



As autumn begins—and with it, for many, the rhythm of a new school year - we pause in gratitude for the beauty of this season and the opportunities it offers. Classrooms are once again alive with students, healthcare centers continue their healing work, and boards and leadership teams remain steadfast in their commitment and service to our shared mission.

This season reminds us that our Good God is always doing something new among us—and that mission is never lived out alone. Every day, as partners in mission, the Sisters, Sponsorship Office, province staff, ministry leaders, educators, health care professionals, and board members work together to make known God's goodness. Through this shared commitment, the charism of St. Julie Billiart continues to shape lives and communities.

Recently, several East-West province staff directors gathered with the East-West Leadership Team for a multi-day meeting. It was an anchoring time, grounding us again in the SNDdeN charism and mission. Our conversations often lifted-up the reality that this mission is global, and that we are part of something much larger than the East-West Province. In a world calling out for faith, hope, and courageous leadership, our shared mission could not be more urgent—or more relevant—than it is today.

**Together**, we move forward with gratitude, joy, and purpose—carrying the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in ways that are vibrant, faith-filled, and needed in our world.

Peace,

## Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, MA Names New Head of School



Notre Dame Academy, Worcester, MA, is delighted to announce the appointment of Linda Anderson as their next Head of School.

She will officially assume leadership on April 1, 2026, marking an exciting new chapter as NDA approaches its 75th anniversary and continues its proud tradition of educating and empowering young women.

**[Read full release here.](#)**

# Partnering with Notre Dame Mission Volunteers



## Notre Dame Mission VOLUNTEERS

Strengthen your school's commitment to service, mission, and leadership through partnership with Notre Dame Mission Volunteers.

- **Host Volunteers:** *Welcome NDMV members to support students through tutoring, mentoring, or after-school enrichment.*
- **Collaborate with Campus Ministry:** *Work together on outreach programs and service projects that connect students with their broader community.*
- **Create Meaningful Service Opportunities:** *Design projects where volunteers engage with your school and live out the Notre Dame mission.*
- **Inspire Students:** *Invite volunteers to speak in classrooms or assemblies about service, leadership, and faith in action.*
- **Deepen Mission Integration:** *Partner to make justice, service, and Gospel values a visible part of your school culture.*

To explore how a partnership could enrich your school community, contact any of the following team members:

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**Diana Enriquez-Field**, Mission Integration & West Coast  
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Learn more at [www.ndmv.org](http://www.ndmv.org).

## Mission Moments

### The Catholic Church has a new Saint... And He's a Millennial!

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, in Rome, Pope Leo canonized Saint Carlo Acutis, an Italian millennial whose deep devotion to the Church — and especially to the Eucharist — continues to inspire people around the world. Carlo attended daily Mass and eagerly served in his parish community. Yet, he was also a typical teenager who loved soccer, computers, and gaming. At just 15 years old, he died of leukemia, but his legacy lives on.

Now known as the “patron saint of the internet” and “God’s influencer,” St. Carlo reminds us that holiness is possible in every age and setting — even online. You can learn more about his story in [this article](#) or watch [this video](#). And the next time your computer is glitching, don’t hesitate to send up a prayer to St. Carlo Acutis asking for a little intercession and help from above!



## Happenings Across the Province

Be sure to check out the SNDdeN social media accounts - [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#) - to see what wonderful things are going on within our sponsored ministries! Links also at bottom of newsletter.

### Moreland Notre Dame Celebrates 125 Years!



September 5 & 6, 2025 was a celebratory weekend for Moreland Notre Dame in Watsonville, CA! The festivities began with a beautiful Mass led by Bishop Danny Garcia, followed by a small reception in the library where members of the MND community — past and present — enjoyed memorabilia from the past 125 years and admired the newly reinvigorated library patio.

The celebration continued with a 125th Anniversary dinner hosted by alumni & friends. Sisters, staff, board members and alumni gathered to reminisce while rekindling old friendships and connecting with teachers and administrators. Sister Louise O'Reilly, SNDdeN provided remarks in the anniversary video and many former students (classes of '74 and '75) shared memories of their time in her classroom.

