After over 30 years in our Living Word Center in Arlington Heights, IL, the Sisters of the Living Word will be moving offices in Summer 2021.

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— T.S. Eliot
I greet you during this Easter season, those 50 days after Easter Sunday and before Pentecost, which will be celebrated this year on May 23rd. It is a time characterized by the joy of the glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of "ALLELUIA."

One of the most important stories in the scriptures during Easter Season is known as the Walk to Emmaus (Lk. 24). We are given the image of two disciples leaving Jerusalem after the death of Jesus. All their hopes are dashed and they are wondering: now what? As they journey, Christ who is hidden from their recognition accompanies them, and recounts the story of all that has happened. As it turns dark, they welcome the stranger to stay with them. At supper, their eyes are opened to recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread. He vanishes from their sight, but their hope is rekindled and they joyfully return to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples what they have seen and heard.

This pandemic has illumined the dark places, opened our eyes to see differently and in many ways brought an awareness of what we most value: our faith and each other. Sometimes we must leave the familiar, be a pilgrim on a journey (metaphorically or actually) to realize what is lost or hidden.

As Sisters of the Living Word our greatest joy is to accompany others on their faith journey, to "see" the Living Word present in all of life’s joys and sorrow. A quote I recently read seems to speak to this time for all of us. We are called “to see with Easter eyes ... able to perceive in death, life; in guilt, forgiveness; in separation, unity ... in the human, God; in God, the human, and in the ‘I’ the ‘you’."

— Bishop Klaus Hemmerle, co-founder of Focolare

May each of our journeys be faith-filled and awake as we accompany one another today and always!

Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW
Congregational Leadership
Sister Elaine Tworek began her autobiography with: “It has always been of special significance to me that I was born into life and New Life on the same day”. As desired by her parents, Alois and Helen Tworek, she was brought to St. Francis Church to be baptized on the evening of her birth, May 21, 1940, in Nebraska.

She was raised on several farms and attended various schools. She was devoted to caring for animals. She states that she was a horse lover, a 4-H club member, as well as worked with machinery, plants and “anything but housework”.

Her relationship with her father was close as they both loved being outdoors. She attributes the strong relationships they had as a family to her mother’s approach to life and family. She states, “I grew up knowing that my parents were liked and appreciated for their generous and openness to others; a source of great pride for me. I had a traditional rural upbringing strong in faith, family, work values, and doing our best.”

Elaine desired to be a teacher. Through the influence of a Sister of the Resurrection, she went to Chicago in 1953 after 8th grade to enter the aspirancy of the Resurrection Sisters. She attributes her growth in faith to Sister Eulalia, by her vibrant relationship with Jesus.

Sister Elaine professed First Vows on August 15, 1957, and went to New York for formal biblical studies. It was during Vatican II, and all the social upheaval of the 60’s that she did her graduate studies at Loyola’s Institute of Pastoral Studies.

Elaine had many positive experiences in ministry. For 37 years, her major roles were as teacher, religious education coordinator and principal. She came to believe “that I am simply a pilgrim in progress, a Resurrection person embracing the life/death dynamic, a woman of faith who believes that all of life is a gift and that Jesus is Lord and the source of all that is necessary.”

In August of 1988, Elaine transferred to Sisters of the Living Word. She taught high school for six years and ministered as principal in Remsen, Iowa. In 1998 she was elected to the Leadership Team of her new community. Then she spent a sabbatical in New Mexico with time to travel and pray. Following this Elaine spent eight years serving as a pastoral minister in two parishes on the Native American Reservation. She learned very much about another culture and was very grateful for the experience. Deciding to return to Chicago, Elaine began a journey of accepting an increasing amount of health issues. Elaine’s attitude was inspiring. Through it all, she wrote letters and cards, was grateful for the care she was receiving, and for her religious community’s care. Toward the end of her autobiography, she writes, “I am committed to continuously discern how best to be a faithful and responsive person to God’s dream for me.”

In 2020, when the COVID-19 virus began to be prevalent, Elaine, being susceptible, was diagnosed with the virus. She survived the virus, but suffered with the after effects. Elaine was cheerful, had a gregarious and grateful spirit.

