

# TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

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## *Message of Gratitude*

My family and I wish to thank all of you for your consoling messages and offerings of prayers since our sister, Mary's death. Indeed, Mary is at peace and enjoying her new life. I just wanted to share with you that our family will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for Mary on: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 - 10 a.m. Good Samaritan Parish 725 Glenwood Avenue, Ambridge, Pa.

May God continue to bless you for your goodness, Anne Green

Sister Mary Morgan wishes to convey her deep gratitude to all who so generously expressed their best wishes on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with blessings, gifts, cards and all good wishes for days yet to come.

Over the past 2 months, I have experienced so strongly the blessings of community. Losing two brothers in six weeks has really broken my heart, but your kind expressions of sympathy and promises of prayers have helped to mend it. It is hard to find words that adequately express my appreciation for the many cards, memorials, masses, emails and phone calls I have received.

Thank you so very much!!! Peace2U!!! Gio

## *From Vocation Ministry*

### **Synod 2018 on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**

Pope Francis has convened a Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." The Synod will take place **October 3-28**.

In preparation for this Synod, the USCCB and other episcopal conferences, as well as ecclesial movements, associations, and experts in the field, were consulted throughout 2017 on the topic of "young people, the faith, and vocational discernment." In addition, the Vatican collected responses from an online questionnaire aimed at youth and young adults conducted last year.

In March 2018, over 300 young adult delegates from five continents gathered in Rome, where Pope Francis convened a Pre-Synodal meeting to listen directly to the voices of young people from around the world. At the same time, by means of the social network, some 15,000 other young people who were not able to physically take part in this meeting were able to interact with those who were meeting in Rome.

From all of this information, a Working Document was produced, Instrumentum Laboris.

<http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en/fede-discernimento-vocazione/instrumentum-laboris-for-the-synod-2018-young-people-the-faith.html>. This document describes the purpose of the 2018 Synod of Bishops as an opportunity for the Church "to accompany all young people, without exception, towards the joy of love," realizing that "taking care of young people is not an optional task for the Church, but an integral part of her vocation and mission is history."

The Vocation Promotion Team encourages you to read the above document and learn a bit more about the needs, hopes and dreams of younger people today. And, during this Synod, let's pray especially for all young people and for the leaders of our Church who are participating in this Synod.

By Valerie Zottola

### ***From the Vocation Promotion Team***

Don't forget this event! In Our Own Words: Religious Life in a Changing World. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn what drew these young women to religious life, how they are experiencing their vowed life, and what their hopes and dreams are for the future of religious life. If you know of a young person who may be interested in learning more about religious life, please share this information with them and personally extend an invitation. And don't forget to register online at <https://inourownwords.eventbrite.com> or call Val at 412.926.2059. Free Event, light refreshments. -- SAVE THE DATE October 28, 2018 from 2-4 p.m.

By Valerie Zottola

### ***From the Development Office***

Faith.Field.Feast, our fall farm-to-table event, was held on September 15, 2018 and was a beautiful success! The event was attended by over 100 guests, including many Sisters, and raised \$33,000 which will benefit our Earth Tones ministry.

### Upcoming events

October 6, 2018 – Mt. Gallitzin Alumnae Brunch, 11 am – 1:30 pm, Medaille Hall

October 27, 2018 – Fall Memorial Mass at 4-7 pm, Motherhouse Chapel, followed by a light supper in the dining room

November 14, 2018 – St. Joseph Auxiliary's Fall Day of Reflection, Medaille Hall; 9 am–1 pm; includes a program of reflections led by Sr. Mary Parks, Mass, and lunch

By Jeanne Minnicks

### *Prayers for Healing*

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph in offering *Prayers for Healing* for victims of abuse, their families, clergy and our church. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. in the Sisters' Chapel on November 5 and December 3 – the first Monday of the month through 2018. All are welcome to this sacred space located at 1020 State Street in Baden. We will gather for conversation and light refreshments following the prayer service. Reservations are not necessary.

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