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# THE FLAME

## CALDWELL DOMINICANS



### SISTERS IN FOCUS

PASSING ON THE TORCH OF TRUTH AND LIGHT, DOMINICAN EDUCATORS NURTURE THE CONTEMPLATIVE AND CREATIVE SPIRIT.

See our tribute to teachers on pages 4 and 5.



Above: Sister Mary Lou Bauman with students at Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City, where she is both alumna and Vice Principal/Dean of Students.

Left: Sister Patricia Hogan with students at Our Lady Help of Christians in East Orange, where she has been principal for 35 years.

*Where are they now?*

Have you been wondering what your favorite teacher or spiritual director is up to now? If you are a friend or former student of these Sisters you will soon find out. Look for our next annual retirement appeal featuring:

- Sister Bertrand Austin, OP
- Sister Brigid Brady, OP
- Sister Catherine Reilly, OP

Discover their many gifts, including ministries you may not have known they were a part of, and find out what "retirement" means for them.

**Coming Soon!**  
Look for it online and in your mailbox.



Sister Marie Mueller pictured here teaching math at Saint Dominic Academy now teaches at Lacodaire Academy in Upper Montclair.

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SISTERS OF SAINT  
DOMINIC OF CALDWELL, NJ

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Affirmed by Chapter 2005

"We, Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, are a community of vowed women religious responding to God's call and united in our quest for the unfolding revelation of God.

We preach the Word of God through our lives of contemplative prayer, study and ministry in response to the needs of our time.

## VISION STATEMENTS 1995

**We will reclaim** our passion for contemplation, and choose this as our lens through which we make decisions, live our lives, minister, and perceive our world.

**We will hold** the promotion of justice as top priority in every area of our Congregation.

**We will commit** ourselves to deepen our studying, living and teaching the mysteries of the universe and the sacredness of all creation.

**We resist** the ongoing devastation of our planet by a contemplative scrutiny of our use/abuse of Earth's gifts.

### Community Leadership

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP, Prioress  
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## A Message from the Prioress

Dear Friends,

In the early 1200's, Dominican preachers could be found bringing God's word in response to the needs of their time, namely the Albigensian heresy. A life of deep prayer, intense study, and a sincere desire to serve God was the cornerstone on which they built their preaching. They spoke in churches, taught in universities and worked among the people in the streets.

Today's Dominicans, living in the same spirit as Dominic and his contemporaries, continue the mission among the poor, the vulnerable, and the neediest of God's people. DOMINICAN VOICES can be heard advocating for peace, for a healthy and safe environment, for human rights, for justice issues. We have come a long way since the days of our founder, but we, the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell:

*Preach the Word of God through our lives of  
contemplative prayer, study, and ministry  
in response to the needs of our time.*

(Mission, Affirmed by Chapter 2005)

You, our faithful friends, share this wonderful heritage with us. Your moral and financial support encourages us and enables us to move forward. You, too, are preachers, bringing God's word each day through the goodness of your lives.

There is a very special place for you in the Dominican family. As we remember you in daily prayer, we thank the Lord for you and ask that we be blessed with many more years of partnering with you.

With deep and enduring gratitude,

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP  
Prioress

# DOMINICAN VOICES:

## *Preaching the Message of God's Truth and Love*

### *A Tribute to Mary Lanni*

A Caldwell Dominican Associate for over twenty years, Mary was active from the start. She was chosen to be part of a theological panel for the Chapter of 1989 and continued her devotion to the congregation and the community through the years.



During her tenure as Director of the Associates, Mary formed a handbook, encouraged Associates to join the committees and ministries of the sisters, helping to support Sister Pat Stringer in the Dominican Republic, Resurrection School in Jersey City and Blessed Sacrament in East Orange. Mary's main contribution, however, has been her relationship with the individual Associates - caring about their lives, their struggles, their joys and

successes. Mary is respected among the Associates of the Northeast as a strong presence among them and all the Dominican Associates of the USA.

Mary is a great gift to the church. She is a preacher, a woman of the Word, a contemplative, so immersed in God that her preaching comes from the very core of her being.

Thank you, Mary. We are blessed to be "associated" with you.

Carol Van Billiard, OP, *Community Advisor*

### *OPA Welcome!*

On Sunday September 7, 2014 the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell received five new Associates. The ceremony, conducted by Mary Lanni, Director and Sister Carol Van Billiard, Advisor, was held in the Motherhouse chapel. Following their acceptance, Sister Arlene Antczak welcomed the new Associates who join a group of seventy women and men seeking to deepen their spiritual life through connection with the charism and mission of the Caldwell Dominican Sisters.

