

Bringing the Pieces and Colors Together

KALEIDOSCOPE

A Newsletter for Glenmary Sisters' Adopters and Prayer Associates



Menifee County, Kentucky

Sister Kathleen

Greetings of peace to all. I hope you found some time to relax during Christmas.

Christmas was a great big success - we helped many needy folks - many I had never met before. One grandfather came in with a large box of good toys that he managed to get from the grandchildren. He is trying to let them know what it means to help others. About ten women volunteered several hours to help the giveaway. They were so happy doing this and they were amazed at all the items we had to give away - all new. For me it was a blessing but also a time to let people know who we are and show our love for the needy.

There were several people in my area who died with cancer - all were prominent folk. I told you about Rose - who stopped working for me due to her husband's illness. Shortly after he died, Rose found out she is seriously ill and is now using a dialysis machine three days a week. She moved to Illinois to be with her daughter. Keep her in prayer. I sure miss her. Also this area is getting more violent with drugs, drinking, and abuse in families. I guess I have more work to do and need to pray more. My health is in full recovery, thank God. Know of my prayers and gratitude for our benefactors and for all who sacrifice to keep our missions going. Peace.



Owensboro, Kentucky

Sister Sharon

Hello from Owensboro, Kentucky! I hope you and your family are doing fine as we get this first month of 2017 behind us. Here at the Glenmary Center and Motherhouse we are gearing up for our upcoming General

Chapter, which you may or may not remember from the past happens every 4 years to elect new

leadership and plan for the future. But I am getting ahead of myself. Let me share with you what has been going on since you received the last issue of Kaleidoscope.

In October we had a wonderful celebration of our 75th. I hope you received the copy of the Kinship magazine highlighting that event. As we went into the Christmas Season we were blown away by the generous donations from so many of you that helped us provide food, clothing, toys, and other items for the families we serve. Without you, Christmas would have just been another day where the parents of these families felt the heartache of not being able to give their children the joy that others share during this special Season. Thank you for helping us shine the light of Christ onto the lives of these families helping them know that God has not forgotten nor forsaken them.

In January, Sister Bernadette, Sr. Rosemary, and I joined Sr. Aida in Morgantown for an Epiphany Celebration with the parish there. It was a wonderful time of prayer, scripture, food and fun. The highlight was watching the children receive their gifts from the Three Wise Men.

January 8th we had our drawing for the lucky winners of our Holy Land Pilgrimage raffle. Congratulations to Joe and Misty Kulpeksa who live in our Caruthersville, Missouri mission.

I personally just returned from a reflection group meeting of Peace, Justice, and Integrity of Creation started by Glenmary Men's community. During these meetings we discuss some of the major concerns that occur in our missions that violate these important issues. I ask for your prayers as we reformulate this group to find answers for these important problems that directly affect our families.

God Bless you and yours in all you do for the Kingdom of God.



Ohio Co/Butler Co, Kentucky

Sister Aida

May this New Year bring you many blessings.

In November we had our 75th anniversary. Kim and her committee did a great job putting it together. It was a lot of work for them but everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We can't thank them enough.

Christmas, as usual, was full of activities. The children at Holy Redeemer in Beaver Dam put on a beautiful nativity program full of songs and acting. Gail did a wonderful job with the children and adults. On Christmas day Srs. Sharon, Bernadette, Rosemary, Kathleen and Catherine came to our Morgantown mission house for dinner. We had a wonderful time.

We celebrated Epiphany at Holy Trinity in Morgantown. We started preparing before Christmas. Mayra and I made the outfits for the 3 kings, and Mayra and her family made the crowns for the kings. They also made a beautiful, very large painting of the Magi's visit to the Holy Family. It was hung in front of the windows. We began with the rosary, read the Scripture passage on the Magi, we sang, ate, the children received gifts and everyone had a wonderful time. Srs. Sharon, Bernadette and Rosemary were there to enjoy the festivities also. A lot of the young people wanted to have their picture taken with them.

We took a short break from scripture class and CCD classes. We are now back to teaching and learning, in a more structured way.

We are getting ready to embark on the V Encuentro.

