

# CLASS OF 1972 BIO BOOK



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**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sisters.

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**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** Already had 2 sisters attending the Mount.

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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 4

**Occupation:** Retired (2018)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

David and I are very involved with attending and supporting performing arts here in Cincinnati. I serve on the Board of Cincinnati Opera as well as on the Board of Beech Acres Parenting Center, which provides child abuse prevention services.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I was a practicing Pediatrician for 40 years, including serving 10 years as pediatric Department Director for my group. David and I participated in 2 mission trips to the



Philippines in 200 and 2001. Our leisure travels have taken us to many exotic locales, including the Galapagos and Antarctica. And I've witnessed a Total Solar Eclipse of the sun TWICE! Twenty years ago, we acquired a conservation property in Michigan. It's become a welcome year-round retreat and has raised our consciousness about the environment. It's also the perfect gathering place for our family - including our 4 grandkids who are the current HIGHLIGHTS of my life!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

My fondest memory is of our guitar singalongs, when we'd gather in the lounge or someone's room and pour our hearts out in harmony. "Those were the days, my friends..."

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I won a scholarship. That pretty much decided it! But I also wanted a women's college and am glad this worked out for me.

**Who inspired you the most?**

I was so privileged to know Sister Paula Gonzalez, visionary teacher extraordinaire! Her brilliance, humor and passion for science and for the earth have remained with me always.

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**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?**

My niece.

**Occupation:** Retired

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**Grandchildren:** 5

**Occupation:** Retired



### **Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Travel - specially to visit children and grandchildren; reading; golf; Ignatian Solidarity Network - a social justice organization.

### **What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

We have moved around quite a bit - living in Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Alabama and currently in Indiana. I taught in high school and junior high for several years, then engaged in a number of volunteer activities as I raised my children - mostly centered around our parishes and the kids' schools and activities. I also volunteered as a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

### **Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

My fondest and clearest memories are of times spent with my friends - in class, in the cafeteria, walking to the Old Mount, hanging out in the dorm, going to Xavier, our Junior-Senior Weekend, at SGA meetings. One of my best memories is going to a mixer at The Mount that first month freshman year and meeting Vince - who has been my husband for 50 years!

### **Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I went to Seton High in Pueblo, Colorado, which was run by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and I loved my high school experience and wanted a similar college experience. I was grateful for the scholarship that allowed me to come to the Mount. The sisters in Pueblo really encouraged me to come to the Mount. My parents put me on a plane in Denver and sent me to Cincinnati. Two seniors picked me up at the airport in Kentucky and that was the first time I'd ever been to the area. Things are done differently now! It helped that my Pueblo friend and classmate, Betsy Cowen, was also coming to the Mount, from which her older sister had graduated.

### **Who inspired you the most?**

I was always inspired by the Sisters - their work, their many ministries, their creativeness in approaching the problems of society - people like Sister Paula who

were way ahead in the area of environmentalism. It amazed me how they had started out with such faith and few resources when they came to Cincinnati.

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**Grandchildren:** 1

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**Children:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired (2002)



**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Family; grandchildren; enjoyable experiences with friends; contemporary art quilting; travel; reading; cooking/baking; exercise.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?** Retired after 30 years of teaching in CPS; recently celebrated 50th wedding anniversary; births of two grandchildren; recipient of many art awards.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Spirit of camaraderie; wonderful and lasting friendships; participation in intercollegiate sports and a variety of extra-curricular activities.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

Sought a small Ohio college with a strong physical education program and access to many opportunities for growth.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Definitely not one person, but many -- including classmates, professors, and others.

## **Kathleen McGlynn Collins**

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**Grandchildren:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired



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**Additional Degree:** Master of Arts in Education

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?**

My aunt and sister.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** My greatest pastime is reading. I prefer fiction, especially mysteries. I do volunteer work at Church and with homebound seniors. I have also been involved in water aerobics.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I taught English, Speech and Drama for 33 years in public high schools.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**



I vividly recall all the shows we put on in the theatre department. Such good times with such talented friends!

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

Family history at the Mount influenced the decision and a scholarship sealed the deal.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My mother. By her example, she taught her daughters to be strong, independent, capable women.