**GLADYS HAYNES** is active in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the outreach services offered to the neighborhood community there.

**LAURA ENTWISTLE** is a bereavement counselor in her parish, Saint Kateri in Sparta. She also works for hospice, assisting patients and families preparing for death.

**ANN MARIE McCABE** has a long history with Caldwell Dominicans having attended Lacordaire Academy from 2nd to 12th grade.

**KAITLYN McFARLANE** and **KATHLEEN McFARLANE** are the first mother-daughter combination that has become associates. Both have Dominican roots: Kathleen is a graduate of Saint Dominic's Academy and Kaitlyn an alumna of Caldwell University.



Left to right: Mary Lanni, OPA, Kathleen McFarlane, OPA, Kathleen Tuite, OP, Kaitlyn McFarlane, OPA, de Montfort Kinchellagh, OP, Laura Entwistle, OPA, Elise Redmerski, OP, Gladys Haynes, OPA, Barbara Moore, OP, Ann Marie McCabe, OPA



*Thank You* to our newest  
**CALDWELL DOMINICAN  
HERITAGE CIRCLE MEMBERS:**

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Ms. Claire Cowan      | Ms. Rosemary J. Gelshenen |
| Ms. Kathleen Cowan    | Mr. James J. O'Connor     |
| Ms. Catherine K. Ewan | Ms. Mary Jo Pompeo        |
| Mr. John Rooney       |                           |

**You join a distinguished group:**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| Mr. Kevin J. Bordeleau      | Mr. Robert Mace                |
| Ms. Peggy Coppinger         | Ms. Aliceann Marco             |
| Ms. Patricia A. Davis       | Mr. James J. Mikolay           |
| Mr. Joseph A. Decanio       | Ms. Barbara Newman             |
| Rev. Conrad R. Dietz        | Mrs. Josephine Nocera          |
| Ms. Margaret Genova         | Ms. Edna C. O'Keefe            |
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| Ms. Rosemary C. Gleeson     | Rev. Msgr. Benjamin A. Piazza  |
| Ms. Mabel Grand             | Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Planek   |
| Ms. Anna M. Kelly           | Ms. Evelyn Staba               |
| Ms. Patricia Kenworthy      | Mrs. Lillian Watson            |
| Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Long   | Ms. Betty L. Weber             |
| Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Lorenc | Rev. John H. Weis              |

*An 800 Year Tradition of Seeking Truth  
and Speaking Truth*

IS REFLECTED IN THE MISSION AND CURRICULUM OF OUR  
UNIVERSITY, ACADEMIES, PARISH SCHOOLS, EARLY CHILDHOOD  
AND ADULT LEARNING CENTERS



*Sister Patricia Hogan, OP*

Strongly committed to the needs of inner-city children, Sister Pat Hogan has spent her entire career as an educator in the urban ministry. Her first assignment was to teach primary grades at Saint Aedan's school in Jersey City and then at Saint Ann's in Newark, where she became principal in 1972. Following a brief sabbatical to complete graduate studies, Sister Pat took over the principalship of Our Lady Help of Christians School in East Orange in 1979, where she still serves thirty-five years later! Energized by having grown up in a large urban family, Sister has no trouble sustaining that faith-filled family spirit in her school and neighborhood.





### *Sister Lena Picillo, OP*

Sister Lena Picillo, a Caldwell Dominican since her entrance in 1977, has spent the past thirty-seven years dedicated to inspiring academic excellence in her students while encouraging social justice and service to others. She has served as principal of Aquinas Academy in Livingston since 2006. She recognizes that well-rounded students are not formed in classrooms alone and takes every opportunity to help her students make connections between curriculum and reality through community service projects in support of those less fortunate. Whether as classroom teacher, early childhood director, guidance counselor or as principal, Sister Lena continues to spread the message, "Be a Peaceful Presence."



### *Sister Mary Lou Bauman, OP*

Sister Mary Lou Bauman, a Caldwell Dominican since 1976, is currently Vice Principal and Dean of Students at Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City. A graduate of St. Dominic's herself, Sister Mary Lou has seen many changes over the years, yet the same Dominican spirit enlivens the school. She relates effectively with the urban students and their dynamic urban setting. Most of Sister's thirty-seven years of ministry have been spent in guidance and student personnel services in several North Jersey secondary schools. She brings a cheerful energy to her administrative duties, realizing that effective change can often be brought about by a smile or a cheerful word.



