

CRANALEITH SPIRITUAL CENTER
15th Anniversary Gala Committee

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Cranaleith's 15th-Anniversary Gala

On **Thursday night, September 18**, Cranaleith Spiritual Center will be celebrating its 15th anniversary with a gala evening honoring three very special individuals:



**Cranaleith's founding
and former director
Mary Trainer, RSM**



Rev. John Nevins



**Vietnam Veteran and
Veterans advocate
Marsha Tansey Four**

1) About the Gala:

The Gala is planned as a celebratory opportunity for (1) commemorating Cranaleith's 15th anniversary, (2) honoring three people who have made meaningful contributions to Cranaleith's growth and success, and (3) supporting Cranaleith's mission and expanding work.

The Gala will be a cocktails-and-buffet-dinner event, the kind where you wander around sampling food and drink from all different stations, sitting when and where you want and, in general, having fun. We guarantee you'll see familiar faces and meet great new folks.

It will be held from **6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday night, September 18**. The location is the beautiful **Knowlton Mansion**, at Rhawn Street and Verree Road in the Fox Chase/Burholme section of Northeast Philadelphia (GPS address is 931 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111). It's just minutes off I-95, and there will be complimentary valet parking.

The honoree program will be a concise 30 or 45 minutes in the middle of the socializing.

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2) About Cranaleith:

Cranaleith, Gaelic for “Sanctuary of Trees,” is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy operating on a park-like 10-acre property in the Somerton section of Northeast Philadelphia.



Cranaleith is a sanctuary for REFLECTION on what matters in life...	<p>...Cranaleith offers spiritual direction and retreats on a wide range of topics for people who want to deepen their relationship with God.</p> <p>...Cranaleith offers non-denominational days of reflection for business leaders balancing work, home and values.</p>
Cranaleith is a sanctuary for RENEWAL of spirit for work or life...	<p>... Cranaleith offers programs for the staffs of nonprofit human service agencies serving those who are marginalized.</p> <p>...Cranaleith provides advanced professional development for faith-based leaders and educators, and respite for individuals or groups seeking renewal of mind, body and spirit.</p>
Cranaleith is a sanctuary for RESTORATION from life's traumas...	<p>... Cranaleith is unique in offering days of wellness and renewal for the vulnerable among us who deal with poverty, abuse, addiction, mental illness or homelessness.</p> <p>...Cranaleith offers special retreats for Veterans and their families to heal the spiritual and moral wounds of war.</p>

3) How You Can Participate:

Gala sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$25,000, and individual tickets for the Gala are \$125. Cranaleith welcomes any who wish to sponsor, attend and/or take out a tribute ad in the program book, even if you are unable to be there in person.

Our hope is that the event will both celebrate our wonderful honorees and generate a long-lasting gift for the incredible ministry of Cranaleith.

We hope you can come.

Warm regards,

Marisa Guerin
Board Chair, Cranaleith Spiritual Center
Chair, Cranaleith's 15th Anniversary Gala Committee

Additional Gala details at www.cranaleith.org or by calling 215-934-6206

About the Honorees:

Cranaleith's programs for Veterans are a special focus for us as we go into the Gala. Cranaleith has recently partnered with various groups who care for Veterans and their needs to offer sensitive and safe programs that help Veterans and their families with the spiritual dimensions of healing. One of the honorees, **Marsha Tansey Four**, has been tireless in advocating for the needs of Veterans and has been instrumental in helping Cranaleith develop its new "Coming Home, Becoming Whole" program.

Marsha, who lives in the Philadelphia area, served as an in-country Army nurse during the Vietnam War, serves as Vice President of the National Board of Directors of Vietnam Veterans of America, and is the Chair of its National Women Veterans Committee. She has devoted the past 25 years to working with and advocating for Veterans by contributing, writing and delivering testimony related to Veterans issues on the local, state and federal levels.

Marsha was appointed twice to the VA Secretarial Committee on Women Veterans. She organized a joint VVA/VA community-wide PTSD day-long workshop for emergency, hospital and social service personnel. In 1993, Marsha initiated the Philadelphia Stand Down for Homeless Veterans and recently retired as the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, a non-profit agency providing free, comprehensive services to regional Veterans. As such, she took the developmental lead on establishing the Mary E. Walker House, a nationally recognized transitional residence for homeless women Veterans. Her service to country and community continues to impact the lives of thousands upon thousands of Veterans in need and their families, so much so that she was recognized last year by The White House and the Department of Veterans Affairs as a "Woman Veteran Champion of Change."

Most of us who know **Rev/Jack/Father Nevins** know of his involvement over the years with peace and justice movements. Fewer of us know that he also served as chaplain of the local group of *Rolling Thunder*®, an organization committed to the cause of honoring Veterans and remembering the POW/MIA of all wars.

Father Nevins was born into Philadelphia's St. Martin of Tours Parish in 1931. After years of education in his parish school, St. Joseph's Prep and St. Charles Seminary, he was ordained in 1957 by John Cardinal O'Hara. His first assignment, as an assistant at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Pottsville, Pa., was quickly altered to include teaching at Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia. During the next 23 years, Father had several residencies as he continued to teach and be involved in guidance and athletic activities. During this time he also conducted retreats, Search for Christian Maturity weekends and other programs for the Archdiocesan Department of Youth Activities.

"Rev" was a professor and chaplain at Gwynedd-Mercy College from 1980-86. He was then appointed pastor of St. Hugh of Cluny, an Anglo-Hispanic parish in North Philadelphia. From 1992-94 he was pastor of the Church of the Assumption, a now-closed, racially diverse parish near the center of Philadelphia. After brief assignments at St. Mary's Parish in Phoenixville and St. Aloysius in Pottstown, "Jack" was named pastor of St. Mary Alacoque Parish in 1996, where he served for 10 years before assuming his current assignment as chaplain for the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart community in Yardley, Pa.

