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Front cover:

Loretto Justice Fellowship program participants pause for a photo during orientation at Loretto Academy in El Paso last August. The Justice Fellows were welcomed into the new program and into community with Loretto in 2023, the 100th anniversary of Loretto Academy's opening.

Photo: Annie Rosenkranz



Back cover:

The entrance to Casa de la Misericordia y de Todas, a shelter for migrants in Nogales, Mexico, features a welcoming butterfly mural.

Photo: Maureen Flanigan CoL



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'We work for justice and act for peace because the Gospel urges us.'

Loretto Community members teach, nurse, care for the elderly, lobby, minister in hospitals, provide spiritual direction and counseling, resettle refugees, staff parishes, seek to abolish nuclear weapons, work with people who are poor and marginalized and minister to those in need. Our ministries are diverse.

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Dear Reader,

As I write, it is certainly wintertime here in North America. The woolly worms whose development gets our attention in Kentucky during late fall kept us on alert to their predictions of lots of snow with temperatures

“not too cold.” Given the content of this issue of *Loretto Magazine*, for sure our hearts will be warmed with the commitment expressed by the day-to-day activities of Loretto Community members and friends.

In all the ways that you will read about in this issue, you continue to be present as well with your interest and prayers and financial support. As you page through the magazine, I wonder if you will sit back and consider:

- ❖ The real love that is present in every room and corridor in the Living Center at Loretto Motherhouse.
- ❖ Those are amazing social work students. How many boxes of detergent did they open today?
- ❖ What action can I take today to prevent another mom from seeing her child languish because there is no food or medicine?

With you all, I exclaim with Pope Francis, “Laudate Deum!” Praise God!

The work is ongoing and never to be completed even as little bits of it are addressed in the day-by-day efforts that we all make. These lines from our Loretto Constitutions, *I Am the Way*, article 33, say it well: “As we stand with Mary at the foot of the cross, we strive to bring the healing Spirit of God into our world and we commit ourselves to improving the conditions of those who suffer from injustice, oppression and deprivation of dignity. In this way, we participate in the church’s mission of proclaiming the transforming love of God.”

Recently, a friend, Jan Hallman, closed a letter with words I asked to share with you as we close out these wintery days: “I wish you all the best in the days and years to come. Never give up!! Generations to come are depending on our wisdom, courage, perseverance and love to keep our world safe and healthy. Be well.”

With love,

Sister Barbara Nicholas SL

Barbara Nicholas SL
President of Loretto



Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Pope Francis,
from "A Prayer for Our Earth," *Laudato Si'*

Photo: Donna Mattingly SL

Vietnamese adoptees reunite



Laura Garrett, left, and Mary Nelle Gage SL enjoy one another's company during the weekend retreat. Photo courtesy of Laura Garrett

More than 55 adoptees, spouses and children came together in Colorado in August to spend time together and share thoughts and feelings about their adoptions. Mary Nelle Gage SL and Ruth Routten CoL hosted the gathering. Mary Nelle and Ruth worked with orphans during and after the Vietnam War.

Tobi Peters, one of the reunion organizers and one of the first orphans to be adopted into Colorado, said, "We had such a wonderfully packed agenda ... some rest and relaxation, a documentary about Vietnamese adoptees and their personal journeys with adoption, a global video chat, food and more food, a couple of Asian cooking classes, getting to know the elders who were in Vietnam and helped save us, a remembrance for those close to us who have passed, nonprofit work for Vietnamese orphans, sharing of our own adoption stories, looking at books and adoption records, enjoying videos of our orphanages and trips back to Vietnam.

"We packed all of this into three days! Lots of wonderful connections, bonding, growth and a deeper sense of our adoption journey."



Vietnamese adoptees gather with Mary Nelle Gage SL (kneeling, front right), who hosted the reunion with Ruth Routten CoL. In the 1970s Mary Nelle, Ruth and Susan Carol McDonald SL cared for children in orphanages and as they were adopted and transported to new homes in the U.S. and other countries. Mary Nelle and Ruth have stayed in touch with many of the now-grown adoptees and their families, as did Susan Carol until her death in 2020. Photo: Kirk Van Tran

To learn about the story of Loretto members who worked with children in Vietnam, see the fall 2021 issue of Loretto Magazine: <https://www.lorettocommunity.org/loretto-magazine-fall-2021>.

Introducing Loretto's Justice Fellowship program



Annie Rosenkranz directs the new Loretto Justice Fellowship program. She previously directed the Loretto Volunteer program, which has been reimaged to fit current demands and needs.

Photo courtesy of Larissa Meza

The Loretto Justice Fellowship furthers Loretto mission and values, and it does so alongside emerging social justice leaders. "Loretto is at the leading edge in responding to the calls of our times," says Annie Rosenkranz, program director. "Our Fellows are changemakers from within the communities in which they serve; they are also mothers, caretakers of parents/siblings/families, first-generation college students, first-generation American citizens and community leaders."

The program helps shape and sustain Loretto's current and future impact, provides tangible assistance to social justice organizations in El Paso and deepens the personal and professional development of Fellows.

See article and photos starting on [page 8](#).

In this issue's Spotlight Video, Annie talks about the program and its successful roll-out. Check out our Spotlight Video page here: www.lorettocommunity.org/spotlight.

Together this year, our Loretto Justice Fellows will contribute more than 3,300 service hours to partner organizations at the U.S./Mexico border while connecting with each other and Loretto Community members.

