

HELPFUL INFORMATION

VISION STATEMENT

- All gifts consistent with the mission of the IHM Sisters are gratefully accepted and acknowledged. Such gifts are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service code.
- Donations to the IHM Sisters can be for general purposes or designated for the:
 - Retirement Fund**
 - Motherhouse Renovation**
 - Ministry Fund**
 - Missions**
(Domestic and Overseas)
 - Area of Greatest Need**
- The legal title for the sisters is *Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan, Inc.*
- Recognition of donors is only done with the permission of each donor.
- The sisters remember their donors (known and unknown) and their intentions in their prayers and in the liturgies celebrated at the Motherhouse throughout the year.
- Prospective donors are encouraged to contact the IHM Development Office with any gift-related questions and/or to seek guidance concerning a proposed gift. One should also consult with his or her own legal and/or financial advisors concerning planned gifts.

The IHM community envisions and is committed to bringing about the dream of God on planet Earth through respect for, nurturing of and promoting the liberation and well-being of all persons and all of nature as God's good creation.

MISSION STATEMENT

Urged by the love of God we choose to work with others to build a culture of peace and right relationship among ourselves, with the Church, and the whole Earth community.



**SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
MONROE, MICHIGAN
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IHM DONOR RECOGNITION

INTRODUCTION

Finally, we commit ourselves to mutuality in ministry, desiring that our love, reverence, and support of one another be reflected in the way we affirm, encourage and work with our co-ministers and with each of the persons among whom we serve.

IHM Constitutions, Article 17

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are most grateful to any person, business and/or foundation making a gift to the community. Such generosity allows the community to live out its mission to answer God's call to be light to the world.

The IHM Sisters believe that a donor should expect to be informed of our mission, of the way we intend to use the donated resources and of our capacity to use the donations effectively for their intended purposes. Donors should be assured that their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given. Donors should receive appropriate recognition and acknowledgement and to feel free to ask reasonable questions when making a donation. We are committed to providing prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

In this brochure, you will find examples of how we honor our donors. A special Thank You to everyone who shares a portion of their time, talent and treasure with the IHM community.

IHM DONOR WALL

The IHM community has created four gift societies to honor those donors who have given \$10,000 or more throughout their lifetime and/or through irrevocable bequests in support of IHM life and mission. These donors' names are inscribed on a beautiful donor wall at the Motherhouse to honor their achievements. The wall is updated annually with the names of new donors and those donors who move from one level to the next. The giving societies are named after the IHM co-founders, Louis Florent Gillet and Theresa Maxis, and the community's patron saints and spiritual guides, Alphonsus Liguori and Teresa of Avila. We feel that the selfless and generous spirit of giving, exemplified by these lifetime giving achievements, reflects the constant spirit of giving that characterized the lives of these four outstanding individuals.

The four societies are:

- **Louis Gillet Society** – for those who have given \$100,000 or more
- **Theresa Maxis Society** – for those who have given \$40,000 - \$99,999
- **Teresa of Avila Society** – for those who have given \$25,000 - \$39,999
- **Alphonsus Liguori Society** – for those who have given \$10,000 - \$24,999

In addition, members of the Future of Hope Society and those capital campaign donors who chose the "naming opportunity" at the Motherhouse are also inscribed on the donor wall.

We are so very grateful to all those named on the donor wall for their foresight, generosity and commitment.

FUTURE OF HOPE SOCIETY

A number of donors to the IHM cause have decided to create planned gifts to the community. These individuals have chosen to include the IHM community in their estate plans. By passing on a precious part of their life's legacy, they have made a significant contribution to the future care and ministries of the IHM Sisters.

Individuals who have made planned gifts to the IHM community are enrolled as members of the Future of Hope Society. This future giving can be an annuity, a trust document, a bequest or a special gift that can take effect now or at the time of one's death.

Members of the Future of Hope Society are invited to a special Mass and social at the Motherhouse each year in addition to receiving special mailings. The names of the members who made irrevocable plans are inscribed on the Donor Wall.

With planned gifts, the IHM community can plan for the future to meet the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. The members of the Future of Hope Society enable the IHM Sisters to have a much brighter outlook on the future.