## Mary Ann Fix Harter Meyer

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**Children:** 5

**Grandchildren:** 10



**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?**

My daughter.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Reading/Book Club, sewing, drawing, and hiking.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I have valued a long and satisfying career in nursing for 45 years. Medical/surgical specialties mainly, in a hospital setting. I survived the untimely death in 1995 of my dear husband Ed Fix. We married during Christmas break 1971 and had four children! I have been happily married to Roger Meyer for the past 23 years. Too many highlights to describe. Good to recall those college days as happy!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I would share that I met my lifelong friends when I attended the Mount. The time shared with other nursing students, and continuing to foster that friendship all the years since graduation is one of my most special memories.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

My parents influenced my decision. I was able to live at home while attending college. The price was right! ;)

**Who inspired you the most?**

My mother. I was the first person in my family to graduate from college.

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**Children:** 2

**Grandchildren:** 4

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Book club, lunches, SVdP, traveling, and enjoying retirement.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Raising 2 boys to men, one with a CPA the other with an MBA. Serving 2 terms as president of our school board, which included building a new high school, athletic complex and renovation to all other schools. Visited all 50 states and most of Europe and the Caribbean Islands including the Panama Canal. Started and remain president of our rental property company. Most importantly, spending time with our grandkids in Columbus and Jackson, Mississippi.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Playing cards in the SOC. Playing on the Mounts volleyball and baseball teams. Setting up intramurals for WAA and spending quality time with my major buddies and friends.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

Didn't have to share left over gym facilities and old gym equipment with the men. It was a new facility dedicated to the women.

**Who inspired you the most?** Pat Shibinski.

## Bonnie Foster Gahn

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**Grandchildren:** 4

**Occupation:** Abbott Nutrition Health Institute

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Traveling, reading, and the beach.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

My nursing education has provided me with the opportunities to always have jobs I loved.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Student nursing experiences were fun and provided great stories to share with others. The best stories were provided through my community health rotation in Boone County, KY.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

My high school best friend had an older sister who went to the Mount. After I spent a weekend with her - I was determined to attend the Mount.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Sister Fidelis.



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**Grandchildren:** 4

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**Grandchildren:** 6

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?**

My aunt and cousin.

**Occupation:** Retired (2013)



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**Children:** 4

**Grandchildren:** 5



**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Involvement in parish ministries at Espiritu Santo in Safety Harbor as Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister Coordinator. Also active in the KofC Ladies Auxiliary, a service organization.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I worked as a Social Worker with Children and Families for 30 years. For 20 years in Florida I worked in the area of Special Needs Adoptions.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

The many lifelong friends I made while at the Mount and the memories we shared while at the Mount which have helped form the service-oriented adult I have become.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** My two older sisters graduated from the Mount and were very positive about their experiences.

## **Karen Grote**

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**Spouse:** Alayne Kazin

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?**

My sister.

**Occupation:** Retired (2016)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Gardening, reading, and traveling.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I retired after about 40 years as a recreational therapist, supervisor, author, and adjunct instructor. My leadership roles with national and state professional organizations allowed me to meet so many wonderful people who were working every day to provide recreational therapy services to people with disabilities.



**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

My extracurricular activities at the Mount centered around "working" in the theater, which was more like playing than working.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

When the Mount opened its new campus, it made an impression on me and my family. I remember coming to tour the campus.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Sr. Ruth Adelaide, later Sr. Ruth Jonas---she was a professor in the French Department and was o brilliant, kind and humble. I remember when she decided to leave the Mount to do mission work, she told me she just wanted "to preach the Good News!"

## **Sr. Patricia Hayden, SC**

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**Additional Degree:** Master of Arts

**Occupation:** President of the Sisters of Charity

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Wii golf and jigsaw puzzles.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Taught Math & Science middle school for 11 years. Ministered in the inner city of Denver for 8 years, started girls sports. Piloted an innovative team approach to school administration. Pastoral minister for 11 years. Then, got in to health care for the last 30 years. Was a chaplain and the Vice President for 12 years. Worked in the Watts area in Los Angeles after the riots in the 60's, was a first responder at the Columbine School shooting in Littleton, Co.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

It was an experience that set me on my professional careers, most grateful.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** I entered the Sisters of Charity.

**Who inspired you the most?**  
The teachers.

## **Catherine Austing Herring**

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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 3



**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sister-in-law.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Hobbies include painting & creating fiber arts. I also enjoy crafty projects, a monthly book club, & yoga. I volunteer at our church, Kenzie's Closet & Dress for Success.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Life has been & continues to be good. As an art educator for 30+ years I was blessed with great school community & engaged students. I marvel at what I learned from my colleagues and students at Mercy Montessori.

