and recognition for his accomplishments, including the NAACP Award for community service, Mount Aloysius College Honorary Doctorate Award, John Riley Community Service Award, WEB MD Health Hero of the Year Award, Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leaders Award and Daughters of the American Revolution Award—Local, State and National. He is also the author of the medical thrillers "The Cure" and "The McAllister Project," whose profits benefit the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation.

ASSOCIATE JANE KERR

Twenty years as an Associate of the Sisters of Divine Providence, Jane Kerr is no stranger to putting her faith into action

through hard work and sacrifice.

Jane grew up in Penn Hills—an eastern suburb of Pittsburgh—where she was taught in first grade by Sr. Muriel Young, CDP at St. Walburga in East Liberty, attended Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School and graduated from Penn Hills High School in 1963. Jane went on to marry her husband of 49 years, Paul; have three children; start a small business selling sewing machines and custom drapes; and work at Allegheny General Hospital's Drug Information Center, Stoneridge Covenant Church, North Hills Community Outreach and the Sisters of Divine Providence. These days, when not involving herself in mission trips an ocean away—or packing medical supplies for Christian Medical Missions Resource Foundation (CMRF)—Jane spends much of her time caring for her eight grandchildren. She is also a member of the Der Sitzmark Ski Club, the Pittsburgh Chapter of Inspired Women and the Steel City Boogie Dance Club.

Jane began to put her gifts and talents to work for the poor villagers of Hoima, Uganda in 2003 when she participated in her first mission trip with Christ Church at Grove Farm located in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. On that and four subsequent mission trips—including a trip in January 2017—Jane worked with other missionaries to meet the basic health, educational, nutritional and spiritual needs of the villagers. They established clinics; taught nutrition, malaria prevention and first aid; engaged in Bible studies and sewed Bible covers; started a coffee farm; built a girls' dormitory; drilled for clean water and dug water wells; taught women to cook on solar boxes; and gave out reading glasses, vegetable seeds, Bibles, mosquito nets, bicycles, bunk beds, soccer balls, bed sheets and hand-sewn baby dolls. Most recently, the missionaries started an animal farm with chickens, goats and pigs. The animal farm has become a self-sustaining source of steady income for the people of Hoima. The beans from Hoima's coffee farm are roasted in Middlesex, Pennsylvania and sold as Ugandan Gold coffee in local stores. Proceeds from the coffee farm make it possible to dig borehole wells and have, to date, provided clean water to 250,000 villagers.

The impact of Jane's Gospel-inspired passion, commitment and willingness to get involved in the lives of those most in need is reflective of Bishop Ketteler's own untiring commitment to the poor and vulnerable. As a CDP Associate, she has taken Bishop Ketteler's influence with her to yet another area of our world, showing the face of a loving God and forever enhancing and enriching lives. It is not only the Ugandans, however, who have benefitted from Jane's spirit of service and self-sacrifice. Her inspiration is passed on to her children and grandchildren and felt by CDP Associates and Sisters alike.

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[CLICK HERE](#) to make a gift in honor of Dr. Zane H. Gates or Associate Jane Kerr.

Location: Providence Heights

2019 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Aug 2 2019 - 7:00pm

For their faithful dedication to the clients of La Posada Providencia—a ministry for people in crisis from around the world, who are seeking legal refuge in this country—the Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Sister Hilary Hooks, Sister Margaret Mertens, Sister Zita Telkamp, Sister Therese Cunningham, and Associate Marlene McClain.

Sister Hilary Hooks, CDP

2019 Ketteler Award for Social Justice Recipient

Sister Hilary Hooks, CDP, entered the Sisters of Divine Providence in 1961. She chose the name of Frances Cabrini as her confirmation name, inspired by the story of this young girl making paper boats and sending them off in the creek behind her home to faraway lands, spreading the word of God to those who had not heard it before. Sister Hilary dreamed then of becoming a missionary.



With other members of the St. Louis community, Sister Hilary opened La Posada Providencia in 1989. She served as its first Program Director from 1989 until 1995. Following this ministry, Sister Hilary was a liturgist and worked in a faith renewal program in St. Louis, MO until 2007. At that time, she answered the call to become Director of the Senior Center at Ascension of the Lord parish in the Dominican Republic.