***Happy 125th, Moreland Notre Dame!***

### Honoring Heritage and Faith: NDA Worcester Student Portrays St. Kateri in Historic Cathedral Mural

A junior at Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, MA, recently had the extraordinary honor of portraying St. Kateri Tekakwitha in a newly unveiled mural at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. Commissioned by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan and painted by artist Adam Cvijanovic, the mural, *What’s So Funny About Peace, Love, and Understanding*, celebrates the Cathedral’s legacy as a



sanctuary for New York's diverse Catholic community, especially immigrants. The expansive work weaves saints, civic leaders, immigrants, and everyday figures into a sacred narrative of faith, resilience, and belonging.

The student, Dana Howling Wolf Keller, is a proud member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation) of North Dakota. Her adoptive parents intentionally preserved her full name to honor her Native heritage and keep her connected to her roots — a connection that makes her portrayal of St. Kateri, the first Native American saint, even more meaningful. Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” St. Kateri is the patroness of orphans, Native Americans, and the environment.

Dana's likeness now appears alongside other significant Catholic figures such as St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Dorothy Day, and Venerable Pierre Toussaint. This powerful new work of sacred art invites visitors to reflect on the unity of faith, history, and culture and can now be seen on permanent display inside St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Dana Howling Wolf Keller with renowned artist Adam Cvijanovic. Cvijanovic's mural draws inspiration from the Apparition at Knock (1879), a Marian vision central to Irish Catholicism, reimagining the event as a story of comfort and inclusivity for all immigrants and communities.



Dana's role in this historic artwork carries profound personal meaning. Having spent the first eight years of her life in foster care, she had already chosen St. Kateri as her confirmation name (She will be confirmed on November 1, 2025 at St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury)—a decision made before learning she would have the chance to sit for the saint's likeness in the mural. This alignment of faith and opportunity has been described by Dana and her family as nothing short of providential.

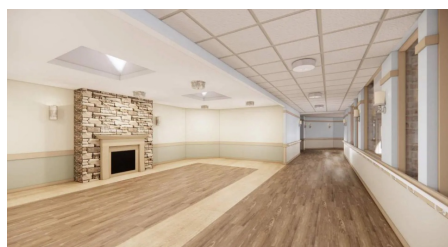
# Notre Dame Health Care Center in Worcester

Notre Dame Health Care in Worcester is undergoing exciting updates to ensure that residents continue to receive care in an environment that is welcoming, comfortable, and reflective of our mission. As part of this project, resident areas are being refreshed and in honor of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, are proudly returning to the original names of their neighborhoods within the building — each inspired by villages in France as a heartfelt tribute to their legacy and foundress, St. Julie Billiart.

- ***South*** is Cuvilly Village
- ***West*** is Amiens Village
- ***East/Harmony*** is Namur Village



The Long Term Care & Rehabilitation Center is currently being renovated to better serve residents, with thoughtful updates designed to support both quality of life and quality of care. See photos below and **[follow our progress here](#)**.



Rooted in the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, these updates reflect our deep commitment to dignity, hospitality, and holistic well-being. We look forward to welcoming residents and families into spaces that not only meet their needs but also tell the story of our shared heritage and faith.

## Invitation for SNDdeN Schools at the ISN Teach-In for Justice

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025

5:15-6:10 pm

McLean Room, 2nd Floor, Crystal Gateway Marriott

The **ISN Teach-In** this year is Nov. 15-17, 2025. We would like to invite those of you attending to join fellow SNDdeN schools for a casual meet up on Saturday evening at the hotel. This will be the third annual gathering for SNDdeN schools at the Teach-In. It is always a fun occasion for the students to get to know each other and meet some



of the Sisters and staff who will be at the Teach-In as well. This year we have a private room on the 2nd floor of the Crystal Gateway Marriott to allow for more conversation.

Please complete this **RSVP Form** (only for those who are attending) so we can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions about the dinner or the Teach-In in general, please reach out to **Julie Dowd** in the Sponsorship Office.