God was merciful and took Elaine in her sleep, March 31, 2021. We, her Living Word Sisters, her Resurrection Sisters, her family and friends are grateful for the witness of her dedicated life to the mission of sharing the Living Word with all.
Pilgrimage can be defined in many ways: as a journey of moral or spiritual significance, a journey into an unknown or foreign place, or in search of a higher good. Through the experience it can lead toward transformation. It is to travel in search of something ... a quest for something more than what already exists. When one follows Christ, one is a pilgrim, always searching in response to God’s lead, God’s call.

Women Religious, in the United States, have responded to the needs of the times, called in response to the Gospel since the 1700’s. Mostly missionaries from Europe sent to this new country to minister to the immigrants, Sisters established hospitals, clinics, schools, universities, social services, and houses of prayer. They have ministered in parishes, accompanied the homeless and the forgotten, and more. Now, more than 300 years later, Women religious are realizing that many of these communities have completed their mission. All of these important works are being carried out by faithful lay people. God now seems to be calling about 300 religious communities in the U.S. (and more around the world) to read the signs of these times and mentor the women of the younger generations whose vision for a different form of religious life is developing.

Thus, we are pilgrims again. Aging, we are being called to a different place, spiritually, ministerially and physically. It is both an exciting place to be and one that is unknown. It is a place that can be transformative. As vowed women, we abandon ourselves in trust to God’s call. We realize that we are in solidarity with millions around the world, actually, who must trust that God has them in God’s loving embrace and has a future for them.

So, for very practical reasons, we, The Sisters of the Living Word, have discerned that we must close our Living Word Center. We cannot maintain it effectively anymore. We are fewer and fewer Sisters and aging. We do not need such a large place to administer our ministries as we once did. Since our founding in 1975 we have trusted that God would lead us to be where we are needed.

Jan Wildens painting entitled “Landscape with Christ and his Disciples on the Road to Emmaus”.
When one follows Christ, one is a pilgrim, always searching in response to God’s lead, God’s call.

Our Living Word Center, home to our Ministry Offices for the last 30+ years has also been a welcoming place to so many groups: parish RCIA retreats, parish council meetings, Peace and Justice presentations, the Initiative of Bridge the Black/White Divide in the northwest suburbs, series of prayer experiences around the liturgical year, Eucharistic celebrations, etc. as well as the central gathering place of our Sisters for all our Community events.

So, we will take our leave this summer, recognizing that as we journey we are different women, gifted with incredibly wonderful memories, and relationships that will nurture our continued mission. We leave with deeply grateful hearts for all that has been in our sacred space, our Living Word Center of Arlington Heights.

Our Living Word mission is not concluding, though, by any means. We will continue to advocate for the oppressed, the youth, families and immigrants in need. We are working toward sustainability and care for our common home, Earth, through the guidance of Pope Francis’ seven-year plan. We are supporting all efforts of racial justice for the common good of our nation. Retired Sisters are a powerhouse of prayer and advocacy. With years of experience, they can devote time to being a voice for the voiceless: making phone calls to legislators, supporting causes of Catholic Social Teaching, and serving on committees and boards. Whereas in their younger years they DID the work, now they can share the wisdom of their experiences in small but significant ways. Our Sisters who are in active ministry are inspiring the rest of us by their effective and persevering efforts to meet the needs of so many in these challenging times.

We are happy at this time to announce that we plan on moving our offices to Des Plaines, IL in Summer 2021.

God has been leading us faithfully as always on our journey. Our new space will be very adequate for the administration of our mission and our religious life. Please join us in grateful prayer to our loving provident God. We look forward to welcoming you to visit when you are in the area. It is very important that we stay connected with you, our long-time friends. May God continue to bless us all.

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—T.S. Eliot
Living Word Center MEMORIES

1990 LWC Blessing

1992 Picnic at LWC

1990 LWC Open House (L to R: Mary Ann Zrust, Virginia Thoennes and Annamarie Cook.

1992 Picnic at LWC
Meet Nancy Pumilia, ASLW!

by Mary Cornille, SLW

It has been a delightful and soul-stirring experience to talk with Nancy Pumilia, ASLW as I wrote this article, I wish you could each have a conversation with her. “It’s been quite a journey and I think I’ve grown,” she says of her life.