Annie Rosenkranz, director, Loretto Justice Fellowship



See our most recent Loretto Spotlight video:
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At Loretto Living Center compassion and love remain front and center



Loretto Living Center staff know how to work hard, and they know how to have fun!
Photo courtesy of Michelle Essex

Michelle Essex, administrator at the Loretto Living Center in Nerinx, Ky., shares her views on the Center and its mission in an inspiring video about the Motherhouse (find the link in box below to watch):

"The Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary became the Loretto Living Center in January of 2023. The Living Center is a non-profit organization responsible for the operations of our nursing facility, which includes departments for nursing, food service, environmental services, pastoral care, social services, activities and administration, along with affiliations for therapy, diagnostic and physician services.

"We are a licensed long-term care facility currently caring for up to 63 residents. Our mission is to provide the highest standard of holistic care that promotes comfort, security and dignity for all residents in a home-like atmosphere. We strive to value each person, staff and resident and welcome them as a positive addition to our community.

"We respect the dignity of our residents, encouraging, fostering and supporting them along their life journey. We recognize the rights and individual freedoms of all people and encourage that freedom toward the health, personal fulfillment and happiness of each of our residents. We value the dedication and reliability of our staff, residents and extended community. Together we care for each other with compassion and love."



Watch

Neil Tucker CoL and Eleanor Craig SL created a compelling video about the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky., sharing its beauty and its many ministries. The video was shared at the October 2023 Community Gathering.

Watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/TuRy4QyXihc>

Loretto heeds the pope's latest urgent plea on behalf of Earth and all life



The Loretto Motherhouse in Kentucky is home to nearly 800 acres of natural beauty. Photo: Christina Manweller

Loretto learned about *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis's follow-up to his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, at its October 2023 Community Gathering.

Laudate Deum is a call to heed the gravity of the moment and undertake change before it is too late for Earth and life on Earth. The pope urges us to do this "in con-

science, and with an eye to the children who will pay for the harm done."

Efforts on behalf of Earth Loretto has been making thus far are multifaceted (many undertaken at the Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky.): helping heal ecosystems and mitigate carbon through the Carbon Reduction Fund; practicing regenerative agriculture; instituting green burials; restoring ecosystems; building up a local food shed; including eco-spirituality in Community liturgies, retreats and Community members' lives; providing ecological education at the Motherhouse and beyond; and advocacy efforts across the Community and at the U.N. Loretto also promotes the rights and health of farmworkers as a critical component of ecological justice. The Investment Committee engages in ecological economics with groups like the Iroquois Valley Farm.

Please join Loretto in this work to heal Earth. Read the pope's encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) and the follow-up [Laudate Deum](#). Make lifestyle changes as you can, and help educate others.

Donate to Loretto's Carbon Reduction Fund by visiting our [donate page](#). From the dropdown menu, choose Carbon Reduction Fund.

With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point.

Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*

Educating for Earth

What is Loretto's role as an educator in this time of urgency? Jessie Rathburn CoL shared her thoughts at the October 2023 Gathering:

"We have been honing our skills with groups with whom we are already in relationship: our schools, both the students and the teachers, and like-minded organizations in the area. And we are positioning ourselves to expand those efforts when the time is right as we develop more relationships with local folks in the area, with schools, with churches, with scout troops, so that more people can come, and not only share in the beauty of this place and in the spirituality of this place, but really learn the intricacies of life all around them, to develop those relationships, to set us up for being a Community of people of transformative action."

In *Laudate Deum*, the pope writes, "I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values." Loretto is listening. Will you help us spread the word? We all are educators in this urgent time.

Loretto's Justice Fellowship: a



Justice Fellows gather in El Paso in October 2023. From left, back row, Brenda Varela, Jessica Garcia, Karemy Cruz, Arantza de Jesus, Anabel Theriault, Larissa Meza; in front, Alicia Villareal Photo: Annie Rosenkranz

“The Loretto Justice Fellowship has taught me about community and how I can utilize my personal strengths to seek for justice in every way in my life.”

Larissa Meza, Loretto Justice Fellow

By Annie Rosenkranz, director, Loretto Justice Fellowship program

As so often has been the case in over 200 years of working for justice and acting for peace, Loretto is at the leading edge in responding to the calls of our times. The Community launched the 2023-24 pilot year of the Loretto Justice Fellowship program in El Paso, Texas, after an intentional process of deep listening and stakeholder engagement. Faith-based service programs across the globe are pausing, closing, consolidating and facing tough decisions at a time of uncertainty for these programs and for their sponsoring faith communities. Faced with these same challenges, Loretto took a bold and innovative leap of faith.

The Loretto Justice Fellowship program, like the Loretto Volunteer Program from which it evolved, offers a transformative year of service, connecting young justice leaders to Loretto, to impactful service work with Loretto-aligned justice organizations and to intentional community. Our new model centers local community impact — responding to the needs of the placement organizations and connecting with young leaders within the communities they serve — while prioritizing inclusivity. Our hope is to expand and cultivate the sustaining and sustainable community of justice-seekers that is core to Loretto’s practice and pursuit of justice. By investing in and supporting the fellows during their fellowship year, it is likely that many lives will be meaningfully impacted now and well into the future, starting with the fellows themselves and those they are serving. The launch was met with great interest because of the

intentional inclusion of stakeholders to orient this new model toward impact. Twenty-five students applied to join the inaugural Loretto Justice Fellowship cohort; six placement partners — El Paso service organizations active in the community — submitted seven positions that they hoped Loretto Justice Fellows would fill. With the support of the Loretto Community and Loretto Link, the Justice Fellowship was able to respond by expanding our pilot cohort from five to seven fellowships — filling all positions identified by the local placement organizations.

