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THE MEHEGAN AWARD

Marianne Holler, DO

The Mehegan Award honors Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan, who founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1859. This award is given to an individual who exemplifies the charism of the Sisters of Charity, is dedicated to gospel values and lives these values in service to others.

Dr. Marianne Holler serves as a Special Medical Advisor of VNA Health Group. Dr. Holler previously served for eight years as the Chief Medical Officer for VNA Health Group for Hospice, Palliative Medicine and the Parker Advanced Care Institute. She created the first Palliative Medicine Fellowship in New Jersey in conjunction with Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine and successfully graduated three Palliative Medicine physicians who are currently practicing in New Jersey.

Dr. Holler has lectured extensively in New Jersey and across the United States at national conferences and at various medical schools on issues surrounding End of Life Care and the Care of patients with serious illnesses. As well as internationally she has lectured in Uganda, Honduras, and Guatemala. Dr. Holler has also participated in providing care to patients in clinics in those countries.

Dr. Marianne Holler is the recipient of several awards in recognition of her work. She was recognized by Georgian Court University for the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2021. As well as the David LaMotte Award for Excellence in Patient Support in 2022 and the Physician of Distinction Community Medical Center in 2023 along with many more.

Prior to her medical career Dr. Holler was a social worker but decided to pursue medical school instead. A long-time student of the Sisters of Charity, including being taught by our own Sister Maryanne Campeotto at East Orange Catholic, Dr. Holler has worked alongside many different congregations in her medical career. It was when she joined the RWJBarnabas Health Medical Group, she returned to her roots with the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.

Dr. Holler is a student, partner and trusted friend of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. As an internationally recognized expert in End of Life Care she relies on her faith, guided and fostered by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. Dr. Holler credits our Sisters teachings and guidance on keeping her grounded while confronting the difficulties of her chosen field of practice.



THE VINCENTIAN AWARD

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The Vincentian Award honors St. Vincent de Paul, one of the founders of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. St. Vincent de Paul knew the importance of collaboration and networking to carry out the mission of Charity in 17th century France. This award is given to an organization or company whose mission exemplifies the values of service and support to others.



Bolivar HR Consulting LLC provides human resource consulting and complete outsourcing services to clients throughout the United States with expert knowledge in all aspects of the HR spectrum. For over sixty years, Bolivar HR Consulting has had the skills, experience and competency to ensure a proper response to all human resource employment issues as they arise and help bring them to a successful conclusion.

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Bolivar is a proud partner and supporter of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and is humbled with this honor.

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE SPONSORSHIP



The Sisters of Charity were founded by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." The Congregation was established in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac who committed their lives to championing the needs of the poor and spreading God's message of hope. In 1859, Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan founded the New Jersey community known as the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. Today, we are engaged in education, health care, & pastoral & social service ministries in 10 dioceses within the United States, El Salvador, and Haiti.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), the first canonized saint born in the U.S., holds a special place in the American Catholic Church. A wife and widow, mother of five children, a convert to Catholicism, teacher and administrator, Saint Elizabeth founded the first congregation of women religious in America, the Sisters of Charity, adapting the Rule of St. Vincent de Paul for the New World. "Mother Seton" established the first Catholic school, which educated both wealthy and poor children side-by-side, in Emmitsburg, MD and is known as the patron saint of the Catholic school system in the U.S.

"Contemplate how you are being asked to give your heart to God amidst your everyday activities. Be prepared to meet your grace in every circumstance of life."



Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was a French priest with a deep faith, a keen intellect and enormous creativity. In response to his dynamic preaching, wealthy Parisians donated money enabling him to build hospitals, homes for orphaned children and elderly, poor persons, and to purchase the freedom of 1200 galley slaves. He and Saint Louise de Marillac established the Daughters of Charity, the first non-cloistered religious order for women dedicated to charitable service.

"You will find that charity is a heavy burden to carry ... It is only because of your love, only your love, that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them."



Saint Louise de Marillac (1591-1660) was inspired and directed by Saint Vincent de Paul's spiritual leadership. She was his collaborator in founding the Daughters of Charity and organized hospitals for the sick, homes for orphaned children, and workshops for the unemployed. She championed literacy for the uneducated and established standards for the Daughters' works. Saint Louise was a wife, mother, teacher, nurse, social worker and religious foundress.

"As for your conduct toward the poor, may you never take the attitude of merely getting the task done. You must show them affection, serving them from the heart."



Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan (1825-1915) was born in rural Ireland. At the age of seventeen she sailed to New York, where she later joined the Sisters of Charity of New York, caring for orphaned children, teaching in an industrial school, and opening Saint Vincent Hospital in Greenwich Village. When Bishop James R. Bayley established a new congregation of Sisters of Charity in New Jersey, she was appointed the Superior, a position she held until her death fifty-six years later. Like their predecessors, Mother Xavier and her sisters dedicated themselves primarily to education, the care of abandoned infants and orphaned children, and the care of the sick.

"Do not think of great austerities, fastings or watchings, but perform your ordinary actions, speak your simple words, think your thoughts all for God, for God alone."