**IGNATIAN FAMILY  
TEACH-IN FOR  
JUSTICE 2025**  
NOV 15-17  
WASH D.C.

**You're invited** to the largest annual Catholic social justice conference in the U.S.

Throughout the weekend, you'll be challenged and inspired by our internationally-renowned keynotes, attend interactive breakouts, and connect with hundreds of students based on your areas of interest and activism. On Monday, head to Capitol Hill ready to advocate on migration and climate justice with 1,800+ of your new justice-loving friends.

FEATURING



FR. GREG BOYLE, S.J.



YURUEN TRUJILLO



CHRISTINA LEANO

**Learn More and Register: [igsol.net/iftj](https://igsol.net/iftj)**

## United Nations International Day of the Girl | Join Us Virtually On October 7, 2025

October 7, 2025  
Noon ET - Virtual

### *International DAY OF THE GIRL at the UN*

Join us in celebrating the 2025 theme:

**"The girl I am, the change I lead:  
Girls on the frontlines of crisis."**

Participants will prepare a short video or presentation on how their school community is working to empower girls in leadership by promoting justice and peace.



Kindly RSVP to Amy Jobin at  
[ajobin@ewsndden.org](mailto:ajobin@ewsndden.org)



Scan to link to  
UN website

We encourage classes or student groups to create a short presentation on an issue impacting women or girls — locally or globally — and connect it to one Notre Dame de Namur Hallmark and one Catholic Social Teaching that inform your call to action.

Participants will join students from Notre Dame de Namur schools across the U.S. to share their ideas and leadership during this one-hour online event.

You'll receive a zoom link prior to the meeting and have the opportunity to meet with ND students from around the US to explore issues affecting women and girls and how we can be leaders and create positive change.

**Please RSVP to Amy Jobin -  
[ajobin@ewsndden.org](mailto:ajobin@ewsndden.org) - if you wish to  
participate.**

**Theme:** *The Girl I Am, the Change I Lead: Girls on the Front Lines of Crisis*

**Where to Start:**

- Spend some time on the website [UN International Day of The Girl](#) with the theme, the facts, and the call to action and the urgency of women and girl's rights and their leadership and initiative in many different areas.

**Questions to Ponder:**

- Are there issues that seem especially important right now?
- Are there women and girls in your own school community who are leaders and helping create positive change?
- Is there an area of change that needs to happen that you believe your school community could focus on/address?

**What to Do:**

- Put together a short presentation that addresses an issue that affects women/girls locally or globally that you would like to bring to light for the online summit.
- Please identify one ND Hallmark and one Catholic Social Teaching that is related to the topic you've chosen and explain how the Hallmark/CST informs the issue and the change that needs to be made.

## Calendar | Upcoming Events & Meetings

Download our [2025-26 At-A-Glance Calendar](#).



### Partnering in Mission

#### *New Faculty/Staff Mission Orientation Program*

Zoom Sessions | 3:45 & 6:15 pm ET / 12:45 & 3:15 pm PT

DATES: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Feb. 9 2026, Mar. 2, Apr. 13.

An orientation program welcoming new teachers and staff into the network of Notre Dame de Namur sponsored ministries and schools. Participants receive a certificate at completion of the program. [Download this flyer](#) for more information.

More Information  
and Registration



### The Legacy Retreat - West Coast

Villa Angelica, Carmel, CA

*See your administrator or campus minister for more information and to register.*

This retreat gathers Notre Dame de Namur colleagues from our California learning communities and offers an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the contemplative and prophetic spirituality of the SNDdeN legacy. The retreat seeks to instill an appreciation for our rich history and invites helpful dialogue to enrich each participant and, ultimately, our SNDdeN learning communities.

Registration is due by October 7, 2025. [Download flyer](#) for more information.

November  
**17-19**  
2025

## SNDdeN School Leaders Conference

**WHERE MISSION MEETS THE MOMENT: Notre Dame de Namur Leadership Today**

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court | Baltimore, MD

We're excited to welcome you to this year's School Leaders Conference where we'll reflect on leading with the spirit of St. Julie in this moment. This gathering is a vital opportunity to explore how our shared mission continues to respond boldly to today's challenges. We encourage each school to send 2-4 members of your leadership team (or more!). Download the flyer and preliminary agenda below.