Together this year, our Loretto Justice Fellows will contribute over 3,300 service hours to organizations at the U.S./Mexico border, while connecting with each other and Loretto Community members during monthly community meals, regular retreats and Zoom sessions. There is opportunity for exchange, collaborative learning and connection between Loretto Community members and emerging justice leaders. The opportunity to engage in social justice work in community drew many of the Fellows to our program. As Loretto well knows, our individual journeys in justice are enhanced, bolstered and strengthened in community.

The Loretto Justice Fellows participated in a presentation at the Loretto Link meeting in January. Watch here: <http://tinyurl.com/Justice-Fellows>. Visit the Loretto Link website to learn about Link: <https://lorettolink.org>.

bold, innovative leap of faith



Photo courtesy of Larissa Meza

Karemy Cruz

Placement: Center Against Sexual and Family Violence

I'm the Loretto Justice Fellow at the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence (CASFV). CASFV helps those who consider themselves victims of sexual assault or domestic violence. The center offers legal aid, immigration assistance, English as a second language and GED programs, therapy, support groups, assistance with rent and many other services.

The opportunity to do my social justice internship here has helped me to learn how to work collaboratively with different agencies and be able to provide effective support to clients by promoting trauma-informed practice. The plans I have set for this fellowship year are to participate in community service events and learn about all the services that are available in order to expand my knowledge and provide better service to the clients or anyone in general. **The Loretto Fellowship is the stepping stone of my social work career as it allows me to experience inclusion and equity in order to promote social justice within the El Paso community.**



Photo courtesy of Larissa Meza

Arantza de Jesus

Placement: Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services

The funds from this fellowship have made my start in this field possible. Without them I wouldn't be able to participate. The funds give people like me an opportunity to start their career path.

My internship has made me realize how help can come in different ways and forms. It has made me grateful for all the small tasks that other people have done for me. I have discovered the importance of community, communication and helping each other.

Even when we think they don't, small actions create big outcomes.



Finding a quiet moment for connection, Larissa Meza and Jessica Garcia enjoy one another's company during the Justice Fellowship retreat in El Paso in November 2023. Photo: Annie Rosenkranz



Photo courtesy of Jessica Garcia

Jessica Garcia
Placement: Villa Maria

These funds help students who will become advocates for social justice and practitioners in the mental health field.

The Loretto Justice Fellowship Education Award funds have tremendously impacted my experience. Thanks to these funds, I will be able to pay a big part of my tuition for completing my master's degree in social work next year in the advanced standing program, which means getting my master's in one year! I am so grateful for this; this fund played a big role in my decision to pursue a master's degree.

These funds are extremely helpful and personally life-changing. I can focus more on my learning at school and practicum and have access to future studies. This funding helps me be less stressed and worried about how I will pay my tuition, while opening the door to multiple growth opportunities.



Photo courtesy of Larissa Meza

Larissa Meza
Placement: Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services

Everyone deserves a chance, maybe once, maybe twice,
But we all deserve a chance.
Social Justice for all!
So far this year has passed, and I am rich
In knowledge, in service and in God.
Thank you Loretto for having me on your side.
I have learned about you, your values.
I'm still interested in how I can help.
Tell me what time? What place?
I will be there ...

This experience
Has got me moving, learning
And running.
I will keep running ...
Not for money, not for power
Not for prestige,
For people, Pasoans.



Photo courtesy of Anabel Theriault

Anabel Theriault
Placement: Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center (LAIAC)

I am involved in several programs, including Zona de Desestres, a group for older adults to share space, socialize and craft. I have begun training to help with the food co-op. I am also working with Kids Create, a middle school program that offers spiritual growth opportunities, life skills and mentoring. I am involved in the high school program, which includes spiritual development; social-emotional learning and regulation; civic engagement and social justice lessons; and a college and career readiness training program. Working with these populations has allowed me to appreciate the need for community in all stages of life.

It's not about charity but community organizing — listening to what the community wants and needs. This insight has led me to appreciate the strengths within the community and recognize that sustainable change is rooted in the community's own efforts.

“It’s incredible how much we can learn and contribute when we actively engage with our communities.”

Alicia Villareal, Loretto Justice Fellow



Photo courtesy of Brenda Varela

Brenda Varela
Placement: Ciudad Nueva

I am currently an intern at Ciudad Nueva. My responsibilities are completing demographic intakes for the people who come into the food co-op and assisting in the elementary after-school program.

One of the most formative experiences of my internship so far has been getting the opportunity to teach kids about life skills and finding creative hands-on activities that can help with mental health.

Working with kids has always been something I enjoyed doing, and I’ve also had an interest in mental health. Being able to do both has been my favorite part, thus far, of being part of Ciudad Nueva. **I truly feel like I’m in a position to make a difference in these kids’ lives**, whether it’s by simply listening to them talk to me about their day, helping them with their homework or teaching them about mental health and ways to cope with different emotions.



Photo courtesy of Alicia Villareal

Alicia Villareal
Placement: Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

Serving as the Loretto Justice Fellow with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center (LAIAC) has been an incredible opportunity to grow as a social worker and person. Immigration has always been a great interest of mine; I am grateful that I have the opportunity to contribute to this field with the guidance and support of committed individuals who tirelessly advocate for the well-being of our communities.

