

## CNR Alumni Connections

While traveling in the Greek Isles last summer with two of my daughters, I came upon this sign marking a former Ursuline monastery and got so excited. I really felt my connections to my 60 years ago at CNR with our friendly relations with our Ursuline mentors.

- Mary Lou Kelley Crane SAS '62



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I now live on the North Fork of Long Island.... water and vineyards! Peconic Landing is the community and I have been here almost seven years. I was delighted to learn that among my neighbors were Jack (a former CNR Academic Dean and English professor) and Connie Denne. Jack taught some classes under the Lifetime Learning program before my arrival, but I did not have the pleasure of attending. Connie became ill and Jack stepped back to devote his time to her. We have had a wide range of conversations about Sister Dorothy Ann and CNR!

- Marie Porco Rossi SAS '60

Editor's note. Connie Denne passed away in March. Dr. C.J. (Jack) Denne kindly accepted the invitation of the Class of 1973 to participate via Zoom in the class meeting at their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on Saturday, June 10. He said he had taken a course about Dante's "The Divine Comedy" on Zoom during the pandemic and hoped to teach a course on Shakespeare soon. Another longtime and beloved CNR professor, Dr. Ann Raia, also joined the '73 Class gathering via Zoom. Dr. Raia recently moved from Westchester to the San Diego, CA area. To learn about how she continues to foster study of the Classics, consult her website, <http://vroma.org/vromans/araia/>

- Sister Susan Conte, OSU, SAS '73
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Several other former CNR faculty members attended in person the Saturday Champagne brunch during the June reunion weekend. Sister Terry Eppridge and Sister Marie-Celine Miranda, each celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> reunion from CNR, were the guests of the Class of '73. The Class of '78 hosted Sister Virginia Orna, who had served as the class advisor. All three Ursulines live in Westchester and enjoyed sharing decades-old memories with members of the reunion classes.

- Pat Keegan Abels SAS '73
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I joined The Community Church, a UU church whose members are so friendly and so active working for justice of many kinds. Manning a booth for abortion justice with Diane Williams SAS '63, we discovered we both went to CNR. We jumped up and down with excitement. She had lost her yearbook, come for tea, and borrowed mine to recall memories. She was an art major under Mother Mary Jane whom I said was our '62 class mother. We agreed we received a wonderful liberal arts education and were so sorry the college closed. She has led a varied life in getting a PhD in linguistics. She loves to study dance and doesn't look a day over 60 but she must be since I am 82. We are becoming good friends with a shared, appreciated heritage.

- Genie Smith Jansen SAS '62

I was interviewed this spring by Betty Davis and Ralph Poynter for their WBAI Radio program "What's Happening?" about my role as publisher of New Observations Magazine. Our two most recent issues have been about the Wounded Knee Massacre and the plight of political prisoners.

As an authorized representative of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, I negotiated the return of 131 artifacts stolen from the dead at Wounded Knee back to the Lakota people last November. The New York Times published a front-page story on their return with a link to New Observations. Betty mentioned that she had been a librarian in New Rochelle at the College of New Rochelle, and I laughed and told her that I graduated from CNR! It's a small world.

- Mia Feroletto SAS '77

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In 2019 I was with my daughter and grandson at Portland, ME airport waiting for a bus to Boston and then a plane to Paris. Sitting next to me at the airport was a Class of '65 CNR alum, Francine Napoliello Lampidis. She lives in North Conway, NH and also attended Mount St. Ursula Academy in the Bronx.

- Pat Quattrochi Gorman SAS '64

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As retired history teachers and part-time BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) consultants, Kathleen Helhoski, SAS '75, and I had been attending meetings of the NYS social studies network in Albany since 2015. As we were leaving from a meeting in 2018, Kathleen asked where I lived in the state. When I told her Southern Westchester, she replied "that's my old stomping ground; I attended college in New Rochelle." Expecting her to say Iona, I was delighted to hear she had also been a history major at CNR!

- Alice Duffy Grant SAS '63

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In 2018 my NYC parish, St. Francis de Sales, chose a gem, [Live Jesus!: Wisdom from Saints Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal](#) as retreat reading. Imagine my delight at the author, **Louise Bourassa Perrotta**, a CNR '68 classmate. Longtime feature editor for *The Word Among Us*, Louise, I learned, has written a dozen scripture-based books on varied topics -- prayer, liturgical seasons, saints, marriage. Recently, my friend and Annales '68 yearbook editor **Barbara Murphy Piontkowski** shared her interest in Salesian spirituality, so I lent her Perrotta's compendium. Barbara read, shared, treasured (and finally replaced) my copy saying, "It's a keeper and I seem to have made yours mine."

- Kristin Krause McDonough SAS '68