



First Profession of Vows, July 17, 1966

**We invite you to celebrate the
Golden Jubilee of**

Sister Kathleen Storms, SSND

**St Bernard's Church
Cologne MN
October 9, 2016
10 AM Parish Mass**

**Followed by Dinner
Cologne Community Center**

**Reception 1-3 PM
RSVP by September 14**

Irene Yaeck:

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(leave your name and number attending)

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Please, no personal gifts

Your presence is your gift

Contributions to

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat or

School Sisters of Notre Dame

are welcome.

See the gifts the years have
given, Things your efforts could
never earn, The health to
enjoy who you want to be
and the mind to
mirror mystery.

John O'Donohue on Celebration



Golden Jubilee, 2016

September 11, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I thought you might like the (abbreviated) letter St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote to her Sisters, Brothers and Fathers in the Missionaries of Charity which I read in last week's homily. As she does, I too encourage you to read it before the Blessed Sacrament so Jesus himself can speak to each of you.

The liberating truth is Jesus loves us. Fr. Gregory

"I thirst, I quench"

+LDM

25 March, 1993

Varanasi

My Dearest Children—Sisters, Brothers, and Fathers,

This letter being very personal, I wanted to write in my own hand—but there are so many things to say. Even if not in Mother's hand, still it comes from Mother's heart. Jesus wants me to tell you again, especially in this Holy Week, how much love He has for each one of you—beyond all you can imagine. I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus—one to one—you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel—but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus—not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace, He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying "I thirst" in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person—not just the idea. How can we last even one day without hearing Jesus say "I love you"—impossible.

Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead—meditation-only thinking. Jesus wants you each to hear Him—speaking in the silence of your heart. Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The devil may try to use the hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes—to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that He loves you, but even more—He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close.

He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes—He is the one who always accepts you. My children, you don't have to be different for Jesus to love you.

Only believe—You are precious to Him. Bring all you are suffering to His feet—only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest. You all know in your mind that Jesus loves you—but in this letter Mother wants to touch your heart instead. Jesus wants to stir up our hearts, so not to lose our early love, especially in the future after Mother leaves you. That is why I ask you to read this letter before the Blessed Sacrament, the same place it was written, so Jesus himself can speak to you each one.



CHILI FEED
&
SHEEPHEAD TOURNAMENT
(Also serving chicken soup & hotdogs)

St. Bernard Catholic Parish, Cologne

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Following **4:00 pm Mass**

with Free Spirits (Vern Elke and his
brothers)

To Be Held at School

(Sheephead Tournament starts at 6 pm)

Raffle tickets are for sale for \$25

Grand Prize \$500.00

3 prizes - \$100.00

40 prizes - \$50.00

(Drawings at 6:00, 7:00 and grand prize drawing at 8:00 -- do not need be present to win)

(Chili supper will be a free will offering)

**ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHILI FEED QUILT RAFFLE
\$1.00 EACH CHANCE**

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