



## You can trust that your gift makes a difference.

The partnership of donors like you is vital as SOAR! continues its important mission. The positive impact you make both on the lives of our aging religious women and men and on their congregations is immeasurable.

These are challenging times for so many. Rising costs effect all of us, including religious congregations. Now, more than ever, our aging religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests need your support.

Your donations to SOAR! help aging religious look to tomorrow with hope and confidence.

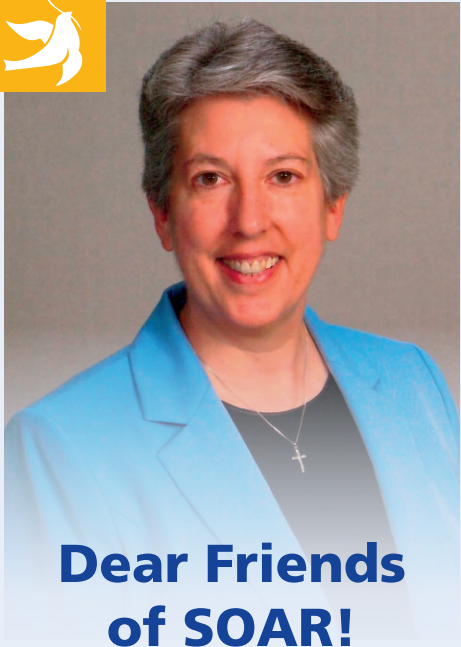
It's because of your generous heart, a grant for an accessible van makes it easier for a Sister to safely go on doctor's visits or outings. There's no more worry about falling and getting hurt, or possibly hurting the person helping her move from a wheelchair or walker into a regular car.

Your kindness helps congregations purchase needed medical and therapeutic equipment that ensure the health and ongoing wellness of Sisters and Brothers. Staying healthy and strong enhances the independence of our religious.

Your help ensures that religious remain active and vital members of their communities. They can continue to stay engaged in ministry activities both inside the Motherhouse and in the community.

These are just a couple of examples of how your goodness makes a difference in the lives of aging religious and their congregations. Their gratitude for your partnership with SOAR! is heartfelt. You are in their prayers every day!





## Dear Friends of SOAR!

For some of us, it has been two years since we attended Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas Mass and even family holiday celebrations in person. One of our parishioners recently shared that she could not recall “what she used to do” for the holidays. Maybe this year is a good time to establish new traditions and meaningful ways of celebrating together. Don’t let the stress and anxiety of trying to visit with every relative and neighbor take away from the peace and joy of celebrating the birth of the Jesus in the manger.

As we come to the end of another year, let’s focus on the hope and expectation that a new year brings. My hope for SOAR! is that with your help, we can respond positively to each request we receive. When a Sister writes for assistance in replacing a generator at the Motherhouse, I trust you will help me say Yes. When an Abbot calls to ask for help in keeping the Brothers with dementia safe with a needed alarm system, I trust you will help me say Yes. You can trust SOAR! to make a difference in the lives of our aging religious who count on you and me.

I wish you and your family all the blessings of this Christmas seasons and pray that God grants you joy and good health in the New Year.

*S. Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM*

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## Ways to partner with SOAR!

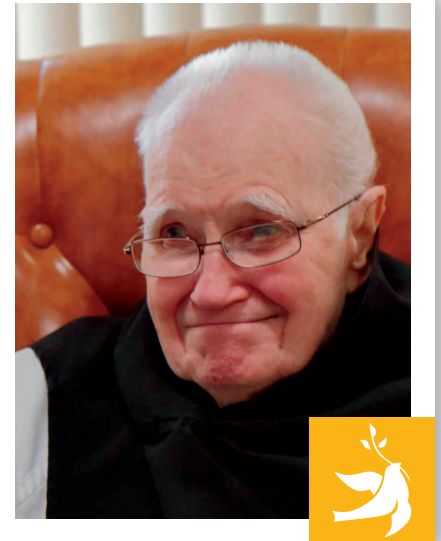
Your prayers and support are a blessing to aging religious. As we look towards the start of a new year, please consider other ways you can partner with us:

### Donor Advised Funds

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is an investment account for philanthropic giving. It offers immediate tax benefits and the flexibility to support your charities over time.