The Loretto Justice Fellowship has provided me with training in trauma-informed practice that allows me to practice as a social worker in different settings, including dehumanizing environments such as immigration detention centers.

My community life experience with LAIAC and Loretto has reinforced my commitment to serve and advocate for human rights and policy change surrounding immigration. I have been immersed in this unique environment where I am beginning to understand the complexities of immigration policy, including the challenges and strengths that exist in this dynamic region.

“Our Fellows are changemakers from within the communities in which they serve; they are also mothers, caretakers of parents/siblings/families, first-generation college students, first-generation American citizens and community leaders.”

Annie Rosenkranz, Loretto Justice Fellowship director

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The border between the U.S. and Mexico at Tijuana presents a stark scene. Photo: Max Böhme, Unsplash

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:35-36

By Christina Manweller

In Matthew 25:35-36 Jesus tells us to "see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door," Pope Francis has recently written. Migration, he says, is a human right.*

Loretto's Latin America/Caribbean Committee (LACC) ministers to Christ knocking at the door, offering willing hearts and hands. LACC helps provide urgently needed help on the ground, supports migrant advocacy at the border, advocates for immigration justice and provides education about immigration realities and issues.

"We must be proximate, meaning close to people, be willing to move out of our comfort zone, change the narrative about immigrants to one of bravery and strength and remain hopeful in our justice work. I strive to be all of that as a friend and advocate for immigrants seeking lives of joy and safety in our country," shares LACC member Maureen Flanigan CoL. She points to Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and author of "Just Mercy" as an inspiration for this work.

LACC members embrace Loretto's deep commitment to work for justice and act for peace, serving as a source of hope for those whose hope is stretched thin. "We're talking about people who are here because they are not secure where they're from. Climate change means no food. Violence in their countries trickles down to violence in their own lives. Many arrive with nothing. If they had something it was probably taken along the way," explains Mary Margaret Murphy SL who helps migrants in El Paso.

"In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone," writes the pope.* Loretto has been doing just this throughout its history and continues to do so, as you will see on the following pages.

*Read Pope Francis's Sept. 2023 letter for the 109th World Day for Migrants and Refugees [here](#).



What would immigration justice look like?

Immigration justice in the U.S. would be furthered if the asylum rules and process already in place were observed, states Mary Jean Friel CoL, who began working with migrants as a young Loretto sister in the 1960s. Additionally, the U.S. Constitution and laws grant rights and liberties, including due process and equal protection, which in the migrant experience are often disregarded.

Since before recorded history humans have migrated in response to local conditions and changes in climate. The U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 recognizes migration as a right.

Pope Francis writes, "We are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can, constructing bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration." ([Letter for the 109th World Day for Migrants and Refugees](#), Sept. 2023).

Along with Pope Francis, Loretto supports the rights and dignity of migrants, working and praying for immigration justice.



Loretto members are among those attending a vigil at El Tiradito Shrine in Nogales, Ariz., in honor of 40 migrants who died on March 27, 2023 in a migrant detention center fire in Juarez, Mexico. LACC members include, clockwise from center, Maureen Flanigan CoL, Stacy Fitzwater CoL, Sally Dunne CoL, Roxanne Monterastelli CoL. Photo courtesy of Stacy Fitzwater CoL



From left, Mary E. "Buffy" Boesen SL, Irma Avila SL, Jacqueline Diego-Medina CoL, Kathleen Corbett SL, Jane German CoL, Mary Margaret Murphy SL and Helen Santamaria SL have spent countless hours assisting migrants in El Paso. Photo: Liz Deines SL

El Paso

Located about 10 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas, El Paso is on the front line of the U.S. immigration humanitarian crisis. For decades, Loretto members in El Paso have provided support to arriving migrants. In recent years, El Paso has experienced a sizable increase in numbers of arriving migrants, and Loretto members have continued to work hard to provide much-needed relief.

In December 2022 Sacred Heart Church opened their gym to the influx of migrants in order to provide food, shelter and showers. Many El Pasoans volunteered to make and serve food, gather blankets and transform the gym into a hospitality center. Jane German CoL, Irma Avila SL and I went down.

"As the shelter grew, we decided to volunteer to wash towels (there were hundreds). As time went on the American Red Cross donated many blankets made from recycled plastic bottles. The numbers of asylum seekers grew and so did our laundry duties. Kathleen Corbett SL joined us. As time went on, we were joined by others from St. Thomas Aquinas, our parish, and for shorter periods by sisters in other congregations.

"The number of blankets and towels varies. Some days there are 20 loads for the 60- and 80-pound washers, and other days up to 40 loads. Many days clothes from the asylum seekers get thrown in too. We can spend between \$100 and \$250 on a wash day. Many Loretto members, friends and even strangers have given

us funds — either directly or through Loretto's development office. Gifts have ranged from \$5 to several hundred. I have never been afraid to ask for funds for a good cause. We have received substantial gifts from the owner of the laundromat."

Mary E. "Buffy" Boesen SL

The physical aspects of being a volunteer are immense, as there is always something to do, and that has been easy for me; what has been hard is to see the fear in the eyes of immigrants when they first arrive. That fear comes from hardships in their mother countries, the journey to reach the U.S. and the fear that they will be deported. The fear is also seen in the smallest of children who have lived the same hardship as their parents. Welcoming the immigrants, offering them assistance and giving them a sense of safety has taken away that fear in their eyes and has turned it to hope and gratitude. I pray, I love, I volunteer."

