

FROM OUR PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

Dear Notre Dame Academy Alumnae,

It is with great joy that I welcome you home to this special reunion. Notre Dame Academy holds a cherished place in our hearts, having transformed the lives of so many young women over the years. As you return to these sacred grounds, we hope you are reminded of the impact your time here has had on your personal and professional journey.

Notre Dame Academy was not just a place of education; it was a sanctuary where you were nurtured by the presence and example of the Notre Dame Sisters. Our community has always believed in the power of grace in action, and we hope that during your time with us, you witnessed this grace through the lives of strong, independent women who were dedicated to creating, building, and giving to others. Many of you may fondly remember early mornings sharing cinnamon rolls with Sr. Lucille, soaking up strength, joy in the Lord, and the spirit of independence that defined your time here.

Even though the Academy closed its doors in 1974, the legacy of those formative years continues to touch the lives of many. Our hope has always been that the values and lessons you learned here would be passed on to future generations, ensuring that the spirit of Notre Dame Academy lives on.

As we gather to celebrate this reunion, I want to share with you some important updates about the Notre Dame Sisters Community. Since our arrival in the United States in 1910, the Notre Dame Sisters have left a lasting impact through our service, education, and commitment to social justice. Today, our community in North America has 27 remaining members.



While our presence here will eventually come to an end, we are comforted by the knowledge that our legacy will continue to thrive in our European provinces where the Notre Dame Sisters remain vibrant centers of faith, education, and service. We embody the principle that, "They will bear fruit even in their old age," and we are committed to faithfully living out our apostolic mission until the very last moment.

In recognition of our current situation, we have concluded that we have sufficient funds to care for our remaining members throughout their last days and will no longer be conducting intensive fundraising. This is due to careful stewardship, our simple lifestyle, generous supporters, and the skilled and dedicated staff who have served us so well. While we are no longer aggressively seeking funds, we remain deeply committed to our ministries and are grateful for the continued support of our devoted partners, with whom we look forward to ongoing collaborations.

As we come together to reminisce and reconnect, let us celebrate the enduring legacy of Notre Dame Academy and the Notre Dame Sisters. May we continue to draw strength from the foundation that was laid here and carry forward the spirit of service, justice, and faith in all that we do.

With blessings,

Sr. Rita Ostry, ND

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