

Photo by Paula Toner, RSCJ



Sisters Kathleen Hughes (left) and Shirley Miller hold a check from Jasper Kane's estate.

Bequests strengthen Society's mission

The U.S. Province was notified recently of two major bequests: \$1 million from the estate of Jasper Kane, brother of Evelyn Kane, RSCJ, and \$750,000 from the estate of Helen Dawson, mother of Barbara Dawson, RSCJ.

"We are overwhelmed by these gifts and deeply grateful to Barbara Dawson and Ev Kane and their families," said Sister Shirley Miller, director of mission advancement. "These bequests help to ensure our mission into the future, and we hope other families and friends will consider including the Society in their wills."

Sister Miller noted that the province's newly formed financial advisory committee is reviewing the Society's policies regarding bequests.

"The committee will help us determine the best use of these gifts, so that the province's elderly and its ministries will benefit," she said.

A Precious Fountain

"The streams from which music flows into the Our Lady of Lourdes community run very deep. They well up as a great river of sound that reaches back to the earliest days of African presence on American soil ... through the hush-harbors of slavery ... into the hearts and voices of this community."

So begins an in-depth look at the music and liturgy of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in San Francisco in a new book by Mary McGann, RSCJ. Sister McGann, an expert in black Catholic worship and a member of the Lourdes choir, is assistant professor of



liturgy and music at the Franciscan School of Theology/ Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California. Her highly readable book, *A Precious Fountain*, and a companion volume,

Exploring Music and Worship and Theology, were published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota.



The author with women from Lourdes. From top, left to right: Irma Dillard, RSCJ; Shirley Valmore; Mary McGann, RSCJ; Judy Brown; Pat Goodall; Rose Isles; Jean Alexander.

AASH Awards

Rosemary Dowd, RSCJ, is the 2005 recipient of the Women of Conscience award given by the Associated Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart at the organization's national convention, to be held April 21-24 in Chicago. Sister O'Dowd works with about five hundred incarcerated men in Chicago. Recipients of the organization's 2005 Cor Unum awards are Mary Clark, RSCJ, professor emeritus at Manhattanville College, and three alumnae: Anne Fenech Franco of Grosse Pointe, Michigan; Janie O'Driscoll Hoffner of San Diego, and Irene Ernst Mackenroth of New Orleans. More information is available in the Winter 2005 issue of *Esprit de Coeur*, available at www.aash.net.

In Memoriam

Please see www.rscj.org for biographical information on RSCJ who have died.

May they live in the fullness of God's love.

Marilou Clarkson
February 16, 2005

Marguerite Seymour
March 4, 2005

Beatriz Salgado
March 6, 2005

Dolores Van Antwerp
March 16, 2005

Ruth Cunningham
March 16, 2005

Virginia O'Meara
March 22, 2005