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ABSTRACT: To better understand the impact Roman Catholic religious sisters have had on healthcare in the United States, the authors initiated the Religious Sisters in Health Care: The Conspicuous Love of Jesus project, recording sisters' stories of service, obedience, and leadership that point to their foundational work of making the healing presence of Jesus central to Catholic healthcare identity. The sisters' counsel for nurses and all staff in Catholic healthcare was to focus on Jesus' love in all work and to keep each person's healing ministry alive through regular rejuvenating opportunities.

KEY WORDS: Catholic, health care, nursing, religious sisters



NAME Sr. Marjorie Bosse

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 65 years

BIRTHDATE 5/22/1929

AGE 90 years

U.S. SPECIAL CATHOLIC COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON:

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

1954-1956	Nursing Supervisor, Mercy Hospital, Springfield, OH
1956-1964	V.P. Nursing, Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, OH
1964-1965	Assistant Administrator, Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, OH
1965-1969	President/CEO Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Mariemont, OH
1969-1976	Leadership Team, Sisters of Mercy, Province of Cincinnati
1977-1983	Provincial Administrator, Sisters of Mercy, Province of Cincinnati
1983-1987	President/CEO, Our Lady of Mercy Mariemont/Anderson Hospital
1988-present	VP System Development; Advocacy/Government Relations; Outreach Coordinator, Mercy Health System, then Bon Secours Mercy Health



NAME Sr. Doris Gottemoeller

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 60

BIRTHDATE 10/28/1936

AGE 83 years

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

1970s	Trustee, Eastern Mercy Health system (antecedent of Trinity Health)
1970s; 1990s	Trustee, Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
1973-1980	Asst. General Superior of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union
1983-1990	Provincial of the Cincinnati Province, Sisters of Mercy of the Union
1991-1999	President of the newly-founded Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
2002-2009	Trustee and Board Chair, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System
2000-2013	Sr. VP for Mission Integration, Mercy Health System
2013-2014	President of newly-organized Mercy Education Collaborative of Cincinnati
1986-present	Trustee of Bon Secours Mercy Health (several name changes, acquisitions, divestitures)
Additional	Chaired Catholic Health Association Board Chaired Leadership Conference of Women Religious



NAME Sr. Marie Hartmann

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 71

BIRTHDATE 10/18/1928

AGE 91 years

U.S. SPECIAL CATHOLIC COLLECTION, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON:

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

RN Hamilton, OH; Coldwater, OH

Administration Mercy Hamilton; Fairfield

Leadership Sisters of Mercy

Governance Mercy Health

Bon Secours Mercy Health



NAME Sr. Mary Thill

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sisters of St. Francis of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Sylvania, OH

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 56

BIRTHDATE 11/12/1943

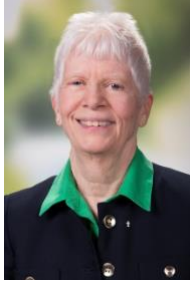
AGE 83 years

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

1974-1980	Administrator of Rosary Hall Retirement Center and Infirmary for Sylvania Franciscan Sisters
1975-1996	Developed, taught and administered Gerontology Department at Lourdes College
1998-2003	Elder Consultant, Sophia Counseling Center
2003-2005	Elder Ministry, Toledo Diocese
2005-present	Patient Liaison for Mature Health Connections at Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center



NAME Sr. Dorothy Thum

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 55

BIRTHDATE 11/17/1941

AGE 78 years

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

1966-1967	Assistant Dietary Director, Mercy Hospital, Springfield, OH
1967-1981	Dietary Director, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
1982-1995	Vice President Mission Services, St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, OH
1996-present	Senior Vice President, Mission and Values Integration, Mercy Health, Toledo Market



NAME Sr. Rita Mary Wasserman

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 75

BIRTHDATE 1/16/1926

AGE 94 years

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

Nursing Supervisor, Mercy Hospital, Toledo, OH

Night Supervisor, St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, OH

Director of Nursing, St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, OH

CEO, St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, OH

Assistant Administrator, Mercy Hospital, Willard, OH

Pastoral Care Services, Mercy Hospital, Willard, OH



NAME Sr. Mary Maxine Young

RELIGIOUS ORDER Sister of Notre Dame

YEARS AS PROFESSED SISTER 54

BIRTHDATE 6/21/1945

AGE 74 years

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HEALTH CARE MINISTRY:

2002-2016 Palliative Care Chaplain, Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, OH

About 2016 Worked with migrants and immigrants at Texas/Mexico border

2016-present Volunteer support person to marginalized persons through Mercy Outreach Program