

## Akron Alumni Reunite, Hear New IHM Story

"We saw a get-together as an opportunity to hear the IHM story as it is today, which is a different story than it was when we were in high school," says Noreen Foley, an IHM Associate who initiated a gathering of several IHM Sisters and alumni from St. Mary's Akron, Ohio, on July 19.



For the first time in 35 years, 30 Akron alumni met with some of their former classmates who joined the IHM congregation.

Carol (Laura) Quigley, IHM, gave the group a presentation on the changes and evolution of the IHM community ministries and missions since Vatican II, and an overview of the community's 21<sup>st</sup> century focus on the four domains of sustainability - environmental, social, economic and spiritual.

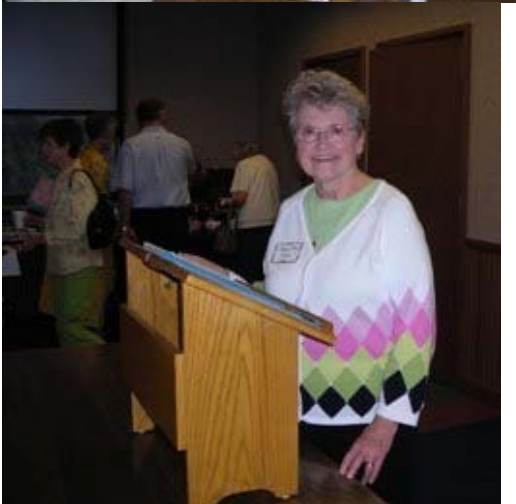


To illustrate some of the sweeping changes since Vatican II, the IHMs shared with the group their own current ministries, reflecting the range of professions now represented in the community. The sharing, presentation and questions stirred enough interest and enthusiasm in the community's mission that the Akron group is considering a bus trip to Monroe for a tour of the Motherhouse in addition to another gathering in Akron.

"Many commented on how relaxed and happy the nuns seemed," Noreen noted.

Brother Ken Haders, CSC, president of Archbishop Hoban High School, where the event took place, said, "The alumni came in looking puzzled, uncertain, a bit untrusting and went out laughing and talking."

Sisters who traveled to the reunion included Mildred (Vincella) Baker, Joyce (Rose Anthony) Durosko, Rita (Lucita) McFarland, Joan (Lucille Marie) Monsour,





Carol (Laura) Quigley, Eileen (De la Salle) Semonin, Barbara (Bernard Joseph) Weigand and Judy (Celine Therese) Weirick.

St. Mary's Akron closed in 1972 when it merged and became St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

If you're interested in organizing a similar gathering, contact Molly Hunt at 734-240-9716 or [mhunt@ihmsisters.org](mailto:mhunt@ihmsisters.org).