AND I WOULD AGREE!

Nancy remembers well, her contacts with the Sisters of Christian Charity at St. Henry Church and School in New Orleans. She remembers Sister Henrietta and Sister James, SCC, her classmate Sister Concepta (Jean Held) and especially her teacher and mentor Sister Gabriel. Nancy remembers her education as being excellent and her training in becoming prayerful and a faithful Catholic as a gift from the Sisters of Christian Charity.

In fact, in eighth grade Nancy decided she wanted to join the Sisters. She says, “God gave me so much, touching my heart. I wanted to be a ‘bride of Christ’.” Sister Gabriel came with two other SCC to her home to speak to her parents. However, they did not give permission saying she was too young.

In high school things changed. Nancy tells me that she loved to dance and played many sports. She didn’t go to the convent. Sometime after graduation she married and had three children. She learned that her husband was not faithful and this was so painful. “Marriage is a hard life,” she says, “but I knew God was with me all the time, in my heart.”

Being a single mother with three children was difficult and she was comforted by a good priest who told her the eternally wise words, “God does not want you to be unhappy.” Sometime later she met Gus and they became good friends and later married. Another wise priest advised her

Hope Hotel, a temporary home for the homeless, is a favored project of the Metairie group of ASLWs. Here in the lobby are Elaine Warriner, ASLW (green mask), Nancy Pumilia, ASLW (white mask), Marilita Roy, SLW (red mask), and Catherine Guirovich, ASLW (black mask). The young boy is a resident of the shelter hotel who is enjoying the books being donated by the associates.
to get an annulment. Nancy found the process not easy but very healing. She received the annulment just before her son’s marriage and was so happy to receive the Eucharist again. She began enthusiastic involvement with her parish, especially as a Eucharistic minister and in RCIA, Children’s Liturgy and religious education.

In the late 1970’s, Nancy met the SLWs. She moved to Metairie and got to know Sister Julia and Sister Mary De Lourdes. From then on she met Sister Lynda Rink and more and more SLWs. She says, “You can just feel the love and kindness in those Sisters. They ‘spray’ you with enthusiasm.” After attending many associate meetings and retreats, where she says she became friends, prayed with them, got to know Jesus, and more becoming a living word.

On March 23, 2002, Nancy made her commitment as an ASLW, truly a living word. She is now a member of the Metairie group of ASLW, coordinated by Sister Marilita, whom Nancy describes as having a passionate love for the poor, praying and raising money to eliminate human trafficking and supporting Hotel Hope for the homeless.

“I like action. The SLW touch me because they are so open.”

She is an extremely active: greeter, Eucharistic minister, visiting homebound, Children Liturgy, PSI teacher, committed Adorer for the last 25 years, Evangelism committee member, outdoor way of the cross, rosary walk through the neighborhood, and annual Catholics Coming Back program. In 1991 she and her husband received the couples parish award from St. Edward and the St. Louis Archdiocesan award.

April 19, 2020 which was also Sister Julia’s birthday and also right in the middle of the pandemic. Nancy and two other associates organized a birthday party parade for her and many associates, parishioners and friends came down the street to surprise Sister Julia.

Nancy loves looking into the future. She says “Young people have so much energy. I believe they will turn the world around.” Nancy has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. She should know.

“I will be 85 on April 13. It’s been a full and rich life.” And it’s not over yet. ☺️
The first time that I watched Sally Blount work her magic I was sitting in an audience on my very first day of a new job.

I was early in my career and I had just accepted an exciting promotion at Northwestern University that brought me to working at their business school, the Kellogg School of Management. I ended that first day in a large auditorium, blown away as Sally addressed our newly admitted students in her then role as the Dean of Kellogg. I worked under Sally's Deanship for approximately 4 years and watched her continuously drive forward our mission and inspire people along the way.

Sally Blount is a trailblazer. She made history as the first female dean named within the top business schools in the world. In her time fulfilling that role at Kellogg she completed a $365 Million fundraising campaign, led the construction and opening of a state of the art Global Hub on Lake Michigan, and greatly enhanced Kellogg's international standing.