Jackie Diego-Medina CoL

"When volunteers staffing Casa Papa Francisco, a temporary shelter secured by Ruben Garcia to accommodate about 20 people, call me for transportation to the airport or one of four downtown bus stations, I am happy to be able to drive them so that they can leave for other parts of the country where they have family or friends who are sponsoring them as they wait for their court dates. Some have just celebrated their 18th birthdays and so have aged out of detention. Others seeking asylum have qualified for a hearing and are ready for the next step. Many are from Guatemala or Honduras; a few are from Ecuador or El Salvador; others are from Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, or occasionally Mexico or Peru.

"The mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday I go with the other Loretto members to a laundromat that has big heavy-duty washers and dryers to wash and dry, fold and pack up towels and blankets that Irma, Buffy and Jane have picked up the evening before from Sacred Heart Parish near the border where many immigrants spend the night. We do this work along with other volunteers who have been recruited by Buffy and Jane."

Kathleen Corbett SL



*From left, Kathleen Corbett SL, Irma Avila SL and Jane German CoL wash loads of blankets for a shelter in El Paso.
Photo: Mary E. "Buffy" Boesen SL*



The work gets done in El Paso ...

Irma Avila SL has translated for individuals completing paperwork to apply for asylum. Most recently she is helping widows of U.S. citizens who are required to spend a month or two at different times of the year in EL Paso in order to receive widows' benefits. She also participates in laundry days.

Mary E. "Buffy" Boesen SL has volunteered helping migrants for many years; she is currently a member of the Loretto laundry team.

Kathleen Corbett SL drives migrants to the airport or a bus station when asked. She also is a member of the Loretto laundry team.

Liz Deines SL supports migrants with her prayers.

Jackie Diego-Medina CoL and Mary Margaret Murphy SL each spend a day a week volunteering at an Annunciation House hospitality center. They prepare meals, organize, clean, accompany women and children to doctor appointments or to the hospital in emergencies. They say no two hours are the same.

Terry Franco CoL helps with laundry as she is able.

Jane German CoL helps with laundry and prays for the safety of the migrants and for just immigration laws.

Helen Santamaria SL has been driving immigrants to the airport and bus stations since 2014.

Irma Avila SL, left, and Kathleen Corbett SL unload bags of laundry from a shelter in El Paso. Some days there are 40 loads for the 60- and 80-pound machines. In addition to Irma and Kathleen, Mary E. "Buffy" Boesen SL, Terry Franco CoL and Jane German CoL volunteer on laundry days. It's a big job!

Photo: Mary E. "Buffy" Boesen SL

I pray, I love, I volunteer.



Jackie Diego-Medina CoL

What are the causes of migration?

Migration is commonly the result of war, natural disasters or poverty. Crime, inequality, corruption and governmental instability also result in untenable living conditions, driving desperate citizens to seek safety and improved conditions. Weather shocks and environmental degradation, often leading to floods and desertification, are now forcing farmers off their land. At the end of 2022 there were 35 million migrants worldwide who had been displaced from their homelands, another 5 million asylum seekers and 63 million internally-displaced persons. Imagine being forced to flee your community, your country and all that you have known to undertake a perilous journey to an unfamiliar country, taking only what you can carry.

The needs are great and our hearts are full as we work together to honor the worth and dignity of every person.

Maureen Flanigan CoL

Denver

Between late 2022 and fall of 2023, 25,000 migrants were served in Denver, staying in temporary shelters before being forced to survive on the streets or travel to another city. As conditions have deteriorated in Latin America in recent years, many have fled unsafe and untenable conditions, often crossing the border into Texas. The state of Texas has bused many of these migrants to other states, including Colorado.

A significant percentage of recent migrants is made up of Venezuelans fleeing unstable conditions, violence and economic hardship at home. In recent years more than 7 million people have fled the country. Nearly 55,000 Venezuelans arrived at the U.S. border with Mexico in September 2023 alone.

LACC members in Colorado provide welcome and assistance, partnering with local organizations.

Working for justice in Denver

"The Latin America/Caribbean Committee in Colorado is small but mighty," says Maureen Flanigan CoL. "There are so many opportunities to be in relationship with our immigrant families in Colorado. The needs are great and our hearts are full as we work together to honor the worth and dignity of every person.

"We are so grateful to the agencies, staffs and volunteers providing resources in our area."

LACC in Denver is committed to continuing partnerships with local organizations including:

Casa de Paz, founded in 2012, provides safe temporary shelter and help to those released from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention jail in Aurora,



Left to right, Martha Crawley CoL, Maureen Flanigan CoL and Mary Helen Sandoval CoL have each worked hard on behalf of migrants over the years. Martha and Maureen are current members of Loretto's Latin America/Caribbean Committee. Photo courtesy of Mary Helen Sandoval CoL

Colo., as they seek safety and fight their cases. Casa de Paz has welcomed over 10,000 guests from 80 countries.

Coloradans for Immigrant Rights (CFIR) is an organization that Loretto Community members in Colorado partner with to form and maintain relationships with federal and local politicians and advocate with immigrants on their cases and on legislation, accompanying

people to their immigration hearings, participating in vigils, rallies and marches, joining family celebrations when cases go well and being present when they don't.