Celebrating 49 years of marriage with Bill has been an exciting ride with 3 daughters & 3 grandchildren in tow. They have all brought such joy to my life.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

My parents gave me a "broad choice" of any Catholic school in Cincinnati. Since my mom had spent some time at the Mount, it seemed like a good place and was known for its teacher program and art department.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Sr. Augusta, Sr. Ann Austin, Sr. Loretta Ann Betty Brothers & Mr. Nartker were all inspiring teachers who stretched you to think BIGGER & challenged me to go beyond what I thought I knew, exploring many new art medias and ideas.

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**Children:** 2

**Grandchildren:** 5

**Occupation:** Retired (2016)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Reading, exercise, helping care for my mother, and travel.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

My marriage and the birth of our two children; becoming a grandmother; teaching adolescent women for 38 years; being named Teacher of the Year; celebrating as a family when my mom reached her 100th birthday.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Spending a semester in Angers, France with 4 classmates.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** The French program which included study in France.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Sr. Ruth Jonas and Stan Thom.



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**Spouse:** Joseph William Hicks

**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 8

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sister-in-law.

**Occupation:** Retired (2019)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Grandchildren, reading, and volunteering at St. Joseph School in Hamilton, Ohio.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I am very happy that I became a nurse. My nursing career included 20+ years in public health, several years as a home care visiting nurse, and many opportunities to teach diabetes care.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I have friends that I am still in contact with who shared the challenges and fun that we had at the Mount.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Sister Paula was one of my favorite teachers although her classes were extremely challenging. I loved her attitude about life!

## Mary Ann Sullivan Higgins

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**Grandchildren:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired (2015)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Golf, Eucharist minister, and Good Samaritan.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?** Family life!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

The dear and wonderful friends I made.



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**Children:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired (2016)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Associate of the Sisters of Charity.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**



Teaching ceramics and writing for artists for 30 years at MSJU. Making selling and exhibiting porcelain for 45 years.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Many formative professors.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Sr. Augusta Zimmer and Sr. Ann Austin Mooney

## **Kathy Wood Kress**

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**Grandchildren:** 4

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**Children:** 2

**Grandchildren:** 5

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Reading, volunteering, golfing, driving my grandkids to their practices and cheering for them in their sports.



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**Additional Degree:** Master of Arts

**Spouse:** Frank Collins

**Children:** 5

**Grandchildren:** 6

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sister.

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I am still, after 23 years, director of Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP). I'm part of the Rethinking Racism team at IJPC, and program coordinator for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

The October after graduation I was in a tragic commuter train crash in Chicago. I was seriously injured but survived, while 45 people died and hundreds were injured. I will be in Chicago instead of at the reunion to commemorate the 50th anniversary on Oct. 30.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Friendships were precious. The most formative time for me was the year I spent in Spain. The Mount didn't have a study-abroad program, so Ellen and I trotted off on our own to the University of Salamanca. I returned with a worldview I could never have gotten by staying in Cincinnati.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

My entire education, except kindergarten, had been with Sisters of Charity. There was a sense of comfort in that. My sister was an alumna, and I had a friend at the Mount. Also, there were sinks in the dorm rooms!

**Who inspired you the most?** Dr.

José Gonzalez.

## Janice Martinko Leskovec-Steinmaus

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**Spouse:** Mike Steinmaus

**Children:** 4

**Grandchildren:** 5



**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sister.

**Occupation:** Retired (2013)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Currently my husband and I run a bed and breakfast and llama farm. I love reading, sewing, and meeting new people. For many years I was in charge of our Church's kitchen, served on Parsh Council, and sang in the choir. Recently I have volunteered at a food pantry.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I had a wonderful career in mental health at a community mental health center where I worked for 40 years. My first husband whom I married in 1991 died in 2014. I was lucky enough to find another great guy whom I married November 24, 2018. I now live in New Straitsville, Ohio, not far from Hocking Hills. Although I never had children I have two step-sons from my first marriage and two step-daughters and five granddaughters from my current marriage.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I have so many memories----the decorating of Christmas trees on the dorm floors, lights out at 9, Parent Weekend and the Father-Daughter dinner dances, Seton Beach, pizza parties and sing-alongs, being an RA, always trying to get a dorm room on the river side, those early morning fire alarms, ---I could go on and on, but the best memories are of life-long friends that I would have never made if I hadn't gone to the Mount.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

Once I visited the campus I fell in love with it and knew it was where I belonged.

**Who inspired you the most?** There have been many who have influenced my life in different ways--- Sr. Margaret Thomas who influenced my career the most, my Mount

friends who have served as my lifeline through the joys and sorrows of my life---always just a phone call away, our house mothers who served in the dorm, the many theology professors who taught me more about my faith, and my parents whose love and sacrifices got me to the Mount.

