

Visitors to Olympia from St. Joseph Residence gathered at the Mother Joseph Statue on the campus of the Washington State Capitol are (from left) Sisters Felma Cerezo, Rebecca Berghoff, Julie Ziocchi, Rose Marie Dillman, Naomi Hurd, Jacqueline Fernandes and Lucy Villanova.



Sisters visit Washington State Capitol in Olympia

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Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, Lt. Gov. Brad Owen, and others welcomed Sisters of Providence to the campus of the Washington State Capitol in Olympia on October 3. The sisters from St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, met privately with the governor and shared an entertaining dialogue with the lieutenant governor before visiting the private office of Secretary of State Sam Reed.

The sisters were delighted to learn from Reed's assistant that among the treasures kept by the Office of the Secretary of State are the sisters' original incorporation documents, the original building plans submitted by Mother Joseph, and more representations of the rich heritage of the Sisters of Providence in Washington State. That office is charged with preserving and protecting that heritage for years to come.

Other highlights of the day were a tour of the legislative building and especially a visit to the Mother Joseph statue on the campus.

Amber Lewis, director of government relations for Providence Health & Services, Washington/Montana, was the sisters' host and tour guide for an experience that will not soon be forgotten. ●



Washington Governor Christine Gregoire welcomes the sisters and those who accompanied them to Olympia in a private meeting.

Rest in Peace

Marie Pizelo, PA



Marie Antoinette Pizelo (Elbert), a Providence Associate in Spokane, died October 19 after a short battle with cancer. She was born in Spokane on September 21, 1937, to Antoinette and Anthony Elbert and was one of ten children. Marie married Phil Pizelo on July 27, 1957, and had four children.

She was a lifelong Catholic, working at St. Joseph's Church for a decade as lay administrator. She had volunteered at The Women's Hearth drop-in center, an intercommunity ministry, for the past 20 years and also was a Spokane Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) and Hospice volunteer. Her many hobbies included painting, sewing, ceramics, cake decorating, wood working, photography and clay sculpture.

Survivors include her children, Tony (Bonnie) Pizelo, Paul (Liz) Pizelo, Mark (Karen) Pizelo, Mike (Jeanie Cooper) Pizelo; five grandchildren; brothers Vince (Bernie) Elbert and Leo (Helen) Elbert; sisters Rita (Joe) Hartman, Gina (Frank) Shotwell; and brother-in-law William (Clara) Sauer.

A memorial was held on November 7 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. Donations in Marie's name may be sent to: Donations at the Women's Hearth, 920 West 2nd Ave., Spokane WA 99201. ●

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Susan Boyle, sister of Chauncey Boyle, SP, died June 18 in Seattle, Wash.

Dr. Robert Hurd, father of Mary Tyllia, PA, died September 14 in Spokane, Wash.

Charles E. (Chuck) Hawley, a Providence Ministries sponsor and a recipient of the Mother Joseph Award, died September 29 in Redmond, Wash.

Don Goligoski, brother of Eleanor Goligoski, SP, died October 7 in Spokane.

Senator Alex Deccio, a recipient of the Mother Joseph Award, died October 25 in Yakima, Wash.

Fernand Chabot, brother of Germaine Chabot, SP, died October 27 in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada.

ANNUAL APPEAL

To the Friends of Providence:

***Y*our past generosity to the ministries of the Sisters of Providence has been a godsend. Today, we need your support and your partnership more than ever.**

You already may be aware that in September we closed the door at Providence Hospitality House, an emergency shelter for homeless women and children that we have sponsored in Seattle since 1979. Through the efforts of donors and volunteers, we have embraced women and children in crisis in an environment of love and support. Sadly, today's financial and operational challenges have proven insurmountable for such a small operation.

Undaunted, we are focusing our current efforts on Sojourner Place, our other sponsored ministry for women in transition in Seattle, and we are moving ahead with developing a plan to help needy women with children. Our foundress Blessed Emilie Gamelin pioneered such works back in 1843 in Montreal, and we are committed to continuing that vital ministry.

We ask that you become as supportive of our Sojourner Place ministry to women in transition as you have been to Providence Hospitality House. Sojourner Place, located in the University of Washington area, helps single or pregnant women get back on their feet as they overcome obstacles such as homelessness, substance abuse, incarceration, domestic violence and financial crisis. Sojourner Place provides room and board, plus structure, life-skills classes and goal-oriented counseling.

K.C. Young, OP, director of Sojourner Place, says that the ministry sometimes houses children. The house usually has one or two pregnant residents who stay there with their newborn infants for up to three months, and then the staff is able to place them in housing elsewhere. Sojourner Place also works with women who are in the process of reunification with their children. Additionally, residents' children visit, some staying for the day or overnight with their moms. The means of providing longer term transitional housing for women and children, perhaps in partnership with another nonprofit, will be the focus of our planning process.

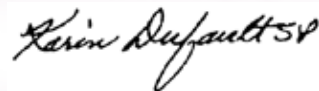
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An offer of hospitality

COLLABORATION allows sister to come from China to study

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Sister **Bosco Song Yan Li** arrived in Seattle on September 12 after a long flight from Fuchon, China, with a stop in Seoul, Korea. Provincial Superior Karin Dufault welcomed her at the Seattle airport and transported her to St. Joseph Residence, where she was greeted by Sister Jacqueline Fernandes, superior there.

It did not take long for Sister Bosco to get settled into her second-floor room. She has begun classes in the Scripture and Leadership Training (SALT) program at Seattle University and will continue there for a year.

The opportunity for Sister Bosco to come here arose from collaboration between Seattle U, which covered education expenses, Sisters of Providence who are offering room and board, and also with the Seattle Chinese faith community and Maryknoll with the Fushun Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in China.

"I entered the community of Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a diocesan congregation founded by Maryknoll, in 1997," Sister Bosco said. "I will make final vows when I return to China." Her ministries in China included two years in pastoral work and two years in formation work.

She has been in the United States for three years and, ironically, spent her first ten months in this country as a student in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Gonzaga University in Spokane. For two years she studied for a master's degree in spirituality at Fordham University in New York, returned to China for a summer visit after graduation last May, and then came to Seattle, ready to hit the books again.

After completing the SALT program, she intends to return to China and perhaps work in a retreat center and teach.

So far, she loves Seattle, Sister Bosco said. "Seattle is beautiful, especially this place (St. Joseph Residence). I was surprised by all the hills. There also are beautiful sisters here; they are so nice."

She hopes to have more chance for sightseeing in the area along the way. Right now, her first quarter at Seattle U is very busy. She goes to classes two to three times a week. "The sisters here are very active and they have asked me to go."

At home with her parents in China she has two younger brothers. "They are proud of me," she said.



Sister Bosco Song Yan Li, SSCJ, is spending a year at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, while she takes classes in the Scripture and Leadership Training (SALT) program at Seattle University.

"They are proud that my community and my superior general trusted me and gave me this opportunity," she explained. "My parents said take care of yourself and then you can take care of others after."

She is particularly excited about the SALT program because it is being translated into different languages, including Chinese. "Maybe I can do some work for this translation in the future to expand the program in China."

Sister Bosco said the chance to come to Seattle came as a surprise. "I want to show my gratitude to this community. Everyone has been just amazing." ●