**Register**



Tentative Conference Schedule	
<b>Monday, Nov. 17</b>	Conference check-in, light breakfast ..... 9:00 – 10:00 am
	Welcome, Introductions, Opening Session ..... 10:00 – 10:30 am
	Kate Cullen, Executive Director, Sponsorship Office, U.S. East-West Province
	<b>Keynote Session I</b>
	Leadership Lessons from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur: Building Resilience through Autonomy and Self-Determination ..... 10:30 – 11:15 am
	Kelly Basile, Ph.D.
	Dr. Kelly Basile is associate professor in the department of business and economics at Emmanuel College in Boston, MA where she teaches courses in leadership, organizational behavior, and human resources management. At Emmanuel she helped to establish a faculty research group collecting and analyzing the history of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and recently presented her paper, "Playful, Empowerment and Compassion: The Unique, Holistic Leadership Approach of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur" at the History of Women Religious Conference at Notre Dame University (South Bend, IN) in June 2025. She holds a Ph.D. in organizational behavior from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has recently joined the board of Notre Dame Center for High School in Matthews, MA, and the parent of an NDA Highpoint graduate.
	<b>Discussion Groups (By cohort) facilitated by Kelly Basile</b> ..... 11:15 am – 12 pm
	Lunch ..... 12 – 12:45 pm
	<b>Leadership Pathways: Panel discussion with Notre Dame de Namur leaders on responses to current events</b> ..... 1:00 – 2:30 pm
	Julia Kavanagh, Executive Director, Notre Dame Mission Initiatives
	Alisa Baumann, Executive Director, Notre Dame Education Center
	Carly Matulis, Principal, Advanced Notre Dame
	Joan MacNeil, Head of School, Academy of Notre Dame de Namur
	Break ..... 2:30 – 3:00 pm
	Board bus to Maryland ..... 3:15 pm

Tentative Agenda | Royal Sonesta Hotel, Baltimore, MD | November 17-19, 2025

January  
**22**  
2026

## West Coast SNDdeN Educators Symposium

Taube Center at NDNU | 4:30 to 7 pm | *Save the date*

This dynamic program co-sponsored with Notre Dame de Namur University for a second year. This program is offered to faculty and staff from all Notre Dame de Namur learning communities.

February  
**24-25**  
2026

## West Coast Hallmarks Retreat

Villa Angelica, Carmel, CA | *Save the date*

Faculty and staff of Notre Dame de Namur schools during the first several years of their tenure are encouraged to attend this retreat to deepen their understanding of the 7 Hallmarks & connect with colleagues across the network.

March  
**13**  
2026

## East Coast SNDdeN Educators Symposium

Notre Dame Academy, Hingham, MA | *Save the date*

This dynamic program being offered to faculty and staff from all Notre Dame de Namur learning communities.

March  
**24-25**  
2026

## East Coast Hallmarks Retreat

Spirituality Center, Ipswich, MA | *Save the date*

Faculty and staff of Notre Dame de Namur schools during the first several years of their tenure are encouraged to attend this retreat to deepen their understanding of the 7 Hallmarks & connect with colleagues across the network.





## Cross Congregational Board Forum - SNDdeN & Xaverian Brothers

Location TBD | *Save the date*

This Cross-Congregational Board Forum serves as a foundational gathering for members of the Boards of Directors from all sponsored ministries within the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Xaverian Brothers congregations. Designed to strengthen governance practices and ensure alignment with the congregational missions, the forum fosters shared learning, collaboration, and spiritual reflection across ministries. The program will include a plenary session with keynote speakers, followed by a dinner reception, and breakout sessions tailored to board formation and leadership development. More details and registration coming soon!



## Healing the Healers Retreat

Spirituality Center, Ipswich, MA | *Save the date*

Any staff members from the Notre Dame de Namur health care facilities are encouraged to attend this day-long retreat for rest, reflection, and socializing with fellow staff from Notre Dame de Namur health care facilities throughout New England. Opportunities to learn more about the spirituality of the Sisters, and optional meditative walks, gardening, yoga, and art. Option to spend the night at the retreat center for those who would like.

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