## **Linda Lohman**

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**Children:** 4

**Grandchildren:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired (2018)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Hobbies: Painting, gardening, crafting, traveling

Volunteer: Ronald McDonald House

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Of course, my children and grandchildren have been the highlights of my life. I also enjoy traveling.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I remember my Numerical Analysis class with Jean Drach. We had to use the single computer on campus in the evening to do our homework. We stored our programs on yellow paper tape. There were only four math majors and we helped each other sometimes late into the night.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount? I**

can't remember why I decided to come to the Mount but I'm glad I did!

**Who inspired you the most?**

My father insisted that all of his children get a college education. He inspired us to work hard and to appreciate what we had.

## Mary Lottinville

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**Additional Degree:** Principal Certification

**Occupation:** Retired (2015)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Playing and educating grand-nieces.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**  
Playing and educating grand-nieces.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Art Teachers: John Nartker, Sr. Ann Austin Mooney, Sr. Augusta Zimmer

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**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I love spending time with my 3 sisters and their families...especially my 7 nieces and nephews. I've always had a passion for travel and now that I am retired, I am able to visit many of the wonderful sites in this world. I especially enjoy visiting countries with ancient and very different cultures! Finally, staying in touch and spending time with my friends is always a treat!



**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I was blessed to have an interesting career for 35 years. I worked for AT&T for 27 years and Olympic Steel for 8 years. I worked in 8 different locations and many different capacities including Operations, Sales, Marketing, External Affairs, Human Resources.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I have wonderful memories of my years at the Mount. Not only did I receive a great education that prepared me for the business world, but I met wonderful friends! We worked hard, but we laughed and had so many good times!

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** The faculty at my Catholic high school told my parents and I about The Mount. We relied on their recommendation.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My parents always encouraged me to do my best. Also, during my working years, I was very fortunate to have many excellent bosses who challenged me and provided many opportunities!

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**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Enjoying retirement playing golf and volunteering as a coach for The First Tee program in Cincinnati. Was Board member of a Charter school for 2 yrs. Now, Spending winter months in Pompano Beach, Florida. Going to trivia nights to just keep my brain in gear!

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Started my teaching career in Newport, Ky at Our Lady of Providence Academy (Now Newport Catholic) where I taught Health and PE and coached volleyball softball and tennis for 7 yrs. I then traveled across the Ohio River to Marian HS which after 2 years merged with Purcell HS to become Purcell Marian HS. Besides teaching, I was also



women's athletic director and coached volleyball and softball. After 26 years of teaching, I received my school counselor license and eventually became head of the Guidance department. After 42 years in secondary education I retired in 2014. I enjoyed all my experiences thru the years and often felt that the students taught me more than I taught them. One thing I know is that they kept me thinking young!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

- 1) There are many memories but to name a few junior senior weekend Thursday night dinner when we as juniors over served the wine that evening... the next day we were in Sr. Margaret Elizabeth's, who was the Dean of Students, office saying "Pink Chablis. See M.E".
- 2) Snow days when classes were called off and all the cafeteria trays were taken to use as sleds on the hills at the old Mount.
- 3) Walking to the bowling alley on a weekend for a 15-cent beer!
- 4) Fire alarm going off in the middle of the night in the dorm
- 5) Finally getting phones in our dorm rooms rather than making calls from the Phone booth in the Hall... how things have changed in 50 years!

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I knew I wanted to major in Health and Physical Education and did not want a large school. My family encouraged a Catholic college and once I visited the Mount I felt it had everything I was looking for in a college.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Wow, many people have inspired me thru life. Not sure that I can pick just one teacher at the Mount, each teacher shared a little of themselves and taught things well beyond the classroom. However, my real inspiration was and always will be my mother. If I live a life similar to hers I will consider myself a success.

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**Occupation:** Retired (2016)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Bowling, playing cards, and volunteering at Church.



**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Competed with my horses in Dressage and Eventing. Participated in a Mission trip to Belize as a pharmacist. Traveled to Italy, Egypt and Jordan - rode on a camel by the Pyramids at Ghiza.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I loved playing sports at the Mount and participated on the Volleyball and Basketball teams. Enjoyed coming up with nicknames for special classmates Realized that "Those who go around in circles will become the big wheels!"

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

One of my favorite teachers at Cathedral High School in Denver, Sister Jeanine Marie, influenced me the most to come to the Mount.

**Who inspired you the most?**

I think Fr. Declan, the chaplain, inspired me the most. He was such a holy man. He was very caring and had a great sense of humor.