Many years after that first time I heard her speak, on a more laid back day with a much more intimate audience, I listened to Sally again as she addressed a group of us as internal staff members. The theme of the talk was female development in the workplace and we got to see a much more personal side of Sally. In addition to talking about her career path and family, she also spoke about the role of her faith in leadership. This included annual retreats to the desert for solitude, reflection, and re-centering. She shared small but meaningful moments when she would break away from her busy schedule to pray for guidance in her office. I remember being disarmed once again, this time from seeing the role that Sally's humanness and faith played in her ability to drive the changes she was making in our industry.

When I recently attended a class with Sally I was excited, but not surprised, when I learned that she had again made history. This time, she had been named the first ever layperson to be appointed the highest leadership role with Catholic Charities.

I look forward to once watching Sally’s impact as a leader, this time from the vantage point of both of our new roles working in faith-based nonprofit organizations.
Introducing: The ASLW Coordinating Team

by Barbara J. Aretz, ASLW, Bobby Mills, ASLW, and Carrie Miller, SLW

There are many people who resonate with our charism, spirituality, and mission. Some of them become Associates of the Sisters of the Living Word (ASLW). Their relationship to the Sisters is life-giving and a blessing. Their commitment to personal and spiritual growth, and their lives that witness their dedication to Living the Word, is inspiring.

Through various conversations between 2019-2020 among Associates and Sisters across our geographic regions, the concept of a Coordinating Team was created. We began realizing that the model of coordinating, leading, and relating to the Associates needed to be redesigned. We restructured this into a simple, realistic way for the responsibilities involved to be shared by a group of Sisters and Associates.

It seemed this format would facilitate, organize and strengthen communication and relationships throughout the Associate, Partner-In-Prayer groups and the Sisters. Its intent is to also enhance resource-sharing among Associates regarding Living Word Spirituality and Core Values, as well as enable greater collaboration between the various Associate groups and the Sisters for engaging in Living Word Mission.

The ASLW Coordinating Team

The list of members of The ASLW Coordinating Team and their specific roles follows.

Barbara Aretz, ASLW, West Texas, Coordinator of the ASLW Team, co-facilitates West Texas ASLW group
Mary Cornille*, SLW, interviews ASLW for Community publications, facilitates Chicago ASLW group
Sue Geimer, ASLW, Arlington Heights, Zoom Coordinator for Arlington Heights, facilitates Zoom meetings with other ASLW and Partner-In-Prayer Groups, assists with ASLW-related office filing and distribution of ASLW information to Regional Coordinators
Catherine Guirovich, ASLW, Metairie, Representative for the Metairie Group and works with Marilita Roy, SLW
Carol Keltzer, ASLW, Iowa, Regional Coordinator, facilitates the Iowa Partner-In-Prayer Group
Margaret McDonald*, ASLW, Arlington Heights, assists with ASLW-related office filing and distribution of ASLW information to Regional Coordinators, co-facilitates Arlington Heights ASLW group
Marie McKenna, SLW, Presenter of retreats and workshops for the ASLW and Partner-In-Prayer Groups
Diane Michel, ASLW, West Bank, LA Representative for the West Bank ASLW Group and works with Elizabeth Hebert, SLW
Carrie Miller, SLW, Des Plaines, Illinois Liaison for the SLW Leadership Team to the ASLW Coordinating Team
Bobby Mills*, ASLW, West Texas, Zoom Coordinator for West Texas ASLW and Communication Coordinator for the ASLW Team, co-facilitates West Texas ASLW group
Maria Musuka, Partner-In-Prayer, Zambia, Representative for, and facilitator of the Zambia Partner-In-Prayer Group and works with Donna Williams, SLW
Linda Nicholas, ASLW, Arlington Heights, Facilitator of Reflections on Living Word Spirituality and Efforts for Justice for the ASLW and Partner-In-Prayer Groups, co-facilitates Arlington Hts. ASLW group
Maureen O’Reilly, ASLW, Michigan, Zoom Coordinator for the Flint/Detroit ASLW Group
Marilita Roy, SLW, Regional Coordinator for the Metairie Group, serves as a Representative for the New Orleans Area
Donna Williams*, SLW, MN, Liaison to the Partner-In-Prayer Group of Zambia and as the SLW Representative for the West Texas Associates Commitment Ceremonies, co-facilitates with Mary Nick Eiden, SLW the Minnesota ASLW group

* Also provides articles for Good News, Associate Good News and/or OutWord.
During our formation years we used to sing a song about our progressive stages of religious life. It went something like this: 
“There’s a long, long road a-winding into the chapel of dreams where ... the white veil of a novice or the black veil of a professed sister was waiting ... to complete our dream.”

