



# *HOLY FAMILY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC*

**NEWSLETTER NO.6**

**JUNE 2020**

**We are very sorry for a loss of  
Sister Marella Wagner  
Teacher at Holy Family Conservatory  
from 1958-1960.**

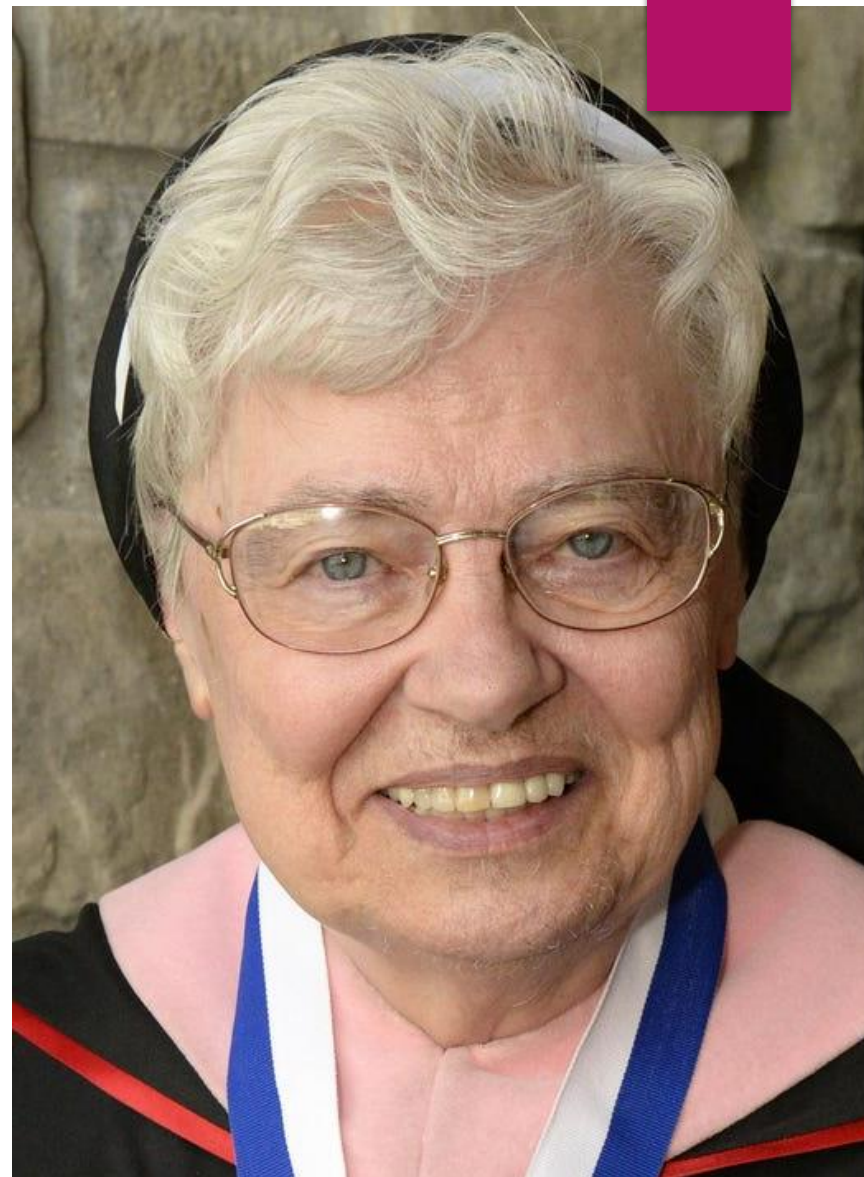
Sister Marella Wagner passed away last Saturday, June 27, 2020

She was honored with professor emeritus status at Silver Lake/Holy Family College. Sister Marella earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Silver Lake College in 1962 and received her Master of Music degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1969.

She began serving as a full-time faculty member at Silver Lake College in 1966 and went on to become chair of the Faculty Development Committee, coordinator of the college's Division of Arts and Sciences, and chair of the Department of Music.

Sister Marella was a member of the international, national and Midwest Kodály associations. In addition, she wrote about music for numerous publications, and studied and gave presentations about music in various places both in the United States and other countries.

Sister Marella was a dear friend for many of us. We will miss her incredibly. May she rest in peace!



We would like to thank  
Ms. Amy Beekhuizen and Mrs. Carol Stork for  
teaching for the Conservatory! You made a big  
impact on our students!

Both have accepted positions in the Sheboygan School District  
and will not continue teaching at the Conservatory.

Good luck with your new journey!



# We are welcoming a new Guitar and Ukulele Instructor, Mr. Steve Proszenyak!



Steve Proszenyak has more than 20 years of guitar experience. He attended University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music in 2011. Throughout his years playing guitar, Steve has played with various rock, jazz, folk, choral, and Catholic music liturgy groups, in addition to having played in several pit orchestras for musical theater productions. In 2020, he released a collection of original solo guitar pieces called *Music for Long Days*.

Aside from his studies in guitar, Steve has been playing ukulele for more than 15 years. He has performed on ukulele with several folk groups, and will be featured playing ukulele on an upcoming folk-rock album.

Steve currently resides in Manitowoc with his wife, Bonnie. When he's not playing, writing, or recording music, he enjoys playing board and tabletop games, grilling, and having a good cup of tea.

# We are welcoming a new Violin Instructor, Ms. Heidi Barker!

Heidi Barker is a Milwaukee based violinist and teacher who loves using music to build community and kindle creative thinking. Since completing her master's studies in String Pedagogy and Chamber Music performance she has taught with a wide variety of music programs. Her passion for sharing music has led her to participate in concerts, workshops, and internships both as a performer and as a teacher through partnerships with non-profit organizations in Haiti, Tasmania, France, and the United States.



# Next session: Fall Session 1, August 31<sup>st</sup> – October 17<sup>th</sup>

Piano, Violin, Guitar, Ukulele Group  
Classes/Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello,  
Percussion, Guitar, Wind Instruments,  
and Voice Private Lessons



Healthy safety is a priority number one at Holy Family Conservatory of Music. We keep observing a COVID-19 situation in WI. Our plan for Fall Session 1 is reopening the Conservatory for instructions in person for private lessons and group classes for children older than five years old and adults. *Music for Tots™* will be held on-line (video classes) Fall semester of 2020. We are working on protocol that will help us to provide safe environment for everyone.

## On-Line Registration

Please contact Sister Carol Ann Gambsky or Dr. Stanislava Varshavski if you have any questions or concerns.

# Let's smile!!! We deserve it!

A Concerto for a solo typewriter



Microsoft Windows™ - the waltz





*Happy  
Independence  
Day*





***ENJOY SUMMER AND STAY WELL!***