

**Please help us today.**

*Dear friends,*

We invite you to consider the positive influence the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry have had on your life.

Whether they taught you in grammar school, high school or college, ministered to you in a hospital, counseled you in times of turmoil, or improved your quality of life in any way, we all have benefitted by knowing a Sister of St. Joseph of Chambéry.

A majority of our Sisters are now into retirement age. For generations, they have given us their all. Faced with limited retirement funds and increasing health care costs, they now need your help.

Won't you consider giving back today?

*Sister Barbara*  
Sister Barbara Mullen  
Provincial

*Suzan*  
Suzan Bibisi  
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St. Augustine School playground circa 1950s

## Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry Retirement Fund

**Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.**

*Like St. Joseph, our Sisters have lived quiet, dedicated lives in service to others. Now they need help living in retirement.*

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# Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambéry

## Mission

As Sisters of St. Joseph, we embrace Gospel values and strive to bring about unity in our world. We work for justice as a healing presence, reaching out in service to all people, especially those in greatest need. We build relationships among ourselves and with others in a spirit of joy, simplicity and hospitality.

## A Lifetime of Service

For 135 years, nearly 500 Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, who belonged to our U.S. Province (based in West Hartford), have served in 14 states and 12 countries.

## Founders/Administrators of more than 50 Schools, Hospitals and Social Service Ministries

Our Sisters have opened or administered 35 grammar schools, 1 all-girls high school, 3 hospitals and 2 nursing schools. They also founded 1 school for special needs children and 1 school providing one-on-one tutoring and reading. In keeping with our mission to serve those in greatest need, our Sisters also founded 9 nonprofit social service ministries, including 3 co-founded with other congregations of women religious. Sisters also serve as a United Nations representative, health care companions, hospital staff, teachers, tutors, spiritual directors, retreat staff, and advocates for restorative justice, including prison ministry.

## Education

Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry taught in dozens of elementary schools, high schools, and colleges. To this day, some schools remain open under lay leadership: St. Patrick's (Bridgeport); St. Lawrence (West Haven); St. Paul Catholic High School, and St. Joseph's (Bristol); University of St. Joseph (West Hartford); St. Mary's (our first school in Lee, MA), to name a few. Closed: St. Augustine, South Catholic High School, Our Lady of Sorrows (all in Hartford); St. Peter School (New Haven); Sacred Heart Academy (Stamford); St. Francis Xavier (Waterbury); St. Joseph (Shelton); St. Mary's (Windsor Locks) and St. James (Stratford), to name a few.

## Healthcare

The Sisters founded and administered 3 hospitals including 2 hospital-affiliated nursing schools. In 1897, Sisters founded St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, and in 1907 founded St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury (both hospitals are now part of Trinity Health of New England). In 1943, Sisters from St. Mary's and St. Francis joined forces, moved to Stamford, and founded St. Joseph Hospital. In 1998, Stamford Health System acquired St. Joseph's, which was converted into an outpatient facility. Sisters continue ministry in St. Francis and St. Mary's Hospitals in administration, chaplaincy, and board membership, focusing on our mission to be a compassionate witness of God's healing presence to all, without distinction.

## Social Services and Ministries

Today we provide services at 3 ministries our Sisters founded: House of Bread (HOB), a nonprofit providing food, shelter, childcare and employment training to low-income Hartford residents; Jubilee House, an educational center under the HOB offering ESL classes; and the Intensive Education Academy, a school for children with special needs in West Hartford. With other communities of women religious we co-founded the Collaborative Center for Justice in Hartford, advocating for systemic change and educating on issues of social justice. Other co-founded ministries, now closed, include Tabor House, Trust House, and Communities Law Center, Hartford.



Sr. Barbara Bozak, CSJ, at the United Nations



Sr. Dolores Lahr, CSJ, at Saint Mary's Hospital



Sisters and CSJ Associates rally for justice