"The V Encuentro is an initiative of the Bishops of the United States calling all Catholic leaders to listen with profound attention to the needs, challenges and aspirations that the growing Hispanic/Latino population faces in daily life. It especially prepares us as a Church to better recognize, embrace, and promote the many gifts and talents that the Hispanic community shares in the life and mission of the Church and in the society."

{From V Encuentro Guide}



Pemiscot County, Missouri

Sister Darlene

Greetings from Missouri! I do hope your New Year is off to a good start. I remember as a child, I thought that the year 2000 was so far into the future we would never get there and here it is

2017! I now wonder how we arrived here so darn quickly! I will not muse on this for long or else another year will catch me by surprise.

Our fall was filled with wonderful celebrations. In October, we joined the other Sisters in Owensboro to celebrate our 75 years of ministry as Glenmary Sisters. It was a beautiful celebration. I was very honored to have several of our Caruthersville parishioners along with Fr. Jarek in attendance. We then entered into our Community gathering. It was good to be able to spend time with my sisters. On Thanksgiving, we attended the wedding of one of our Mexican couples. The food and festivities afterwards were a rich, delicious and lively experience. I loved every minute.

I was happy to have Glenmary students Richard Toboso and Antonio Marchi here during December to help with the Christmas projects. This year we helped 51 families enrolled in the Early Head Start program. I am so thankful for the gifts given by our parish here, St. James parish in White Oak Ohio, our Glenmary Guild and the students of the Catholic Elementary school in Owensboro, Kentucky. These, along with your donations, helped us to provide toys, needed clothing, diapers, baby items and household supplies to these families. We have received several comments from the teachers sharing how several of the families have told them that they would not have had Christmas without this sharing of love.

The New Year is off to a galloping start with meetings, calls for assistance, RCIA and parish activities. I look forward to sharing with you the unfolding of another year! I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and continued support of our ministry. Please be assured that you remain in my thoughts and prayers.



Sister Mary Ellen

I have only been living in my new mission assignment in Missouri about five months now. The time has passed so fast! I am getting acquainted with parish members but it is taking time. It is a much

bigger parish than Millen so there are a lot more names to learn. Besides working in Caruthersville, we work in a few other small towns in the county. One of the places I've been helping with is called "Mothers House" which is located in the little town of Hayti, Missouri. We keep it stocked with baby clothes (infants to size 6), baby items and we also have maternity clothes for expectant mothers. Although used clothing is what we usually have to sell, we make sure they have all been washed before we put them on the shelf for sale. Our prices are very low. Nothing is more than 50 cents.

In the town of Steele, Missouri, we will hold our annual Vacation Bible School during the month of June. I have not been involved with this but hope to be this year. In January, a couple who serve as adult volunteers with the Holy Name youth group from Kentucky brought a surprise of boxes of canned goods and whole frozen chickens to be given to the children that attend our VBS in the Steele Park. We helped them to distribute these gifts to each household. We were then able to spend some time in the park with the kids catching up with what was going on in their lives. It was wonderful to get to know these delightful children. I am amazed at the goodness of these volunteers and how much they want to help the people in this mission.

I am enjoying the work here in Missouri and hope to be more involved in the future.

more heavy rain. My sister Teri had a crockpot dinner waiting for us. We ate it then Sr. Sharon went to a motel for the night. She expected us to arrive at 5 PM but it was 7 PM when we got there. While in Michigan we visited 2 sisters in Grand Rapids, a brother in Cedar Springs, a brother and sister-in law in Parnell, several nieces and nephews, cousins, and 4 friends of high school days. We returned to Owensboro on July 30th.

We Glenmary Sisters went to 2 funerals in Cincinnati, Fathers Rademacher and Guppenberger.

On September 8th we celebrated my 65th anniversary of entering (1951). Then on October 15th, we had a great celebration of our 75th anniversary of Glenmary Sisters founding. The celebration began with Mass at the Cathedral, refreshments for those who had to leave early, then dinner and dancing at a youth center nearby. Three of us stayed to clean up and returned to the Center at 10:45 PM. Present were 2 Bishops, 5 Priests, and 4 Brothers. On October 22nd, we went to St. Martin Parish in Rome, Kentucky, for a Prayer Service led by Bishop Medley and a delicious chicken dinner following. On October 25th, Srs. Sharon, Aida, and I went to see the movie "Divine Mercy". Cardinal Kristoph Schoenborn was in it briefly.

