



## SOAR! 2023 Grant Awards

*The grants listing can be found on pages 3 and 4.*

Thanks to the generosity of our individual donors and foundations, the SOAR! board of directors *approved more than \$3.1 million in grants* this fiscal year. *This is the largest annual grant amount ever awarded by SOAR!* and easily surpassed last year's total of \$1.8 million.

"Each year, congregations have more aging members and they are challenged by the changing needs of their aging communities," notes Molly Corbett, a SOAR! Board Member and chair of the Grant Review Committee. Funding larger grants gives communities the opportunity to address long term planning."

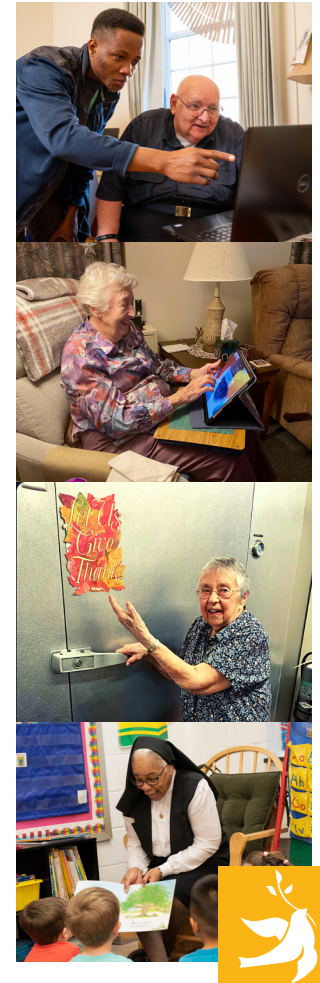
The grants will benefit 7,633 senior religious women and men

in 116 Catholic congregations in 28 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. These funds will help ensure the safety, dignity and vitality of aging Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Priests across the United States.

"SOAR! is committed to its mission in being a good steward to the religious women and men we help and to our donors who place their trust in us," Corbett added.

Please look at pages 3 and 4 for a listing of important projects SOAR! is able to fund with the help of wonderful people like you.

Thank you!



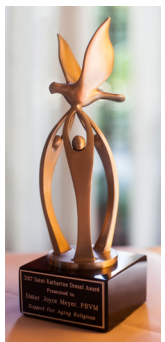
## Celebrate with SOAR! this Fall!

We hope you will join us at our fall events!

The funds we raise at our New York Awards Dinner and Washington, DC Awards Gala increase the ability of SOAR! to provide grants that directly benefit aging religious.

We look forward to sharing the inspiring mission of SOAR!  
and how our friends help support our vital work.

*More information can be found on the back of this newsletter or by  
visiting [www.soar-usa.org/events](http://www.soar-usa.org/events). We hope to see you there!*





## Dear Friends of SOAR!

My grandparents used to visit my family every Sunday. My mother's call to us to "move the hockey net and bicycles out of the driveway so Grandpa can park" was the signal that a fun afternoon with Grandma and Grandpa was in store. The Sunday afternoon ritual often included a trip to Dairy Queen for the kids, which in truth was probably a nice little break for my parents as well.

The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each July on the Sunday closest to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. Pope Francis has encouraged great love and respect for all elderly people, including aging religious.

You show you care for our aging religious by the generous financial contributions you send to SOAR!. I am always touched when I read notes from donors like you saying how much you care about the Sisters who taught you, and cared for your family, and whose memories bring you joy.

The summer issue of SOAR! *Notes* is our accountability report to you. You trust that your donation is helping aging religious, and the listing in this issue assures you that aging religious around the country are safe, healthy and happy because of YOU!

At the conclusion of the celebration of Saints Joachim and Anne last year, Pope Francis prayed that elderly men and women can become "teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look toward the future with hope and responsibility." May the wisdom of your years be shared and appreciated by all whom you meet today. Thank you for being a source of generosity and joy. God bless you.

Gratefully,

*S. Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM*

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## SOAR! Spotlight

*Sgt. Brian Alterio recently shared his connection to Catholic religious, and why he and his wife Laura feel called to support SOAR!*

Growing up, I attended a local parochial school that was administered by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Scranton, PA.

The Sisters and Priests there played a pivotal role in not only my moral and ethical development but also that of many other children before me. They devoted their lives to giving us adequate instruction as well as the support we needed to navigate life. Their support was tireless and born from their love for God and for us. For these reasons, I believe I now have a responsibility to do my part to ensure their needs are provided for to the extent of my abilities.

A number of the Sisters and Priests in my life became good friends whom I loved. Most of them have now passed from here to their eternal life; however, I like to continue my support of those who had the courage to answer God's call to service. I may not know who the religious are whom I am presently supporting but I know they undertook this important work with love for God and love for their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Giving to SOAR! is simply a way for me to say, "Thank you for what you've done."