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**Children:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Hiking in mountains--esp. Garden o/t Gods and Vail, gatherings with children, relatives, friends, Mass and all things at church.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

After graduating from MSJ, I lived and traveled in Europe for 4 yrs. Worked at a US Army Field Hosp. in Germany. Met my husband while in Europe. We have two dream daughters.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

The Mount is a lovely place. It was a wonderful time.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

There was a sm. note on a messy bulletin board in the hallway of the classroom bldg. at Seton School of Nsg., Penrose Hosp. It was from the Mount. The "infirmary" needed RN's. I applied.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Thank you, Sisters of Charity-Adele, Marie Amadea, Josetta Marie, Rosalie Simpleman, Marie Dolorata. My parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends.

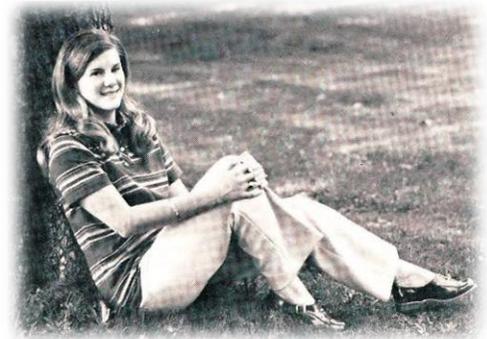
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**Spouse:** Bob Neville

**Children:** 1

**Grandchildren:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Grandchildren's sporting events, knitting, antiques, and travel.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I worked @ St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis prior to the birth of our daughter, Amy. I then worked for a Urologist as his office nurse for 22 years. Since retiring from Nursing, I've worked part time at a local Antique store. We have 2 Grandsons, both in high school - Charlie is a senior and Robert is a freshman. Our lives have been

enriched with babysitting 3 days weekly when the boys were small. We have also enjoyed attending many of their sporting events over the years as they have played soccer, basketball, cross country and track.

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**Spouse:** Roseann Umana

**Children:** 1

**Employer:** Heritage University, Toppenish, WA

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I am still working as the Dean of Nursing at Heritage University on the Yakama Nation Reservation in Washington. My passion is working with an activist group of nurses on the Overdue Reckoning on Racism in Nursing.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Elaine “Weed” Bush and I used to sit for hours overlooking on a hillock overlooking the tennis courts and ponder the natural and spiritual world. Betsy Cowen kept alive my curiosity about literature and love of the performing arts as I was learning how to hold space for suffering one’s who entrusted themselves to my care. These memories, and so many more cemented my belief in deep care and kindness, and ethical responsibility to recognize my own privilege and to give forward wherever I am able.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

The Nursing Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati who worked with my mother at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton Ohio are my other mothers, they influenced me to want to become just like them.



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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 7

**Occupation:** Retired (2022)



**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I enjoy golf, playing cards, I belong to a bridge group, reading, and traveling.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I would say my family and friends and my experiences in nursing. I live an active life and enjoy it.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

I remember the closeness to my nursing classmates. I remember Friday afternoons and singing and dancing to prepare for the weekend. I enjoyed my roommate of 4 years, Peggy.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I took a tour offered from my high school and I felt so comfortable and impressed with the school and nursing department.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My nursing teachers.

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**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Travel, photography and crafts, and reading.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?** Travel through the US and tour of Italy.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Hos House. Quad, Soc playing billiards. Decorating the Mount for Christmas during Senior year.

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**Grandchildren:** 4

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**Children:** 2

**Grandchildren:** 2

**Occupation:** Retired (2022)



**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Family, friends, and reading.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

While raising my family I was an educator in Archdiocese of Cincinnati schools for 44 years. Following my retirement from the classroom I worked at the Brunner Literacy Center in Dayton as program director/education consultant for six years.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** My three aunts who were Sisters of Charity and who were teachers inspired me to come to the Mount.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My mom and dad inspired me the most.