Other activities include a ride in a six seated golf cart around the grounds at Carmel Home, Bunco at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall, surprise party for Sr. Rosemary's 69th anniversary of entrance at Olive Garden, Sr. Bernadette's 95th birthday, went for a ride to see Christmas lights, helped deliver candy to Police and Fire Departments, cut paper slips for names of donors and hung them with string around the Office Chapel, made fudge, was in Tableau, went to party at the Calhouns' home, and on Christmas day went to Morgantown, Kentucky, for dinner.

My sister Pauline died on December 15th but I could not go to the funeral due to bad weather in Michigan.

Retired

Sister Catherine

Sr. Sharon took me to Michigan on July 21, 2016. After a long stormy trip, we inched along at ten miles per hour south of Indianapolis, Indiana, because of an accident ahead of us, then





Sister Rosemary

In my last communication with you I was able to share with you the celebration given to me for my 90th birthday. I have pleasant memories of the day and now I can tell you that my next time to enjoy the Olive Garden was to go there on Epiphany Sunday for a

dinner. It was a treat provided by a relative of mine. Of course, they served too much and I was able to bring some of what was left home for supper. I had it a couple of days later.

Due to my accident in St. Louis some time ago I remain a person who needs a cane to go walking. It makes me conscious of having to ask someone to take me some place, such as a doctor's office or some shopping. My latest experience was a few days ago when one of our Sisters from a nearby mission was with us for a meeting, and while waiting for the other Sister to arrive I asked her if she would take me to a place for a hair cut. She was glad to do so and while waiting for one of the women to be free to "work" on my hair I asked her if she would go down to Kroger's to get some toothpaste for me. She was happy to do so and came back with two large tubes that were on a special sale! We were pleased with what she had done. Later, the other Sister arrived for the meeting and we began.

Now weather predictions are threatening rain again yet today. So far we are free of the "threat". I hope it holds out as one time when the storm came our electricity went out. It was quite frightening and so we were grateful when the rain stopped and we could go to bed for the night.

So, I leave you with wondering how we shall spend the night. I shall tell you in my next letter.



Sister Bernadette

It is hard to believe winter is upon us with the weather we are having. I was born and raised in Detroit. As a young woman, I remember how cold and how deep the snow would get there. Every few years we will see a snow here that can compare. I

find that watching it all from the living room windows suits me fine, now. By keeping the bird feeders full in our prayer garden a lively array of feathered friends make for a lovely sight.



As Christmas neared, shopping was done for making our crescent coffee cakes. We use only real butter, pure vanilla and lots of sugar and flour to make these delightful cakes. This year we cut our number back just a little, but the process is the same...three days of gooey hands making dough, and lots of cracking eggs!

With winter keeping me inside a little more, I enjoy my time in prayer and meditation. On numerous occasions, I have been blessed with little Izzie in my lap as we meditate together! God Bless.

The Sisters ask you to please pray for their upcoming Chapter. The following prayer is the one they will be saying daily:

CHAPTER PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Father of Light, from whom every good gift comes, send your spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds.

Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your spirit we could never raise our voice in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

Congratulations to our raffle winners!!

Joe and Misty Kulpeksa
Caruthersville, Missouri

The Kulpeksas won a trip for two to the Holy Land with the pilgrimage being led by Fr. Jaroslaw (Jarek) Skrzypek of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.



Left to right: Fr. Jarek, Misty, Sr. Darlene, and Joe.





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in the New Year!*



Sr. Sharon Miller
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Sr. Aida Badillo
Feast Day: Divine Mercy Sunday
Birthday: 04/10

Sr. Mary Ellen Barrette
Feast Day: 09/14; Birthday: 03/08

Sr. Rosemary Esterkamp
Feast Day: 08/15; Birthday: 07/05

Sr. Bernadette Hengstebeck
Feast Day: 04/16; Birthday: 12/01

Sr. Kathleen Mulchrone
Feast Day: 03/17; Birthday: 08/09

Sr. Darlene Presley
Feast Day: 06/13; Birthday: 04/13

Sr. Catherine Schoenborn
Feast Day: 04/29; Birthday: 02/17

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