Each of our Jubilarians probably remembers that song and had no idea that that road would still be a-winding after 75, 70 or 60 years. Each of them knew it would be a road walked by a pilgrim – a journey to find the sacred.

Mary Ann Zrust, SLW, who served 12 years in Community Leadership and authored the biography of Annamarie Cook, SLW, our foundress, and the history of the Sisters of the Living Word, writes this:

“... waiting ... to complete our dream.”

It started back in 1929 when God breathed life into me as a result of Mary and Robert Zrust cooperating with God’s creation process, and I came into being on a farm near Waconia, MN. I attended parochial school in Waconia and became acquainted with the Sisters of Christian Charity, the religious congregation of which I became a member in 1945. I continued my life as a pilgrim in the apostolate of teaching, being missioned a number of times to St. Louis, MO. I followed the path of a pilgrim teacher and principal to Minneapolis, MN, then on to New Ulm, MN.

Life did a turn-about in 1975 when I became a member of the Sisters of the Living Word, a new religious community in tune with the principles of the Second Vatican Council. My life flourished as a SLW these past 45 years in making the Word come to life. For this I am grateful to the God that breathed life into me more than 90 years ago and continues to pilgrim with me through life.”

Colette Fahrner, SLW, shared the following about her 70 years as a woman religious.

“Early on as I was studying German I learned that ‘fahr’ in German referred to movement or travel. My family name is Fahrner. So I resonated quite naturally with the idea of being a pilgrim or traveler. The dictionary says that a pilgrim is ‘one who travels to some sacred place as an act of devotion.’ My journey took me
to the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The acts of devotion were teaching both children and adults, school administration, retreat director, pastoral and SLW leadership, SLW recruiter and in the 80’s I became an ardent advocate for Care of Earth. It was a goal of mine to travel to those ministries where SLWs had a need and/or those with which the Spirit within was inviting me. I was taught that my home was where God was. My life has truly been a wonder-filled pilgrimage to places where I found God. For this I am deeply grateful.”

Jean Krieter, SLW, has served in a variety of ministries in Illinois, Missouri, and Michigan over her 70 years in religious life. She was especially drawn to children whose journey was particularly vulnerable. She taught the hearing-impaired and instructed others in the field for eight years. Her 13 years at Taproots, Infant Welfare Society and The House of the Good Shepherd were years journeying with single mothers and their children. The mothers were burdened with so many stressors and they relaxed seeing the wonder in Jean’s eyes about their child. Her tales of the children’s antics delighted many. Jean is now a pilgrim in a vulnerable space. Yet, she has loving memories of family and her St. Henry classmates that bring a knowing smile to her face. She is still the sweet Jean we all know and love. However, her daily life is challenging. The Community is grateful for her years in Congregational Leadership and Formation.

Barbara Mass, SLW, considers “the image of a Pilgrim People’ a powerful one. I see my life as one of journey. That implies movement and some risk and adventure. It also includes leaving behind cherished people and memories. I am not a great risk taker or adventurer so I first have to take the time in prayer to prepare myself for the leave-taking and then the journey. In writing this, I am reminded that much of my time in retreat is spent in walking, being attentive to the path, what’s growing along the path and maybe the animals that live in the space. But I know that the walking is where I meet the Lord and can listen to the Word I am sent.

I have experienced our SLW history as one of journey. The Word keeps beckoning us just a little further down the road where we will meet Jesus in unexpected people and places, and where we can influence and be influenced by the Word in this new space.

I journey with others who also journey, making the pilgrimage to building the reign of God in this world, in this space and time. The 60 years of my religious life are years rich in the presence of God all around me and for that I am very grateful.”