St. Mary's Academy (SMA) is located in the Denver area. LACC members in Colorado engage with students and teachers by speaking at SMA events. The SMA staff have participated in and contributed to LACC border trips.

Border trips

"Our border trips are an opportunity to be immersed in Loretto and LACC values of witness, hope and friendship in humanitarian service. On these trips we offer monetary donations, supplies and clothing. What we gain is hearing the migrants share their stories of heartbreak, courage and strength. We bring their stories home to our communities to stir consciences and build friendships in our communities, encouraging efforts for legislative action and immigration reform."

Maureen Flanigan CoL



Volunteers at a community center in Sasabe, Sonora, Mexico, proudly sport Loretto T-shirts. Loretto sponsored a retreat for the volunteers who cope with nonstop stress as they assist arriving migrants and deal with the realities of cartels. Sasabe is about 75 miles from Tucson, Ariz.
Photo: Dora Rodriguez

How can we help?

Start by visiting [Loretto's immigration justice webpage](#) where you will learn more about the work being done and how to stay informed.

Once there, you can also click on the red donate button (upper right) to help further this important ministry.

Keep up-to-date about what is going on that affects migrants personally and politically. Act when you can, and pray for all migrants everywhere, that they may find safety and welcome.

Loretto's Latin America/Carribbean Committee members are Martha Crawley CoL, Sally Dunne CoL, Stacy Fitzwater CoL, Maureen Flanigan CoL, Mary Jean Friel CoL, Molly Kammien CoL, Rosa Lizarde CoL, Rox Monterastelli CoL, Lillian Moskeland CoL and Mariela Ramirez CoL.

Mexico

Loretto works with organizations in Mexico to provide food and humanitarian assistance to migrants. Mary Jean Friel CoL volunteers weekly at two shelters in Tijuana and visits others every couple of months. Other Loretto members visit the shelters when Loretto hosts border trips. Loretto also works with Bob Kee, friend of the Community and member of the Tucson Samaritans, who delivers water and food to the desert to help save lives. Bob is also a medic, and is able to provide medical assistance.

Organizations Loretto partners with near the border include:

Casa de Arcoiris (“Rainbow House”), a grassroots organization in Tijuana supporting LGBTQI+ migrants in search of asylum in the United States or refuge in Mexico. Casa Arcoiris operates a shelter and provides humanitarian services, access to legal services, healthcare and counseling in collaboration with local and international organizations.

Espacio Migrante, a shelter and community center housing 40 migrants in Tijuana. Those served include Afghans, Africans and Haitians who wait in Tijuana for decisions on their asylum applications. Loretto helps purchase vouchers that can be used for essentials, including food, diapers and tents.

Kino Border Initiative, a faith-based group that strives to respond to the critical needs of migrants in Nogales. They provide two meals a day, medical support, personal care items and clothing.

Salvavision, an organization in Tucson, Ariz., primarily working in Sasabe, Sonora. Loretto has helped local women who assist migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. There are many children in Sasabe, and Loretto hopes to help start a library.



Mary Jean Friel CoL travels to Tijuana each week to volunteer with migrants at shelters.
Photo courtesy of Mary Jean Friel CoL



Casa de Arcoiris's garden coordinator, foreground, gives a tour to Mary Jean Friel CoL. Loretto helped start the urban garden, which enables shelter residents to eat healthily while providing a healing activity and training. Photo: Rosa Lizarde CoL



A child at a shelter in Arizona.
Photo: Mary Jean Friel CoL

Loretto pioneers of education in the West

Loretto Heights College

The bodies of 62 Sisters of Loretto who had been buried in the cemetery at Loretto Heights College in Denver were moved to a new resting place at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colo., in August 2022.

Most of the sisters had come to Loretto Heights to teach, often arriving from New Mexico, Missouri or Kentucky. They were true pioneers, and not only in the educational sense — many undertook perilous journeys before arriving in Denver. It took two months for one sister, Luisa Romero SL, to travel from Santa Fe, N.M., to Denver by ox cart in 1865, a journey of five hours by car today.

Loretto Heights was first the site of an academy, opened in 1891. Loretto Heights College was founded on the site in 1918. The Heights property was sold in 1988 and continued as a university for some years. Today it is under redevelopment to include low-income housing and an art venue, among other amenities.

A few of the sisters who were buried in the Loretto Heights cemetery are featured on these pages.



Left, the approach to Loretto Heights College in Denver in 1949 offers a view of the original Loretto Heights Academy building, partially obscured by trees (hundreds of trees were planted around the campus). This building, dating to 1887, would later become the college's administration building. A Celtic cross graces the building's tower. Celtic crosses also adorn Pancratia Hall, built in 1929. Photos pages 20-25: Loretto Archives



Aurelia Archambault was born in 1855. Her father, an immigrant from Montreal, ran a trading post on the Sweetwater River in Wyoming. The family moved to Nebraska in 1856 when fighting broke out between settlers and Native Americans. She attended public schools in Nebraska and Missouri. Aurelia entered Loretto in 1870, at the age of 15, from St. Louis. She studied English and music and taught at schools in Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Colorado.

She wrote, "The burning of St. Ann's Academy [in what is now St. Paul, Kan.] on Sept. 3, 1895, was the most extraordinary event I witnessed in religion. Witnessed the burning of Webster too." [She may be referring to a boarding school for girls run by Loretto after purchasing the Webster property; the school burned in 1905. Webster College opened in 1924.]