### *Sister Marie Mueller, OP*

Since her entrance into the Caldwell Dominicans in 1972 Sister Marie Mueller has ministered as both teacher and administrator in several Dominican schools. Sister spent ten years at Caldwell College first as math instructor and then as Dean of Students. With advanced degrees in both math and pastoral counseling, she recognizes the value of both in enabling her to help students cope with the common problems of math anxiety as well as their transitions from teenager to adulthood. Currently teaching math at Lacordaire Academy in Upper Montclair, Sister Marie for the past several years has helped to coordinate a schoolwide program to promote among the students a deeper awareness of the Dominican charism which is their heritage.

# What our Donors are Saying

## A Tribute to Sister Alice Matthew, OP TEACHER, MODEL, MENTOR – FRIEND

My family moved from Brooklyn to Morris Plains in 1947 when I was ten years old. I entered Saint Virgil School, a school of only four rooms with two grades in each. I was placed in the fifth grade and there I met my teacher, Sister Alice Matthew Thees.

In 1951, a new school was built with a gym. Sister Alice Matthew immediately began a girls' basketball team and taught us how to play. And she impressed all of us by making a foul shot from half court in full religious habit! Each day after school we practiced with Sister Alice Matthew and Sister Mary Helen (*by this time all of us privately referred to Sister Alice Matthew as SAM*).



When I went to Bayley Ellard High School, I made the varsity team on the first try because of excellent coaching I'd received. SAM also surprised and challenged me by asking me to serve as referee for the Grammar School team. When Sister Alice Matthew believed you could accomplish a task, you "stood up to the plate" and did it, for she had a way of instilling self-confidence.

Her teaching was no different, Sister made the subject come alive with common sense, humor and a constant sense of personal challenge. She never lost patience or heart when dealing with those slower to catch on.

I was attracted to the Caldwell Dominicans because of Sister's example. She was a model of quiet prayerfulness and warm friendliness. It was

inevitable that I would ask her to sponsor me. Sister called a week before Entrance Day, asking for a visit. She wanted to make sure that I still wanted to enter the convent; she stressed that I was free to change my mind. I didn't. I entered in 1955 and until 1974 pursued Community Life with Sister's support and frequent company.

Later, after much prayer and discernment, I decided to leave the convent and pursue another vocation: the ministry of nursing. SAM supported me, gave me her blessing and never made me feel like a failure.

When I try to define friendship in words, these come to my mind: loyalty, shared laughter, freedom to be oneself.

Then, in time of need: unselfishness, willingness to give one's time, and care through the good and bad days.

So, after 66 years of friendship with Sister Alice Matthew, my wish is for her peace and happiness and my awareness is that I will never forget her and cease to be grateful for the difference she made in my life.

Until we meet again – may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Cele Duerr, Lakewood NJ

## Sister Susie, Celebrating fifty-two years of ministry dedicated to children.

"Sister Susie" was a name called out frequently and lovingly at Trinity Academy Early Childhood Care Center in Roseland where Sister Suzanne Janis, OP served as Director for eleven years. Her warm greeting and happy spirit set the tone for the day as Sister each morning welcomed little ones ranging in age from 2 ½ to 5 years. The child care center is now under the direction of Trinity Academy in Caldwell, but Sister Susie's personal concern and affection for each child remain a hallmark of the center and a wonderful way of preaching God's love and care for all.

Sister Susie's life is marked by a deep faith and a strong desire to serve God's people. Her generous heart extends everywhere and to everyone. Whenever she hears of someone in need she is sure to be among the "first responders." One of her favorite projects is collecting good used clothing for those unable to buy for themselves. There is a long list of those who are grateful for Sister Susie's efforts.

Our Sister Suzanne is indeed a Dominican true to our tradition. She praises God each morning as she begins her day in prayer; she blesses everyone she meets with a joyful spirit; she preaches God's word daily with a happiness and love that shine through all she does.



*Prior to her years at Trinity, Sister worked at Babyland in Newark, an archdiocesan office where babies born of parents with Aids, are loved and nurtured through their early years. There, too, she was loved and admired by her co-workers for her compassion and sensitivity.*

*In her own words:*



The Social Concerns Ministry at Saint Aloysius Parish in Caldwell, NJ

Sister Justine Pinto, OP tells us that the Social Concerns Ministry of Saint Aloysius Parish embraces a threefold Mission comprised of Community Outreach, Spirituality, and Social and Educational Events.