## Mary (Beth) Reinhardt

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**Spouse:** Daniel Marder

**Occupation:** Retired (2006)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I am a youthful boomer, retired educator, homebody, avid reader, watercolorist, natural foods cook, walker in nature, practice mediation and Tai chi, a movie buff, and lover of my family and friends. I am currently the secretary of my Homeowners association, member of neighborhood book club, involved with our regional Lymphoma support group and lobby for prison reform.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Move to Boston to pursue teacher certifications, Master's degree in Special Education, beginning teaching career when Spec. Ed. was just being established in public education in the 1970's. Move back to hometown, Rochester, NY for 2nd teaching job in early 1980's. Met my husband, Dan, married in 1989, built our dream home in the woods. New teaching job (1986) high school Special Education until retirement in 2006. I absolutely loved my teaching career! Wonderful times with large extended family, friends and colleagues. Traveling and enjoying life. Currently contending with the challenges of growing older.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

MSJ liberal arts education under direction of the brilliant, forward-thinking Sister Margaret Thomas, Sociology Dept. chair was a time of great discovery and growth for me. I have never returned to Cincinnati after graduation. Although I will not be attending our 50th reunion, I wish all of my Classmates '72 the very best, you live in my heart always.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** I had struggled in high school with NYS required Math and Science Regents requirements which brought my GPA down. MSJ was piloting a new admissions policy in the early 1970s, accepting a variety of students, not just the typical high achievers. MSJ was the only college I applied to that accepted me. My parents wanted me to stay close to home, but I was determined to attend MSJ.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My parents and extended family, Sister Margaret Thomas, my students, their parents, and teaching colleagues, the everyday hero/heroines that I have been privileged to know during my lifetime.

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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 5



**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My daughter.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Grandkids, travel, golf, and reading. Lunches with good friends Bereavement Committee at my church and other fun things that cross my path!

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Married 50 years this year in 2022 and loved my Nursing career in many different phases and stages!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Just a few of my favorite memories are 11pm curfews my 1st year dorming, having to bring a skirt on a date if I wanted to come back through the main lobby, the infamous "West" entrance, eating dinner then meeting friends in one of our 'end of the hall' lounges to play the game PIT (or whatever) till the library opened, studying at the library till it closed, then coming back to the lounge and reviewing with my nursing buddies for a test or just talking about our day over a glass of coca cola! Fun Mountie Days for sure!

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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 6

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I have been a minister to the sick for well over twenty years. I lead Eucharistic prayer services at 2 senior living homes and also visit residents in their rooms and in memory care. I did not envision this to be my volunteer calling years ago but am so enriched in my love of God and others. I feel God knew what I should be doing for Him.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

In terms of MSJ, the best highlights have been my continuous friendship with Martha Ackerman Swallow and renewed friendship for last 15+ years with Maria Mosquera Vaughn. I thank God for giving me such wonderful friends.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Martha and I spent the summer of 1971 touring Europe sponsored by Europa House. We saw their brochure on a bulletin board at the Mount. What a wonderful time we had!

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I attended Seton HS in Cincinnati with Sisters of Charity who encouraged me to apply to the Mount. I was named a Seton Scholar, receiving a scholarship, which did influence my choosing the Mount.



**Who inspired you the most?**

Sr. Paula. She taught biology our freshman year. So energetic, enthusiastic, with a fresh way of approaching the subject.

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**Children:** 1

**Grandchildren:** 7

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Hobbies are reading and caring for children.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Raised a daughter and two grandchildren. Retired as a middle school teacher and editor of textbooks.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

My close friendship with other Mounties.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** Sr Isabella of Chillicothe, Ohio.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Prof John Gutting.

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**Occupation:** Retired (2017)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Gardening, Book clubs, Volunteer and serve meals at Bethany House and Tender Mercies in Cincinnati. Volunteer at Church.



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**Children:** 1

**Grandchildren:** 3

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sister.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

We love having a big part in the lives of our granddaughters. We grow a big garden and maintain a large orchard. Pre-Covid I loved volunteering at our granddaughter's school, square dancing, being part of a women's soccer team, and taking watercolor painting classes.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Highlights: the gratitude expressed by so many students and their parents for the instruction I provided both in school and in tutoring lessons, using an OrtonGillingham approach.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

One day Sister Paula got called out of class. We were working on a particularly difficult lesson, and many of my classmates were struggling with it. Because I understood the lesson well, I decided to help, and was busy teaching the class when I suddenly realized that Sister Paula was quietly sitting in the back of the classroom listening! I had a nice group of friends at the Mount, and miss hearing from them.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Two special people I remember from the Mount are Sister Paula, and Chris Moran.

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**Children:** 1

**Grandchildren:** 2

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My cousin.

**Occupation:** Holy Angels, Inc.

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Travel, reading, walking, and visiting with friends.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Will be celebrating 49th wedding anniversary in December. The birth of our son, aged 47. I have celebrated birthdays every 5 years for a week with 6 Mount friends at a different location in the US. I hosted 3 foreign exchange students (Switzerland, France, Germany) while our son was in school. This led to 2 trips to Europe in later years to visit the students we hosted. Have driven across country 3 times.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Helped with the "Tub Toss" charity event, Having Lois Levo Wagner as Mount roommate.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I was born in Cincinnati and though my family moved to North Carolina when I was 3 years old, all my relatives lived in Cincinnati and my cousin Carmie Geraci Rodriguez attended the Mount. She was a Senior when I was a Freshman.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My parents.