She grew deaf in her later years, allotting more time to her favorite activities, reading and prayer. The last years of her life were spent at Loretto Heights where she retired at age 75. She died in 1943.

Pancratia Bonfils was born in 1852 in St. Louis to Protestant parents. She converted to Catholicism while attending Loretto Academy in Florissant, Mo. , and was confirmed at the age of 12. The next year she decided to dedicate her life to God. A determined young woman, she took first vows at the age of 16 and immediately set out for Denver to help at the new Loretto school, St. Mary's Academy, where she was known for her kindness to Native Americans who came to the school for food.

She taught at St. Mary's for many years and served as superior in 1891 and 1892 before going on to oversee the founding of Loretto Heights Academy (later College). She chose the site on a hill in south Denver and directed construction of the first two campus buildings. She served as the school's first superior. Except for brief interludes, she spent the rest of her life as superior of St. Mary's or Loretto Heights, working until her death in 1915.

In 1929 when a new building was added at Loretto Heights, it was appropriately named Pancratia Hall.



Davina Burns was born in 1854. She entered Loretto in 1875 and died in 1889 at St. Mary's Convent in Denver.

An obituary in a local newspaper noted that she had a "rare magnetism of soul." According to the writer, "Probably no sister in Colorado was more sincerely or more universally beloved than the late Sister Davina. The holiness and simplicity of her life drew all hearts to her In her presence, one felt as if she were haloed with the beautiful innocence of childhood, made more beautiful still by the radiant virtue which sacredly guarded it. Her smile was the smile of purest joy, for her joy was always in God; her tears ever reflected the consoling light of submission to God's will, were ever touched by the ray of highest charity. Her religion was a religion of love, her example a saintly exhortation. Sister Davina was a model religious, and her death was in harmony with the peace and beauty of her life. Surrounded by her sisters in religion, strengthened by the Holy Sacraments, and with the hands of God's minister lifted in final blessing over her, she calmly closed her eyes to the things of earth, which had been to her so many reflections of God's love and goodness, and opened them, we pray, to the eternal joys of heaven."

Clare Clayton was born in 1875 in Holy Cross, Ky., entering Loretto in 1892. She taught second and third grades for more than 50 years at schools in Missouri and Ohio and served as superior at several schools. She had a special love for St. Louis.

She died during a summer visit to Denver in 1952, in the 60th year of her vowed life, and was buried at Loretto Heights.



Lua Kelliher was born in 1887 in County Clare, Ireland. She entered Loretto in 1907 and was sent to Loretto Heights Academy in Denver. She was known for her child-like disposition.

Suffering from poor health, she died in 1912, just after her 25th birthday.

Photo: Loretto Archives



Vivian Edelen was born in Kentucky in 1870 and entered Loretto in 1894. She spent 50 years as an administrator and teacher at St. Mary's Academy and Loretto Heights College. She was the registrar at Loretto Heights for 25 years and was head of the history department until her death.

She held a master's from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. from DePaul University in Chicago. She was well-loved and was known for her knowledge of politics and history, as well as astronomy, which she generously shared. She was also a gifted musician.

Throughout her life, she kept in touch with Sister Celine, a Carmelite and the first graduate of Loretto Heights College, who recalled her teacher's vivid astronomy lessons many years later. She died in 1947.



Floscella Keating was born in 1873 in Kansas to Irish parents. She was educated at St. Ann's Academy in what is now St. Paul, Kan., for eight years.

She entered Loretto in 1894. She worked in the kitchens in Santa Fe, N.M., and Pueblo, Colo., for several years, before being sent to Loretto Heights in Denver where she spent the next 35 years taking care of the chaplain's home and dining room, as well as his pet collies, each named Jack (see photo [page 23](#); this is likely one of the Jacks).

She died at Loretto Heights on Holy Saturday in 1940.

Amie Hynes was born in 1868 in St. Louis to Irish parents. She taught at several schools in Colorado, spending the last 30 years of her life at St. Mary's Academy.

She wrote, "I entered religion as a novice on Aug. 15, 1888. Since then I have studied painting and music, especially vocal, and have taught the elementary branches and painting."

She was said to have a happy outlook on life and was blessed with many friends. At her funeral Mass, the Rev. C.M. Johnson said, "In the 42 years of her religious life, Sister Aimee has lived a life of joy, humor and service." She died in 1930.



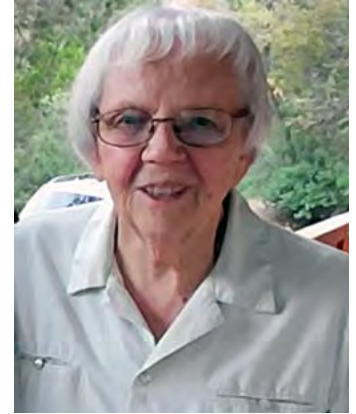
Francis de Sales McGarry was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1900. She entered Loretto in 1921, the year after graduating from Loretto Heights College with a bachelor's in romance languages and minors in Latin and philosophy. She went on to earn a master's in Spanish and a minor in French. In 1937 she was awarded a Ph.D. in Spanish with minors in French and Italian from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. In 1957 she earned a Diploma Magisterii in Scientis Sacris from Regina Mundi in Rome where she studied for three years. She also studied in Havana and in Israel on a Department of State grant.

She taught at schools in Missouri and Colorado and served as dean at Loretto Heights College and at Webster College (now University) in St. Louis. She was teaching theology at Loretto Heights in 1967, the year she died.