In 2009, Sister Hilary returned to the States to work in various ministries. In 2010, she served as associate pastor in St. Helen Parish in Jackson, MS. She began teaching as an adjunct instructor of English as a second language at St. Vincent College in 2011 and at La Roche University in 2013. Most recently, Sr. Hilary has served as Program Coordinator for Charity House – a ministry that provides safe shelter, food and basic services to legal asylum seekers – located in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sister Margaret Mertens, CDP

2019 Ketteler Award for Social Justice Recipient

Sister Margaret Mertens, CDP, entered the Sisters of Divine Providence in 1953. She credits the Sisters who taught her in school with influencing her decision to enter religious life. Sister Margaret's ministry as an educator began in 1956, teaching in Catholic schools in the St. Louis, MO area for nearly 30 years. Sister Margaret also served as local superior, co-director and formation/vocation director at the Mount Providence motherhouse.

In 1995, Sister Margaret became the Director of La Posada Providencia and remained in this position until 2008. To prepare for this ministry, Sister Margaret learned the Spanish language and Mexican-American culture by studying at the local community college and entering a language immersion experience in Guadalajara, Mexico. As a result of her language education and ministry experience, Sister Margaret is fluent in Spanish and international and intercultural communications.

After a sabbatical to serve the needs of the community, Sister Margaret returned to La Posada Providencia in 2012 as the site coordinator, where she continues to "welcome the stranger" today – meeting the needs of refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers.

Sister Zita Telkamp, CDP

2019 Ketteler Award for Social Justice Recipient

Sister Zita Telkamp, CDP, entered religious life in 1949, influenced by her teacher Sister Mary Innocent, CDP – a missionary who worked in one of the poorest areas of Puerto Rico.

Sister Zita ministered in education for 49 years as an elementary teacher and principal at Catholic schools in the St. Louis, MO area. From 1995 through 2001, she served on the provincial council for the St. Louis Province of the Sisters of Divine Providence. Beginning in 2001 through 2007, she ministered at Room at the Inn, a shelter for homeless women and families and sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Sister Zita became Program Director of La Posada Providencia in 2008 and continued in this position until 2017. Under her direction, the emergency shelter greatly expanded its capacity, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and welcoming its 8,000th client in 2014.

In 2013, Sister Zita received the prestigious Catholic Extension Lumen Christi (Latin for "Light of Christ") award. This award is presented to an individual working in one of America's mission dioceses who demonstrates how the power of faith can transform lives and communities.

Of her work and her ministries, Sister Zita is at peace no matter where or in what ministry she is invited to serve.

Sister Therese Cunningham, SHsp

2019 Ketteler Award for Social Justice Recipient

Sister Therese Cunningham, SHSp, became a professed Sister of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate in 1962. Her early years of ministry in San Antonio, Texas, included 23 years of teaching in Catholic schools and 14 years as a Director of Religious Educations. In 2000, Sister Therese joined other members of her community in Mexico advancing literacy for women, at which time she became a facilitator with the National Institute for Adult Education.

Upon her return to the U.S., Sister Therese was drawn to serve her immigrant brothers and sisters, and set out for La Posada Providencia in 2005, in search of a job. When meeting with Sister Margaret Mertens, CDP, then the Program Director of La Posada Providencia, Sister Therese quoted her community's foundress, Mother Margaret Mary Healy Murphy: "Why should we fear our treasury is Divine Providence which supplies the Universe and never is exhausted?" Inspired by the bond between her community and the Sisters of Divine Providence, Sister Therese began her ministry as a Client mentor and Coordinator of English as a second language.

Sharing in La Posada Providencia's mission for the past 14 years, particularly the joys and sorrows of her immigrant brothers and sisters, has been Sister Therese's most challenging yet rewarding ministry of her religious life.

Associate Marlene McClain

2019 Ketteler Award for Social Justice Recipient

Marlene McClain, an Associate with the Sisters of Divine Providence since 1993, was introduced to the Sisters in her home parish of St. John the Baptist, Monaca, PA, through her catechism classes, organ lessons, and participation as a church organist and choir member.

Following her high school graduation in 1955, Marlene earned a degree in Physiology from Duquesne University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Marlene began her teaching career at Carlow University (formerly Mount Mercy College,) and eventually accepted a teaching position at Monaca High School, where she taught

math and science for 27 years.

In 2015, Marlene visited La Posada Providencia for the first time. Since then, she has spent six months of each year, from October through April, volunteering as an English tutor, chauffeur for clients, and member of the Fundraising committee. Affectionately referred to as the “Jill of all trades” by La Posada Providencia staff and volunteers, Marlene is honored to be a recipient of the 2019 Ketteler award.

