

In Memoriam Cluny Affiliates

Laypersons who are given a spiritual affiliation to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny have been recognized as long time friends who have shared their time, talent and treasure in support of the Cluny mission in the world. They share in the good works and prayers of the sisters, in life and in death. During the past year, we were saddened by the loss of the following four North American affiliates we honor here.

Barbara Marasco Affiliate of India

Born into this life August 31, 1934
Born into eternity April 1, 2017

In the words of Ron, her loving husband of 63 years, “Her life was a loving witness for our six children and nine adult grandchildren, on the beauty of family, from their beloved wife, mother and grandmother whose caring selfless love radiated through her quiet, loving demeanor. She epitomized the words of St. Paul, that *love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not self-seeking.*”

Antero Viveiros Affiliate of USA and Canada

Born into eternity: May 12, 2017

Antero and his loving wife Zelia, who pre-deceased him, were long-time friends and supporters of Cluny Sisters in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He was an active member of St. Mary Parish, Hamilton. He died on the 210th anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny.

Ernie Mitchell Affiliate of India

Born into this life: October 31, 1922
Born into eternity: September 23, 2017

Ernie Mitchell was a long-time friend, supporter and Cluny Affiliate of Lavinia House in Calcutta. It has been said of him, “You seldom meet someone like Ernie Mitchell, and when you do, you’re unlikely to forget him.” Outgoing and vivacious, Ernie got to know almost everyone in Ave Maria, Florida. His faith was expressed in the way he lived, always welcoming and ready to help others. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary.

Jerome Anthony “Jerry” O’Connor Affiliate of USA and Canada

Born into this life: 1917
Born into eternity: August 22, 2017

Jerry O’Connor, who was pre-deceased by his loving wife and Cluny Affiliate, Pauline, personified the values of perseverance, sacrifice, self-discipline and hard work. His faith sustained him through all of his life and brought him comfort at the end. The O’Connors were both long-time friends and supports of our sisters in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Books

Sister Anne Marie Liston

Did you get any good books in your Christmas stocking? In Iceland, everyone gives and receives books for Christmas and then they spend the holidays reading . . . a great occupation for those long winter evenings!

I received a few books, and although I haven’t read all of them to the end yet, I am looking forward to the opportunity. They are: *You’ll Never Be Younger*, by W. O’Malley, *Faith and Resistance in the Age of Trump*, Edited by M. De LaTorre, and Chris Matthews’ book on Robert Kennedy, *A Raging Spirit*.

If you have read something you would like to share, why not e-mail me and tell me about it? We would like to hear from our readers!