### Appreciated Stock

The gift of appreciated stock to a qualified charity like SOAR! can benefit both you and aging religious. Potential advantages to gifts like these include the elimination of capital gains tax on the appreciated value, plus the charitable donation deducted from the calculated value of the stock at the time of the donation.



### Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

You can realize tax advantages with a gift made directly to SOAR! through a qualified charitable distribution. The provision has a cap of \$100,000 per individual for charitable distributions from individual IRAs each year.

### Become a Faithful Friend

You can specify an amount to be charged each month to your credit card or withdrawn from your bank account. Visit [www.soar-usa.org/faithful-friends](http://www.soar-usa.org/faithful-friends). You can cancel or change your gift at any time by contacting us.

### Social Media

Become an ambassador for SOAR! by liking and sharing SOAR! posts on social media. Whether it is Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn, you can help SOAR! spread news about its mission.

*If you’d like to learn more about planned gifts or other options of giving, please contact Elizabeth Góral-Makowski at (202) 529-7627 or [emakowski@soar-usa.org](mailto:emakowski@soar-usa.org).*



# Celebrating in person!

New York Awards Dinner



Sister Michaela Connolly, OP, Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt; Father Victor Yanitelli Awardee, Sister Maryann Seton Lopiccolo, SC; and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Awardees Debra and John MacDonald.

This fall, it certainly was “time to celebrate!” It was good to gather together and enjoy meeting old and new friends. October 5, we celebrated our New York Awards Dinner at the New York Athletic Club and November 2 we gathered for our Washington, DC Gala at the Embassy of Italy.

Washington, DC Gala



DC Gala Good Samaritan Awardee, Michael F. Curtin, Jr.; SOAR! president, Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM; SOAR! board vice chair and dinner chair Deborah Newhouse Dunham; Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Awardees Dr. Irma Becerra and Dr. Norvell V. Coots.

These events are a great way to share the mission of SOAR! and the impact our donors make on the lives of aging religious. Proceeds from both events will benefit SOAR! Emergency Response Grants.

Stay tuned for dates for 2023.

*Make sure our aging religious can count on you  
– become a Faithful Friend monthly donor!*



Did you know you can help support our aging religious all year long with a convenient, automatic monthly donation? Becoming a **Faithful Friend** is an easy way for you to assist SOAR! in its vital mission and help us save on administrative costs.

Visit [www.soar-usa.org/faithful-friends](http://www.soar-usa.org/faithful-friends) or call our office at (202) 529-7627.



# In grateful memory

We remember in prayer our dear Legacy Society members who rest in God's eternal peace.

*John J. Burri*

*Patricia I. Deaves*

*Yvonne Frees*

*Gertrude E. Miller*

*Judith M. Paulsen*

*Thomas L. Peyla*

*Eleanor J. Pisarski*

*John J. Sieffert*



Every gift  
**COUNTS.**

Every gift makes a  
**DIFFERENCE.**

Every gift expands  
your legacy of  
**LOVE.**



## Leave a Lasting Legacy

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### Sample Bequest Language

"I give, devise, and bequeath to SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious, Inc.) of Silver Spring, MD, \_\_\_\_\_% or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (amount) of my estate."

Our legal title is Support Our Aging Religious, Inc.

Our Tax ID number is 52-1485481



If you are Federal employee, please consider supporting SOAR! through the CFC. Your annual pledge provides much-needed help all year long.

You can be the face of change and help support aging religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests.

**Our CFC # is 10041.**

**A CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION SERVING AGING SISTERS, BROTHERS AND PRIESTS SINCE 1986.**



The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate the mission and needs of SOAR! and to express our gratitude to our donors.

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