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# Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Mary Ward Day Celebrations 2010

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| Provincial Council Meetings                                    | Feb. 12-14  |
| Dream and Do Conference Call                                   | Mar. 4      |
| Provincial Council at New Leadership Training in Mundelein, IL | March 11-14 |

On January 23—Illinois: Sisters and Associates celebrated the closing of the 400th Anniversary Year, the Transfer of Leadership, and Mary Ward Day. At liturgy, we expressed our gratitude to Sisters Rosemary Lynch, Kay Foley, Betty Crotty, Christine Gilsenan, Mary Howard Moriarty and Esther O'Mara who gave their time, energy, and care in Leadership over the past six years.



*Standing: Sisters Yolanda Mendoza, Kay Foley (Provincial) and Barbara Nelson. Seated: Sisters Judy Illig and Lorna Hays.*

We welcomed the women who have generously accepted this ministry to serve the Institute with loving care.

After dinner, Margaret Quinlan, Christa Parra, Barb Nelson, Marietta Brummel, del Rey Waite, and Mary Carton regaled us with a "beat boxing" performance to thank Rosemary and her Council for all they have done.

January 30—Arizona: Sisters, Associates, and friends gathered at SS. Simon and Jude. Third grade versions of the "Painted Life" were displayed and explained. Four



Eighth graders chose a Mary Ward quality—Freedom, Justice, Joy, Sincerity—and read their explanation of that virtue and how it applied to them today.

Christine Gilsenan talked on Mary Ward's relationship to the Church and Anne Fitzsimons focused on Mary

Ward's spirituality. Liturgy with Fr. Mike O'Grady was followed by lunch. Yolanda sang one of her Mary Ward songs at Mass called *Response in Love* and Dympna played for the other songs.



January 30—Michigan: Ellen Enright, IBVM, gave a Mary Ward Retreat to 30 women from Baraga, L'Anse, and Assinins. Ellen introduced the women to Mary Ward using the *Painted Life* and the *Mary Ward Biography* by Gregory Kirkus, CJ.

January 30—California: Sisters, Associates and friends celebrated Mary Ward's Feast Day, the Closing of our 400th Anniversary and the transfer of Provincial Leadership at Wellspring Women's Center. Esther O'Mara passed



on her provincial council wisdom to Judy Illig.



It was a joyous occasion of prayer, music, feasting, and sharing of friendships and memories.



*Table decorations at Wheaton featured the prayer to Venerable Mary Ward written by Dympna Doran, IBVM, included in this mailing.*

Check out the Fans of Mary Ward Facebook page.

## Vocation Ministry Update—from Claire

In January and February two vocation events are celebrated annually: National Vocation Awareness Week (Jan. 10-16) and World Day for Consecrated Life (Feb. 7). Therefore this is a good time to bring you up to date on the events in which I have been involved this past year.

The Joliet Area Vocation Association meets once a month to fill requests from parish groups or schools and to design programs that reach out to young people. As a member of JAVA, I have had opportunities to talk to students and youth groups on vocation panels and in classroom presentations. JAVA members participated in a parish *Generations of Faith* program recently.

Throughout the year, I have helped develop and participated in: *Vocation Quest*, vocation fairs for high school juniors and seniors; *Exploring God's Call*, a summer day for high school girls; *Discernment Day* for young adult men and

women; *Nun Run* for young adult women; *Pizza with the Sisters of the Diocese and Bishop Sartain*, and the summer 3-day Youth Leadership Conference for the Joliet Diocese, and a weekend Young Adult Retreat.



*My presentation for Pizza Night: What Does It Mean to Be a Sister Today?*

My invaluable IBVM Advisory Group

meets every two months to pray for vocations and to share new ideas on vocation promotion: IBVMs Marietta Brummel, Julie Stapleton, Cindy Langlois, along with Joanne Kuttner and Lynne Kornecki.

Vocation ministry belongs to all of us: Sisters and Associates. You, too, can suggest to someone to consider that God might be calling them to religious life. Above all, pray for all who are discerning this call and for those who assist them.

## 400 Thank yous

Two years ago our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee began creating celebrations that would span the entire year. Each month a special event took place that focused attention on the movement of God's hand throughout our 400 years. IBVM Sisters, Associates, family and friends gathered with school communities, parishes and former IBVM Sisters to express gratitude and wonder for the graced history we share

through Mary Ward. Special thanks to Jean Frye, IBVM, for directing her very creative and resourceful committee: Maria Bierer, Marietta Brummel, Mary Carton, Brenda Eagan, Kay Foley, Jean Frye, Mary Gleason, Lorna Hays, Cindy Langlois, Barb Nelson and Jean Okroi. Gratitude is extended to Rosemary Lynch, her Provincial Council and each of you for participating in the celebrations.

## Meet Anne Delaney

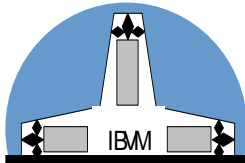
Welcome to Anne Delaney, new Director of the Office of Development. Anne, Don, and their three children have been IBVM friends for several years, frequently participating in Sunday Eucharist at Loretto and working for the Gala. Don served on the Development Advisory Board while Anne created beautiful Gala

gifts. Anne comes to us with a background in creative design education and business.



and with an enthusiastic desire to be of service to the IBVM.

Read more about Anne in the next issue of the *IBVM Annual Report*.



**Congratulations to  
Brenda Eagan, IBVM,**



**recipient the  
Spirit of Dr. Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Award  
from Loyola University  
Health System, LU  
Medical Center, and  
Stritch School of  
Medicine.  
This award honors  
those who  
demonstrate peace,  
goodness,  
inspirational service,  
respect for others  
and a passion for  
justice in the spirit of  
Dr. King.**