Location: Providence
Heights

2020 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Aug 3 2020

On August 3, 2020, the Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to the Rev. James Martin, S.J.—Jesuit priest, author, editor at large at America, the national Catholic review, and a Consultor to the Vatican’s Dicastery for Communication.

Father Martin was recognized for his extensive and ongoing commitment to social justice and his advocacy for and ministry with LGBTQ persons.

This award is named for Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, Bishop of Mainz, Germany, co-founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence and tireless fighter for the rights of the working class and the marginalized. He was bishop from 1850 until 1877.

Additional information on Rev. James Martin is available [here](#):

[Fr. Martin Full Bio](#)

[Fr. Martin Shares Trans-Related Letters With Vatican Official Behind Anti-LGBTQ Document](#)

Location: Other

2023 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Apr 15 2023 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Kearns Spirituality
Conference Center
9000 Babcock Boulevard
Allison Park, PA 15101





Ketteler Award for Social Justice



The Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Bryan Massingale, S.T.D. in recognition of his advocacy for justice. The award is named for Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, Bishop of Mainz, Germany, co-founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence and tireless fighter for the rights of the working class and the marginalized. He was bishop from 1850 until 1877.

[CLICK HERE](#) for photos from the event.

Location: Other

24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast

Jan 15 2024 - 8:30am

Location: Other



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World Day for Consecrated Life Gathering

Feb 4 2024 - 2:00pm to 5:00pm

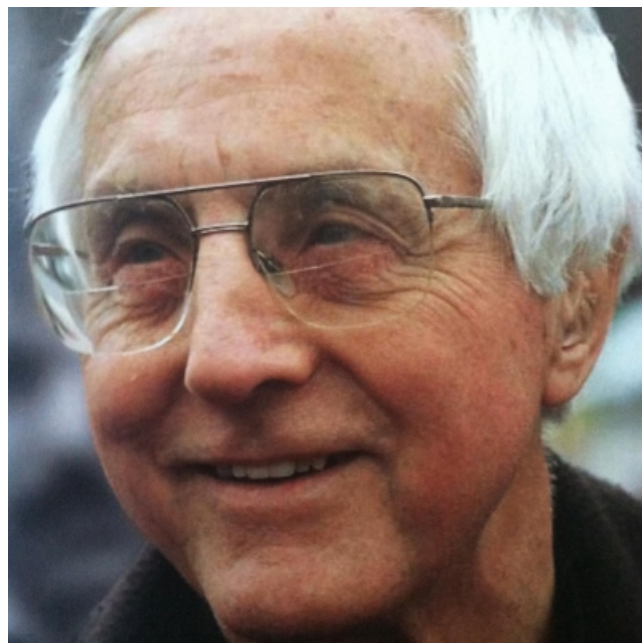
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2024 Ketteler Award for Social Justice

Apr 20 2024 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Kearns Spirituality
Conference Center
9000 Babcock Boulevard
Allison Park, PA 15101



Ketteler Award for Social Justice



The Sisters of Divine Providence presented the Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton in recognition of his advocacy for justice. The award is named for Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, Bishop of Mainz, Germany, co-founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence and tireless fighter for the rights of the working class and the marginalized. He was bishop from 1850 until 1877.

[CLICK HERE](#) for photos.

Location: Other

Religious Brothers Day Celebration

May 1 2024

Celebrate Religious Brothers Day on May 1 with Virtual Gatherings

Religious Brothers Day, marked on May 1st on the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, offers the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for Religious Brothers. It also offers an opportunity to consider how we all invite, walk with, and encourage young people to discern God's call in their

life.

Brothers: Rooted in Faith, Hope, and Love

This year's celebrations will take place on Wednesday, May 1st at 1:00pm and 7:00pm central time online and will focus on the identity and mission of Religious Brothers in the Church. The virtual session will include live speakers from the Religious Brothers Conference (RBC), Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM), National Religious Vocation



Conference (NRVC), and the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) and recorded presentations from Brothers themselves.