*Brian is a Disabled Veteran of the United States Navy, Army and Pennsylvania National Guard and is a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also has been active in his parish as a Sacristan, Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Catechist. Laura is a devoted school educator and librarian as well as an avid gardener. Together, they are proudest of their collective vocation of being parents to their children. They have been donors to SOAR! for 21 years.*

**Sgt. Brian and Laura Alterio, Bellefonte, PA**



# 2023 SOAR! Grants



## ALABAMA

**Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama**  
*Cullman*  
Purchase medical equipment

## CALIFORNIA

**Daughters of Mary and Joseph of Rancho Palos Verdes**  
*Rancho Palos Verdes*  
Purchase golf cart

**Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament**  
*Bonita*  
Renovate driveway and ramp

**Lovers of the Holy Cross**  
*Anaheim*  
Purchase beds and fall detectors

**Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose**  
*Fremont*  
Install new flooring

**Sisters of Social Service**  
*Encino*  
Purchase hospital beds, renovate living room and gathering area

**Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles\***  
*Alhambra*  
Replace kitchen appliances

**Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart**  
*Chatsworth*  
Renovate bathroom

**Missionary Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit**  
*Los Angeles*  
Install security gate

**Camaldolese Hermits of America**  
*San Luis Obispo*  
Flooding funding

## COLORADO

**Benet Hill Monastery of Colorado Springs**  
*Colorado Springs*  
Fund aging care collaboration program

## CONNECTICUT

**Abbey of Regina Laudis**  
*Bethlehem*  
Replace windows and storm doors, rebuild ramp and stairs

**Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus\***  
*Hamden*  
Replace windows, replace HVAC unit

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery**  
*West Hartford*  
Replace flooring

**Congregation de Notre Dame**  
*Fairfield*  
Purchase furnishings and equipment for recreation meeting room

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart**  
*Washington, DC*  
Replace lighting system

## FLORIDA

**San Damiano Monastery of St. Clare**  
*Fort Myers Beach*  
Hurricane funding

## IDAHO

**Monastery of St. Gertrude**  
*Cottonwood*  
Install automatic door and awning

## ILLINOIS

**Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George**  
*Alton*  
Purchase accessible van

**Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Wheaton*  
Renovate outdoor areas for safety and security

**Benedictine Sisters of Chicago**  
*Chicago*  
Purchase medical equipment and technology for infirmary

**Sisters of the Living Word**  
*Des Plaines*  
Fund professional services consultation

**USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus**  
*Chicago*  
Purchase furniture and smart stand

## INDIANA

**Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the Woods**  
*Saint Mary-of-the-Woods*  
Upgrade technology

**Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana**  
*Ferdinand*  
Purchase golf cart and enclosure, purchase laundry appliances and equipment

**Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis**  
*Oldenburg*  
Replace elevator

## KANSAS

**Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica\***  
*Atchison*  
Renovate bathroom

**St. Benedict's Abbey**  
*Atchison*  
Install security system

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS**  
*Concordia*  
Purchase adjustable beds, replace carpet

## KENTUCKY

**Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery**  
*Villa Hills*  
Replace mattresses

**Congregation of the Passion, Holy Cross Province**  
*Louisville*  
Repair elevator

## LOUISIANA

**Sisters of the Holy Family**  
*New Orleans*  
Install ramp on accessible van

**Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**  
*New Orleans*  
Purchase accessible van

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Cistercians of the Strict Observance in Massachusetts**  
*Wrentham*  
Install ramp on accessible van

**Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa**  
*Belmont*  
Purchase technology and kitchen equipment

## MARYLAND

**Atlantic-Midwest Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame**  
*Baltimore*  
Purchase iPads and laptop computers

**Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart**  
*Towson*  
Purchase accessible van

**Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore**  
*Lutherville*  
Purchase generator

**Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity**  
*Silver Spring*  
Purchase accessible van

## MICHIGAN

**Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary\***  
*Monroe*

## MINNESOTA

**Saint John's Abbey**  
*Collegeville*  
Install new nurse call system

## MISSOURI

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet**  
*St. Louis*  
Replace stairlift

## MINNESOTA

**Conception Abbey**  
*Conception*  
Install new nurse call system

## NEBRASKA

**Servants of Mary of Omaha**  
*Omaha*  
Fund professional services for eldercare planning

## NEW JERSEY

**Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth**  
*Convent Station*  
Renovate bathroom

**Capuchin Franciscan Friars**  
*Union City*  
Upgrade elevator

**Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell**  
*Caldwell*  
Renovate infirmary hallways

**Missionary Society of the Salesian Sisters**  
*Haledon*  
Replace dishwasher

## NEW YORK

**Salesian Society, Province of St. Philip the Apostle**  
*New Rochelle*  
Purchase accessible van

**Congregation of the Passion (Eastern Province)**  
*Rye Brook*  
Renovate kitchen

**Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester**  
*Rochester*  
Install new phone system

**Missionary Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis**  
*Peekskill*  
Purchase lounge chairs and Hoyer lift

**Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict**  
*Huntington*  
Renovate bathroom

**Ursuline Provincialate**  
*New Rochelle*  
Replace dining room furniture

**Sisters of Saint Ursula of the Blessed Virgin of New York**  
*Rhinebeck*  
Renovate bathrooms and replace doors, fund professional services for eldercare planning

**Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic**  
*Maryknoll*  
Replace nurse call system

**Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary**  
*Sparkill*  
Purchase accessible van

**Daughters of Wisdom**  
*Islip*  
Install bathroom

**Marist Brothers**  
*Bronx*  
Purchase generator

**Transfiguration Monastery**  
*Windsor*  
Install air-conditioning units

**Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt**  
*Blauvelt*  
Purchase physical therapy equipment

**Sisters of Saint Joseph of Brentwood**  
*Brentwood*  
Purchase dining room chairs

**Sisters of Charity of New York**  
*Bronx*  
Renovate room for media center

# SOAR! 2023 Event Honorees

## New York Awards Dinner

Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
New York Athletic Club 6:00 PM



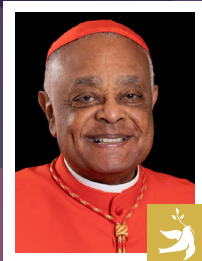
**Tania Tetlow**  
President,  
Fordham University



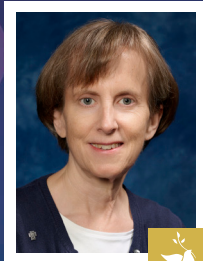
**Sister Eileen McCann, CSJ**  
Sisters of St. Joseph  
of Brentwood

## Washington, DC Gala

Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
The Embassy of Italy 6:30 PM



**Cardinal Wilton Gregory**  
Archdiocese of Washington



**Sister Mary Bader, DC**  
CEO, St. Ann's Center



**Lulu and Geoff Gonella**  
Community Leaders

**Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**  
Buffalo  
Purchase lift chairs

**Edmund Rice Christian Brothers**  
New Rochelle  
Replace carpet and wall coverings

**Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate**  
Monroe  
Repair infirmary roof and fire escape

**Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities**  
Liverpool  
Purchase adaptive equipment and furniture

**Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul\***  
Bronx

**OHIO**  
**Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Cleveland  
Renovate bathrooms

**Benedictine Order of Cleveland, St. Andrew Abbey**  
Cleveland  
Replace dishwasher

**Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio**  
Tiffin  
Install hearing loop, renovate assisted living space

**Sisters of St. Francis**  
Sylvania  
Purchase therapeutic equipment

**Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus**  
Cincinnati  
Renovate bathrooms

**Dominican Sisters of Peace**  
Columbus  
Upgrade nurse call system

**OREGON**  
**Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel**  
Mount Angel  
Install new technology in bedrooms

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh**  
Bakerstown  
Purchase therapeutic and medical equipment

**Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius**  
Danville  
Renovate bathrooms

**Carmelite Community of the Word**  
Gallitzin  
Make safety renovations to walkways and drive, install intercom system

**Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province**  
Jenkintown  
Upgrade elevator

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern, PA**  
Erie  
Purchase tables and chairs, fund quality of life programs and equipment

**Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Malvern  
Purchase mobile refrigeration carts

**Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Reading  
Upgrade HVAC system

**Benedictine Sisters of Erie**  
Erie  
Install new boilers, renovate infirmary room

**Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia**  
Aston  
Repair windows

**Daylesford Abbey**  
Paoli  
Renovate bedrooms and bathrooms for accessibility

**Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Scranton  
Renovate bathrooms

**Bernardine Franciscan Sisters**  
Reading  
Upgrade HVAC system

**Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity\***  
Philadelphia

**PUERTO RICO**  
**School Sisters of Notre Dame**  
Gurabo  
Purchase vehicle, hurricane funding

**Sisters of St. Dominic (San Juan/Amityville)**  
Bayamon  
Hurricane funding

**Religiosas del Sagrado Corazon**  
San Juan  
Hurricane funding

**TENNESSEE**  
**Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Cecilia of Nashville**  
Nashville  
Purchase patient lifts

**TEXAS**  
**Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity**  
Corpus Christi  
Purchase accessible vans

**Congregation of the Incarnate Word**  
San Antonio  
Upgrade technology

**Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters)**  
San Antonio  
Upgrade audio visual equipment in chapel

**Benedictine Sisters**  
Boerne  
Upgrade security cameras

**VIRGINIA**  
**Benedictine Sisters of Virginia**  
Bristow  
Purchase medical equipment

**WASHINGTON**  
**Sisters of St. Benedict St. Placid Priory**  
Lacey  
Install security lights and cameras

**WISCONSIN**  
**Valley of Our Lady Monastery**  
Prairie du Sac  
Renovate bathrooms

**Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi\***  
Saint Francis  
Purchase accessible van

**Sinsinawa Dominicans**  
Sinsinawa  
Purchase adjustable beds

**School Sisters of St. Francis**  
Milwaukee  
Repair roof

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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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