Delores Kincaide SL

Dec. 29, 1929 – July 30, 2023

Delores was born in Detroit. She was baptized a Catholic at 18 and entered Loretto three years later, taking the name Sister Laurian. She taught in Loretto schools for 20 years and in 1973 returned to Detroit to work with people with developmental delays. She was program coordinator at Trombly Home, a women’s adult foster care home, for 18 years. She also worked at a sheltered workshop where women from Trombly House worked. In the mid-1990s, she returned to Kansas City and immersed herself in peace and justice groups. In 2005 she “retired” to New Mexico where she supported mission activities. In her mid-80s, Delores moved to Loretto Motherhouse where she organized art supplies, worked on the convent library and instigated a bloody card game called Spite and Malice.



Guadalupe (Lupe) Arciniega SL

May 2, 1936 – Nov. 10, 2023

Lupe started her ministry many years ago as a teacher, and went on to educate more broadly than just in the classroom. Over the course of nearly 69 years as a Sister of Loretto, Lupe's commitment to service and education began in her hometown of El Paso, Texas. She went on to work with Cesar Chavez in California, then served in Wyoming and Latin America, before providing migrant farm assistance in Alabama. Lupe called Kentucky home since 1985. She said in an interview, “Half of my life is with Hispanics, and then the other half with the sisters. I’m enculturated ... I get inspired by the people. I take my cues from them ... I’m an advocate for the Hispanic and poor here in Kentucky. That’s what I want put on my tombstone.”



Photo: Christina Manweller

Unabridged remembrances are found on the Loretto website:
<https://www.lorettocommunity.org/category/obituaries/>

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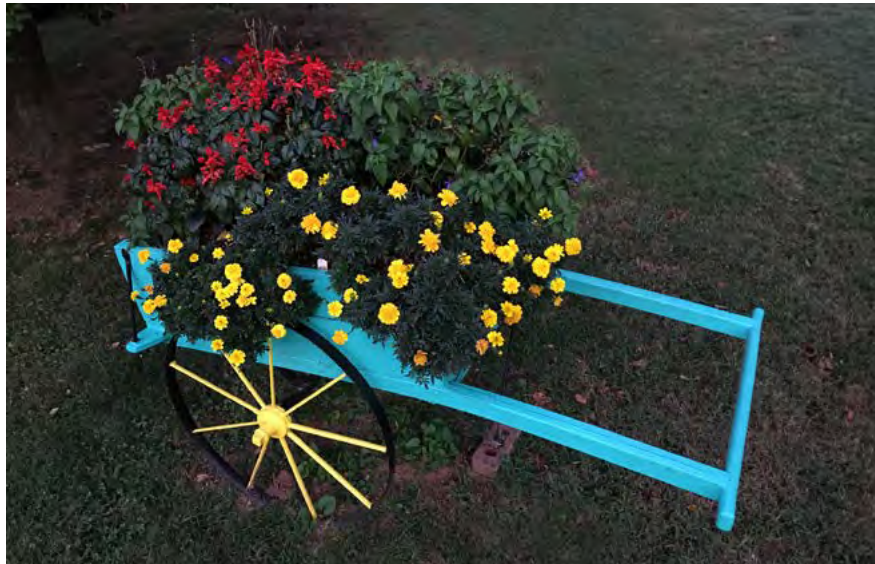
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Flowers bloom in a cart at the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky.
Photo by Christina Manweller

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Loretto

All Deceased Sisters of Loretto

Mary Sue Anderson

All Sisters who taught at Blessed

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My Loretto Heights College

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Postscript

Dear Loretto Friends,

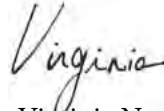
In reading through this beautiful issue of *Loretto Magazine*, over and over I see love in action:

- Love in action for the Vietnamese orphans shepherded here by Loretto sisters and co-members in the 1970s, and reunited by them years later.
- Love in action by staff members at bedsides, in the halls and throughout the Loretto Living Center.
- Love in action as the call is heeded to heal the earth, the land and all its inhabitants.
- Love in action as Loretto Justice Fellows serve others and build community for the long haul.
- Love in action propelling Loretto sisters to make long journeys to open schools in the West.
- Love in action by Loretto members who support the needs and rights of migrants and refugees in the U.S. and in Mexico.

Supporting the rights of migrants and refugees — that's where I met many Loretto members. I worked previously in advocacy with farmworkers, the people whose labor we depend upon for our fruits and vegetables, dairy products and more. Historically excluded from labor laws, and mostly immigrants, farmworkers take a great risk to stand up for their basic rights to be paid fairly, to work in safe conditions and to be treated with respect. Loretto members stand with them on picket lines, in marches and support their boycotts.

The hope and courage of farmworkers gives me hope. Loretto gives me hope. For over 200 years Loretto members have responded to the call to make God's love manifest in our world, to put love into action. I am grateful to be connected to this Community and grateful to all of you who support it.

Thank you!



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A mural greets those entering Casa de la Misericordia y de Todas, a shelter for migrants in Nogales, Mexico. Photo: Maureen Flanigan CoL

“It is not easy to have to move and find a new home, new neighbors and new friends. The good thing is that we also make new friends. We meet people who open doors for us, who are kind to us. They offer us friendship and understanding, and they try to help us not to feel like strangers. To feel at home.”

Pope Francis to school children in East Harlem, New York City, 2015