Father Nevins was an early advocate and has been a faithful supporter of Cranaleith and the unique kind of ministry that happens there. He has served as an adjunct Chaplain and as the primary Eucharistic celebrant at Cranaleith's annual Valentine's Retreat for Married Couples.

Sister Mary Trainer's lifeblood is Mercy, the fire of her passion and the depth of her tenderness. As a teacher at West Catholic High School, Mary's compassion for at-risk students directed her to develop an innovative life-skills program that drew out their fullest capacity. Her unrelenting belief in the human spirit called her to doctoral studies in social psychology at Boston University and engaged her in conflict resolution from Boston to South Africa, from the center of Church to the margins of society. It was no accident that Mary's grasp of the healing mercy of God led her to choose "forgiveness" as the topic of her dissertation.

The newness of life that was Mary's quest led to her selection as a member of the renewal team of the Sisters of Mercy. Mary's energy poured into the call for transformation of Religious life through reflection, dialogue and action. The community recognized her inspiration, electing her to serve on the Leadership Council from 1980-90.

After this decade of intense ministry in tending the Merion congregation's expression of Mercy, Mary faced a new challenge. In 1992, she helped prepare the way for the foundation of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. Mary next imagined the re-creation of foundress Catherine McAuley's original House of Mercy in Dublin as an International Centre to nourish the Mercy charism. She also held the role of Director of Leadership Development at Catholic Health East, a multi-hospital system, and as the Director of Mission and Values at Eastern Mercy Health System.

In 1998, Mary returned to her childhood home to establish and manage Cranaleith Spiritual Center, a "sanctuary of trees" dedicated in a special way to evoke the beauty, potential, dignity and peace of those who are poor and marginalized. Her administrative stewardship, which ended earlier this year, included the oversight of the construction of Cranaleith's new Education and Conference Center, which has more than tripled the property's capacity for meetings, programs and other outreach to guests from all faith traditions and walks of life. Her desire to stay involved at Cranaleith as a Board member and volunteer is emblematic of Mary's devotion to the spiritual transformation of all those seeking wholeness for themselves and society.

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Thursday, September 18, 2014 ★ 6PM to 10PM

Knowlton Mansion, 8001 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111

Honoring

Mary Trainer, RSM ★ Rev. John Nevins ★ Marsha Tansey Four



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & TICKETS

PLATINUM SPONSOR ★ \$25,000

- ★ ten (10) tickets to Gala
- ★ two (2) tickets so that those who we serve in our ministries can attend
- ★ premium-placement full-page ad in our program booklet
- ★ name recognition on invitation, promotional material, and signage at Gala
- ★ recognition in our newsletter, website, and on social media
- ★ if a business, Charter Membership in Cranaleith's Business Council
- ★ four (4) guest passes to attend a workshop or program at Cranaleith
- ★ private dinner for ten (10) in Cranaleith's Main House on a mutually agreeable date

GOLD SPONSOR ★ \$10,000

- ★ six (6) tickets to Gala
- ★ two (2) tickets so that those who we serve in our ministries can attend
- ★ full-page ad in our program booklet
- ★ name recognition on invitation, promotional material, and signage at Gala
- ★ recognition in our newsletter, website, and on social media
- ★ if a business, Charter Membership in Cranaleith's Business Council
- ★ two (2) guest passes to attend a workshop or program at Cranaleith

SILVER SPONSOR ★ \$5,000

- ★ four (4) tickets to Gala
- ★ two (2) tickets so that those who we serve in our ministries can attend
- ★ full-page ad in our program booklet
- ★ name recognition on invitation, promotional material, and signage at Gala
- ★ recognition in our newsletter, website, and on social media
- ★ if a business, Charter Membership in Cranaleith's Business Council
- ★ four (4) tickets to attend a workshop or program at Cranaleith

COPPER SPONSOR ★ \$1,000

- ★ two (2) tickets to Gala
- ★ full-page ad in our program booklet
- ★ name recognition on invitation and promotional material
- ★ recognition in our newsletter, website and on social media
- ★ guest pass to attend a workshop or program at Cranaleith

INDIVIDUAL GALA TICKET ★ \$125

PROGRAM BOOKLET AD/TRIBUTE ★ \$500 half-page / \$250 quarter-page

Program Booklet Ad / Tribute Submission Information

- full-page ad size is 7.5 x 10";
horizontal half-page size is 7.5 x 5";
quarter-page size is 3.75 x 5"
- please submit electronic files
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high-resolution pdf format (*preferred*);
- native files will be accepted with all
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Word, Illustrator*)
- if electronic files are not possible,
please submit the copy and artwork
exactly as you wish it to appear
(*no shading and include photos
separately, if any*)
- submit ads in black ink only as the
program booklet will be in black
and white.
- e-mail file to office@cranaleith.org
- please note that pictures and disks
submitted for ads will not be returned



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☐ Silver Sponsor* \$5,000 (4 tickets)
☐ Copper Sponsor* \$1,000 (2 tickets)

*I would like to donate _____ of our tickets back to Cranaleith so that guests with limited means can attend

PROGRAM BOOKLET AD / TRIBUTE

- ☐ half-page ad / \$500
☐ quarter-page ad / \$250

TICKETS

- ☐ individual ticket / \$125 quantity _____
☐ I am/We are unable to attend, but please accept a contribution of \$ _____
☐ Please accept an additional contribution of \$ _____ so that a Sister/Sisters of Mercy may attend

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- ☐ check enclosed for \$ _____ (payable to "Cranaleith")
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