*Sister says:* "We recognize the material and spiritual needs of our neighbors locally and around the world. Throughout the year we host materials collections and financial fundraisers... our Advent Giving Tree supplies Christmas gifts for many people locally and in the Essex County area; during Lent we collect very practical items to assist those who cannot afford to buy these items that food stamps do not allow them to purchase; we have implemented a parish Health and Wellness ministry for blood pressure and glucose testing; Our Fair Trade sale in December and the Walk for Hunger (CROP walk) extend our contributions beyond the USA. To fulfill the spiritual needs of our local community we offer opportunities for participation in special liturgies for the deceased on November 2 and Anointing of the Sick. Our members form adult funeral teams, Faith Sharing Groups and the Living Rosary. Social and Educational Events include welcome receptions for new parishioners, Advent workshop, Lenten Soup Suppers and Senior Citizen meetings. The members of the Social Concerns Committee are very dedicated - nothing seems to be too much for them! They are very active and a blessing to the parish."

## Profile of a Dedicated Woman: Sister Justine Pinto, OP

Our family has known and worked with Sister Justine Pinto, O.P. for several decades. She is a model religious woman with great spirituality and devotion; a dedicated educator; and a trustworthy, loyal friend and supporter.

She carries herself with great dignity, at all times. She is humble and kind, a good listener, and leads by example. Careful and serious in making decisions, she does not take herself too seriously. She has a good sense of humor and loves to laugh. And a hearty laugh she has! As a loyal and devoted Caldwell Dominican, it seems that when times are tough, such as her health battles, she carries her cross and still finds the courage to reach out and help others. Perhaps this stems from her upbringing in Jersey City and the learning she received at Saint Dominic Academy.

We consider ourselves fortunate, over a span of 25 years, to have had all of our ten children educated by the Caldwell Dominicans at the Saint Virgil School. During those years, the school had a remarkably stellar, religious-based academic program, balanced by a healthy co-curricular and extra-curricular program, to which Sister lent active support. As a devoted teacher and principal, Sister was not only a leader, but an integral part of the Caldwell Dominican's tradition.

In both roles, Sister Justine worked tirelessly to see to it that students received a solid religious-based foundation. She knew and cared deeply for all the students as well as the families, gaining their gratitude and respect. But, one of her most impressive gifts was, and still is, her ability to work together with the student and family. That is, she was and still is, not a top down director, but works together with the student and family for the greater good of all.

Over the years since leaving us at Saint Virgil's, Sister Justine has fine-tuned this gift of drawing a family into the Church. She has worked untiringly for all those around her. And she has done this even while not always truly physically able to do it!

Another example of Sister's belief in the importance of Catholic education at the primary and secondary level, is that she also found time and courage to be a leader, working with the families of students, to keep Bayley-Ellard High School open. She served for years as a founding board member of the Bayley Ellard Foundation, established to keep the high school functioning, which it did for nearly fifteen years until its closure in 2005.

Sister has presented all of us with a model of how to reach out to those within the parameters of a parish or community, serving not just the children, but their extended families. It is an evangelization template from which all of us can learn.

Cathy and Bill Marshall, Morris Plains, New Jersey.



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The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is very special to our Dominican heritage as the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic by Mary in the 13th century to help in fighting the Albigensian heresy. The victory of the Christian army was attributed to Saint Louis DeMontfort's advice that they pray the Rosary before the battle of Muret.

In the 15th century the Dominicans established Rosary Confraternities to encourage the recitation of the Rosary. Pope Saint Pius V instituted a feast called Our Lady of Victory to be held on the first Sunday in October in thanksgiving for Austria's naval victory over the Turkish fleet. Two years later the feast was changed to

Our Lady of The Rosary at the request of the Dominican Order.

The Rosary is a reflection on the life of Jesus as seen by Mary. It is a very practical but powerful prayer as it offers a simple way of meditating on the Gospel. Many Saints such as Ignatius of Loyola, Francis deSales and Vincent de Paul considered the Rosary a form of life - not just words to be repeated without lives reflecting love of God and love of neighbor. Pope Benedict XV summed up the meaning of the Rosary when he wrote: *"This prayer is perfect because of the praise it offers, because of the lessons it imparts, because of the graces it obtains and because of the triumph it achieves."*