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**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Love any outdoor activity - hiking, biking, golfing, RV travels, visiting national/state parks; reading; enjoying classical music; taking an occasional cruise.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

Where to begin! 1998 - retired from the Navy after 28 years as a navy nurse; 2008- retired after 32 years as a nurse from the Veteran's Administration; 1982- awarded MSN (Geriatric Nurse Clinical Specialist) from the University of Nevada-Reno; traveled quite a bit- visited 2/3 of the 63 national parks; some overseas travel; likely my most memorable activity was 3 years of dog sledding in the Sierras with my huskies!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Dorm life and Sister Paula's anatomy class!

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** Having been born/raised Catholic, attended Catholic elementary and high schools, and wanting to pursue nursing- the only obvious choice was the Mount! A very wise and rewarding choice I might add!

**Who inspired you the most?**

That's a tough one- have met/read about many inspirational folks in my life - unable to single out any one individual.



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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 4



**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My child.

**Occupation:** Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I'm enjoying remaining productive on a job that I enjoy. Right now, this suits my life style. My husband and I enjoy traveling, which we fit around his teaching schedule.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

Having graduated from Seton High School in South Holland, IL, I had heard a great deal about MSJ and felt drawn to a smaller school with a personal touch for their students. Sister Margaret Anthony (later called Sister Virginia Barry) was a great role model in my life and an inspiration. She taught at Seton High School while I was there and later transitioned to MSJ, so we continued to have contact and share a growing friendship. I still miss and remember her.

**Who inspired you the most?**

When I wasn't sure what path of study I wanted to take, Sister Miriam Thomas, the principal of my high school, really urged me to consider becoming a high school counselor. She hoped I would finish college and come back to fill that needed role. I was always inspired by her belief in me, even though I took a different path.

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**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Spiritual Direction, Enneagram, Labyrinth, Transformation Game Author of: Handbook on Prayer and Discernment in Christian Initiation (LTP).

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I professed Perpetual Vows as a Sister of Charity on Feb. 19, 1977. I have celebrated my 55th anniversary. I taught Math and religion at Seton High School, became a spiritual director, did national and international RCIA workshops for 30 years with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. I was the Sister of Charity Novice Director for 8 years. I have also had the opportunity to travel to various places in Europe, Central America, and South Africa. I have sung in various choirs, including St. Joseph, an African American parish.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

This was challenging because at that time we Sisters of Charity were kept somewhat separate from classmates.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I began at the Mount, as we all did. Yet, then we were given the option of going to another university, and I chose the Mount. I liked the people, size, and quality of education.

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**Spouse:** William Stetter

**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 7

**Occupation:** Retired (2014)



**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** In 2016 I became an Associate of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. I missed the connection with the Charity Family after retiring from Good Samaritan Hospital. I participate in activities at the Motherhouse and strive to live out the charisms of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I enjoy meeting new sisters and associates from all across the country who have the same desire and commitment to service justice and personal growth. I also enjoy Zooming weekly with my sisters who are out of town, reading and learning more each day. Thankfully, traveling is once again on my list.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

The welcoming spirit I encountered when I first came to visit the campus continues to be strong. I am grateful for the Weekend College that was available to me so I could reach my goal of obtaining my MA in 1999, which opened the door for me to become a chaplain.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

The greatest gift beyond my degrees was the special friendships that developed during my time at the Mount. There is a group of us who are spread-out all-over Ohio that have become lifelong friends that are there for each other through whatever comes our way. What a blessing!

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** Truly, it was the welcoming spirit of acceptance that nurtured and supported me throughout my college education.

**Who inspired you the most?**

S. Paula Gonzales who was my freshman Biology teacher. She supported and inspired me in so many ways.

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**Occupation:** Retired (2008)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** Work part-time at Talbots.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**



Working at GE Healthcare which enabled me to travel around the US and several places in Europe.

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**Grandchildren:** 8

**Occupation:** Retired



### **Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

I received a Knights of Columbus scholarship to the Mount with a promise to teach in Catholic schools!

### **Who inspired you the most?**

My husband Ken encouraged me to get my degree in education! Great decision!

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**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My cousin, friend, nephew, niece, and sister.