[Click to learn more and register](#)



Location: Other

Association of Pittsburgh Priests Speaker Series

May 7 2024 - 7:00pm

All are invited to register to hear Cathleen Kaveny, author and professor at Boston College. She will speak on "LGBTQ Students in Catholic Schools: Is There a Way Forward?" on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 PM via Zoom. She will speak on negotiating the tensions between those who want to prohibit LGBTQ teachers from seeking employment in Catholic schools and shy away from open gender identity by students and those who want schools to be more welcoming, in a way that respects the dignity of everyone involved, as well as the mission of Catholic education. The event is sponsored by the Association of Pittsburgh Priests. To register, go to www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com



Location: Other

Deadly by Design: A Campaign to End Gun Violence

Apr 28 2024 - 1:00pm

Location: Other



2024 Sweeps Winners Announced

May 31 2024 - 12:00pm



Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 Sisters Super Sweeps:

**Grand Prize \$5,000
CAROLE BRICKLEY**

**2nd Prize \$500
KATHRYN MADEJ**

**3rd Prize \$100
MARY CANNY**

Thank you to all who participated!

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Reflective Prayer

Sep 10 2024
Sep 17 2024
Sep 24 2024
Oct 1 2024
Oct 8 2024

Looking for another way to pray? Learn and experience prayer in the forms of meditation, contemplation, Lexio and Visio Divina, and Centering Prayer. Cost \$50, a journal will be helpful. Facilitator: Karen Lehman ME, Spiritual Director, and graduate of LaRoche University.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Tish Donze, Hospitality and Operations Manager at Kearns Spirituality Center at 412.366.1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.



Location: Kearns

Visio Divina

Sep 12 2024
Sep 19 2024
Sep 26 2024
Oct 3 2024
Oct 10 2024

This program invites the viewer into "divine seeing," encountering the divine through images. A prayerful consideration of and interaction with an illumination from the St. John's Bible will be the focus each week. Cost \$50. Facilitator: Sr. Elena Almendarez, CDP, MA

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Tish Donze, Hospitality and Operations Manager at Kearns Spirituality Center at 412.366.1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.



Location: Kearns

Centering Prayer

Sep 25 2024
Oct 2 2024
Oct 9 2024
Oct 16 2024
Oct 23 2024
Oct 30 2024
Nov 6 2024
Nov 13 2024
Nov 20 2024
Nov 27 2024
Dec 4 2024
Dec 11 2024
Dec 18 2024

Learn the fundamentals and beyond of Centering Prayer as well as ways to integrate more reflective time and contemplation into your busy life. Program includes time for prayer, faith-sharing, and discussion. Facilitator: Marian Senish, CDP, MA - Donation appreciated.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Tish Donze, Hospitality and Operations Manager at Kearns Spirituality Center at 412.366.1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.

Location: Kearns

"We Exalt Your Providence" Concert

Sep 29 2024 - 2:00pm

Special concert benefitting the Kearns Meditation Garden. Join others in Kearns Visitation Chapel to celebrate the many gifts the garden has brought us through song. Refreshments to follow. Donation appreciated.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Tish Donze, Hospitality and Operations Manager at Kearns Spirituality Center at 412.366.1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.

Location: Kearns



"The Cup of Life: A Guide to Spiritual Growth"

Oct 29 2024

Nov 5 2024

Nov 12 2024

Nov 19 2024

Nov 26 2024

Dec 3 2024

Based on the book by Joyce Rupp this class will provide time for self-reflection, learning and fellowship. Participants will learn about spiritual listening and how to encourage one another's spiritual health through presence. Cost is \$50 and each person will need to bring a copy of the book with them. Facilitator: Amy Armanious, RN, and Spiritual Director

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Tish Donze, Hospitality and Operations Manager at Kearns Spirituality Center at 412.366.1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.

Location: Kearns

Retreat on John the Baptist: Advent's Advent by Bonnie Thurston

Nov 15 2024 to Nov 16 2024

In preparation for advent, this retreat will explore his life and message with four talks, and time for silence and pondering. Entire retreat including 1 overnight and 2 meals for \$175. Other cost options available.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Tish Donze, Hospitality and Operations Manager at Kearns Spirituality Center at 412.366.1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.

Location: Kearns



Spirituality of the Yellow Brick Road

Dec 14 2024

This one-day retreat will examine scripture and the writing of L. Frank Baum, author of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The retreat will include talks, guided discussion, and time for reflection. Retreat cost is \$75 including lunch. Facilitators: Rev. John McKenna and Sr. Elena Almendarez

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Location: Kearns

Spirituality of Nonviolence in a Time of Polarization

Sep 19 2024 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Location: Other



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