Vatican II emphasized our stance as a Pilgrim People, a people put on Earth for a period of time to respond to God’s love and to accompany others. May our journeys, like the journeys of these four women, lead us to the sacred.
New Sister Chats Event Series
Building Connection and Community

Over the last year we heard a resounding theme in the messages and phone calls that we received — many of us have experienced a difficult time maintaining a deep sense of closeness and community without being able to see other people. We have missed, and even longed for, the simplest of conversations and connection opportunities that felt so naturally accessible in the past.

For these reasons and more, I am excited to share that in March 2021 we launched our new “Sister Chats” event series.

Every month, we invite you to gather for an intimate 30-45 minute discussion with a beloved Sister to talk about her life experiences and the work that she is passionate about! Chats will take place on the last Thursday of every month during the lunchtime hour at 12pm CT. Each conversation will be anchored by a service topic chosen by the featured Sister and will include a moderated discussion followed by an open Q&A with our event attendees.

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom and building a renewed sense of community and connection during our time together.

Register through the SLW website at www.slw.org for upcoming Sister Chats.

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- **May 27th at 12pm CT**
  “Building a Church in Flint, MI” with Joanne Fedewa, SLW

- **June 24th at 12pm CT**
  “Care of Our Common Home” (Environmentalism) with Colette Fahrner, SLW

- **July 27th at 12pm CT**
  “Dismantling Racism, Care of the Earth, and Immigration Reform” with Mary Nicholas Eiden, SLW

- **Aug. 26th at 12pm CT**
  “Ministry Service with St. Vincent de Paul” with Georgene Schumacher, SLW

- **Sept. 30th at 12pm CT**
  “Volunteer Work and Writing” with Donna Williams, SLW

- **Oct. 28th at 12pm CT**
  “Ministry to Minorities in the Catholic School System” with Eileen Lowe, SLW

- **Nov. 18th at 12pm CT**
  “Helping the Homeless” with Joanne Grib, SLW

- **Dec. 16th at 12pm CT**
  “Systemic Change Through Network and Nuns on the Bus” with Joel Curcio, SLW

* Please note that our November and December Events are moved up as to not interfere with the holidays.
2021 All That Jazz Virtual Event

Volunteers Wanted for Planning Committee

In 2020 SLW held our Annual Jazz Brunch as our first ever completely virtual large scale event. We were both surprised and invigorated by the inclusive experience that resulted from the online shift in our event approach, which was initially driven by safety concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, we have decided to again host our Jazz event virtually, this time in late August. As we launch planning for this year, we are looking for additional volunteers to join our event committee. We are especially excited that a virtual approach allows us to open up our committee to include volunteers from all around the country! Some volunteer opportunities include:

- Marketing and Partnerships
- Silent Auction
- Prize Giveaways
- Program Planning
- Website Content and Design

Please email Amanda Waldhauser, Director of Mission Advancement, at awaldhauser@slw.org with your area of event interest and location if you are interested in join the committee.

Join Us on Instagram

We are building beautiful posts for Instagram. Here are some favorites depicting our Core Values.

Our Instagram handle (name) is:
sistersofthelivingword
The Giving Corner: The Impact of Foundations and Grants on the Sisters of the Living Word

By Amanda Waldhauser

Bringing light to the world and joy to the hearts of many is possible because of the generosity of donors like many of you, foundation work, and grants. In this feature we’d like to provide some additional insight on foundations and grants that have been monumental in helping SLW serve in its mission.

The Crary Family Legacy Foundation

When Natalie Crary first moved to Chicago in 2010, she worked as a teacher at a school in Edgewater called St. Gregory the Great. One of the volunteers there was our very own Sr. Mary Cornille, who earlier in her life had attended, taught at, and been principle of St. Greg’s. Natalie remembers fondly that they spent the first week before kids arrived in the fall in an office together hectically working to put together class schedules.

Over the years Sister Mary introduced Natalie to other Sisters and Natalie felt herself drawn in by how genuinely kind, loving, and talented the women are. In 2017, Natalie become an ASLW (SLW Associate), which entails an annual public commitment to daily prayer and to committing to be in relationship with SLW and our other Associates through dialogue, faith-sharing, and socializing.