**Occupation:** Retired (2013)

### **Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

I enjoy reading, baking, gardening and visiting with friends and family. I am active at my parish church as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. I also help with Bereavement Ministry. I volunteer one day a week at the Parish Office.

### **What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**



I have been blessed with a wonderful family, lifelong friends and a fulfilling career in elementary education. I was fortunate to teach first grade at Our Lady of the Visitation for 41 years. It was an amazing time in my life to have touched so many lives in my career.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

As a "day-hop" I enjoyed hanging out at lunchtime with my friends in the kitchen in the basement Rec area of the dorms. I met some friends through the Mount who graduated from Mercy High School and my alma mater, Seton High School.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

My three older sisters all attended the Mount to be elementary school teachers. I wanted to follow in their footsteps. Also, my Catholic upbringing and the proximity of the campus was important to me. I'm glad I chose the Mount.

**Who inspired you the most?**

My older sister, Carol was teaching when I started grade school. I was inspired by her dedication and enthusiasm in teaching elementary children in a Catholic School.

## **Sr. Marie Tessmer**

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**Spouse:** John Tighe

**Children:** 2

**Grandchildren:** 2

**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My aunt and cousin.

**Occupation:** Retired (2010)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** After retiring as a social worker in a community clinic mostly working with Latino clients I have taught adult immigrants and refugees English. I spend 5 months a year living on the coast of Maine. My husband and I travel extensively. I also enjoy water aerobics and painting in my spare time and hanging out with friends and family.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

My life has been blessed with a supportive spouse, a wonderful family and friends. I have been able to do work that feeds my soul both as an employee and a volunteer. What more could I ask for!!

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

During my time at the Mount I was able to study with some wonderful teachers (most notably, Dr. Jose Gonzalez) who helped me to become the woman I am. The experience of studying in Spain my junior year shaped my life and work. I still have good friends from my time at the Mount.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?**

My mother was from Cincinnati and I had an aunt and various cousins who graduated from the Mount. I also received scholarship and work study funds.

**Who inspired you the most?**

Dr. Jose Gonzalez was an inspiring teacher and mentor.

## **Mary Lee Farinacci Treter**

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**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 12



**Did any of your family members graduate from the Mount?** My sister-in-law.

**Occupation:** Self: Rental Property Owner and Manager

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:** I love spending time with our children, grandchildren, extended family and friends, gardening, reading, baking bread. I am a Eucharistic Minister at our church. I love hosting families from all over who want to stay at our guest house while visiting Traverse City.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?** I married the love of my life, had three beautiful children and 12 amazing grandchildren. In 2010 Doug and I bought a home in Traverse City, Michigan where we vacationed for many years prior. It's a "little piece of heaven on earth".

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

With the permission of the school and a lot of help from fellow classmates I lead a renovation to update the Hos House. It became known as The Bacchus Room. While attending the Mount I loved my job as Desk Receptionist and Switch Board Operator.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** So many of my high school friends were also accepted at the Mount and were planning to attend. I wanted to be a teacher and the Mount had an excellent curriculum.

**Who inspired you the most?** My biggest inspiration was my mom. She always wanted what was best for me and sacrificed a lot to send me to the Mount.

## **Sr. Marianne Van Hurst**

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**Spouse:** Robert Wagner

**Children:** 3

**Grandchildren:** 7

**Occupation:** Retired (2001)



**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Golf, traveling, photography, and the grandchildren. I am a volunteer with my parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?**

I worked for 28 years in the Emergency Department. Some of those years as the hospital supervisor. I traveled on some fantastic trips--the Galapagos Islands, Colombia, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, the Caribbean, Canada and all over the U.S.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

We had some fun times living in the dorm. Loved the change of not having to wear skirts to class, phone duty, avoiding the guard when coming back from a date. Screwdrivers at the socials, leftover pizza kept on the outside window ledge. Sunbathing on the lawn. Dances. Practical jokes on each other. Friendships that have lasted for 50 years.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** It had a good reputation for its nursing program.

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**Occupation:** Retired (2015)

**Please share your current interests, hobbies, and volunteer activities:**

Reading mysteries, doing jigsaw puzzles, sudoku. Exercising.  
Eucharistic minister at parish.

**What highlights of the past 50 years would you like to share?** Traveled extensively through US.

**Please share any special memories you had while being at the Mount, or of you and your classmates:**

Eating lunch in the "Hos" House with other "day hops". Playing billiards between classes. Making friendships lasting 54 years and counting.

**Who, or what, most influenced your decision to come to the Mount?** My OLA High School French teacher.