The Crary Family Legacy Foundation (CFLF) was founded in 2014 when the Crary family determined together that they would like to share the financial blessings their family had been bestowed with those in need. The CFLF focuses its giving on the four groups mentioned most often in the Bible: the poor, orphans, immigrants, and widows. Additionally, they take special interest in also supporting organizations that are committed to helping those in need. The Crary family members that work together to run the foundation include Natalie, her parents Charles and Bethann, and her sister Andrea.

SLW is incredibly grateful for the Crary family, their work through the CFLF, and the kindness they have shown the Sisters. Over the last five years the ways in which the CFLF has directly supported SLW has included, but is not limited to, providing the Sisters with transportation access, sponsoring multiple events, funding technology access and support, and delivering COVID-19 relief during the recent global pandemic.
SOAR

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) brings together people from all religious denominations whose lives have been touched by the contributions of Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. SOAR works through distributing grants to congregations across the United States. Their grants help ensure the safety, comfort and dignity of our aging religious.

SOAR specifically aims to:

• Raise and provide funds for congregations to meet immediate needs of their retired and infirm members
• Educate the public about the serious retirement needs confronting elderly religious
• Develop a national network of concerned individuals who wish to respond to these needs

Over the past several years SOAR has supported a number of initiatives for SLW. Their grants generously allowed us to provide new mattresses for the Sisters in 2016, purchase technology specifically for our aging Sisters in 2017, complete bathroom renovations for accessibility in 2018, and purchase necessary computer equipment that allows us to livestream in 2019.

In March of 2021, SLW applied for SOAR’s latest spring grant cycle with the hopes of receiving funds to supply our aging Sisters with GrandPads, which are tablets designed specifically for senior accessibility that fully function without needing access to WIFI. These tablets would provide a way for many of our Sisters to be able to connect with committees, receive materials on email, attend webinars for ongoing formation and advocacy work, and participate in live-streaming events. With so much of our daily lives currently being conducted virtually, this would make a large and lasting impact on their quality of life and the connection they feel both within our community and beyond. We expect to hear back on the status of our latest SOAR grant application in May of 2021.

NRRO

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), coordinates the annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and distributes financial assistance for retirement needs to eligible religious institutes. They strive to support, educate and assist religious institutes in the United States to care for their elderly and frail.

Within their work NRRO:

• Raises funds for retired religious
• Helps religious institutes realistically assess their current retirement needs and implement planning
• Educates religious institutes to allocate assets realistically
• Develops educational tools, programs, services and resource materials that enable religious institutes to address retirement wisely

Over the past several years NRRO has supported SLW through large annual contributions that go directly toward our operation expenses.
In Gratitude and Thanks

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$50,000+
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$10,000+
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In the winter 2020 OutWORD, page 5, Rita Worm, SLW was named as pastoral minister of St. John the Baptist parish.

The correct parish is St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Richfield, MN. We apologize for this error.
In Memoriam

John Beyke
Egypt, Ohio

John H. Beyke, age 81, of Egypt, Ohio passed away at his residence. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Egypt, Ohio. He was also a member of Maria Stein Knights of St. John and the Minster Eagles F.O. E. #1391. We thank John for his generosity to the Sisters of the Living Word through his life and beyond.

Annie Gormally
Sioux City Prayer Partner

Anna Marie Gormally, 87 of Sioux City passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 10, 2020 while living with her daughter in King George, VA. She was a long-time member of St. Boniface Parish in Sioux City and Prayer Partner of the Living Word. She had 5 children. Please pray in gratitude for her faithful devotion, for her eternal rest and for the comfort and faith of her family and friends.

Mary Helen Seavers
Sioux City

Our beautiful Mary Helen (Duncan/Ebert) Sievers, 81, of Sioux City went with Jesus to meet His Father on Thursday, November 5, 2020 after a 15-month cancer illness. Mary was a lifelong resident of Sioux City and was a Prayer Partner of the Living Word. She had four daughters, four brothers, one sister, and many nieces and nephews. She attended Sacred Heart and Cathedral grade schools and graduated from Bishop Heelan Catholic High School in 1957.
If you would like to share OutWORD with family members or friends, please contact: advance@slw.org

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