

**HOLY NAMES HERITAGE CENTER**  
**Press Kit**

**Holy Names Heritage Center Fact Sheet**

The mission of the Holy Names Heritage Center is to conserve and retell the significant stories, historical development and societal impact of Holy Names' presence in Pacific Northwest communities, highlighting partnerships and contributions to Northwest life.

The Heritage Center features a public research library, exhibits, educational programs and lectures and the Family History Project. The Heritage Center is available for business meeting, special events and family celebrations.

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Design</b>                     | Robertson, Merryman, Barnes Architects, Inc. Founded in 1992, RMB was one of the first entirely women owned firms in the Northwest.   |
| <b>Opening</b>                    | June 23, 2007   |
| <b>Web site</b>                   | <a href="http://www.holynamesheritagecenter.org">www.holynamesheritagecenter.org</a>  |
| <b>Location</b>                   | Sisters of the Holy Names property, Lake Oswego, OR, on Highway 43. Address: 17425 Holy Names DR. Lake Oswego, OR 97034   |
| <b>Square footage of Building</b> | 15,000  |
| <b>Exhibition area</b>            | 600 Square feet   |
| <b>Archives and Artifacts</b>     | Archival collection of the Sisters of the Holy Names U.S.-Ontario Province.   |
| <b>Facilities</b>                 | Two public rooms, one research room, private work areas and two temperature and humidity controlled vaults  |
| <b>Amenities</b>                  | Exhibition space<br>Seminar Room (68 seats)<br>Great Hall (125 seats)<br>State of the art AV system<br>Public rental capabilities<br>Offices<br>Research Library<br>Archival collection spanning a century and a half |

**Newest  
Exhibition**

“Adventurous Spirits!”

Early SNJM missions in the United States and Ontario Canada

**Hours**

opened June 23, 2007

10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wednesday - Thursday.

**Photographs**

Available on request

Frequently Asked Questions

**Where are the Center’s public facilities located?**

17425 Holy Names Drive  
Lake Oswego, OR 97036

**How do you reach the Heritage Center by car?**

The Heritage Center address is 17425 Holy Names Drive and is located off of HWY 43 in Lake Oswego. The Center is 1.5 miles south of Lake Oswego’s city center and 3 miles north of I 205 EXIT 8- on OR-43 toward WEST LINN / LAKE OSWEGO

**What are the hours for visiting the Heritage Center?**

10:00-4:00 Wednesday - Friday

**Is there a charge for visiting the Center?**

There is a \$5.00 charge to use the research library, free with a membership. The Center’s exhibits are free.

**What is parking like?**

There is limited public parking available at the Heritage Center but public parking and on-street parking can be arranged for major events and facility rentals.

**May visitors take still photographs and video in the Center?**

Still and video photography for personal use is permitted. Use of tripods or lights is not permitted. News photographers and videographers who wish to shoot in the Heritage Center must contact the Center in advance at (503) 607-0595.

**Where can the public get information about the Center?**

The Heritage Center’s Website home page address is [www.holynamesheritagecenter.org](http://www.holynamesheritagecenter.org).  
or email [info@holynamesheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@holynamesheritagecenter.org)

Holy Names Heritage Center Press Kit

## **Holy Names Heritage Center Fact Sheet**

### **Are there volunteer opportunities?**

The Heritage Center is supported by volunteers who serve primarily as education and visitor services specialists. More information on volunteering at the Heritage Center can be found at: [www.holynamesheritagecenter.org](http://www.holynamesheritagecenter.org).

### **Who are the Sisters of the Holy Names?**

The **Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary** is an international congregation of women religious and Associates dedicated to the full development of the human person through education, social justice, contemplation, and the arts.

**SNJMs serve in the names of Jesus and Mary.** Their ministries educate and empower people, especially those most in need. They have been doing this work since their founding in Quebec in 1843. Today, some 650 SNJM Sisters and about 400 Associates — women and men who share our mission, but do not make vows — are part of the **U.S.-Ontario Province**, formed in 2006 by uniting the five predominantly English-speaking provinces of the Congregation. Worldwide, Sisters of the Holy Names can be found on four continents.

### **Executive Director Biography, Tamra L. Brosseau**

Prior to coming to the Holy Names Heritage Center Tamra Brosseau was the Historic Preservation and Conservation Administrator of the Susan B. Anthony House in Rochester, New York where she directed the restoration of the historic interiors. Overseeing the restoration budget and a team of highly skilled historic restoration craftsmen, Tamra managed human, physical, and financial resources along with creating the museum's future interior restoration master plan. Tamra holds a Masters of Arts in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University and a dual BA in Art History and History from Eastern Washington University.

### **Manager of Archival Collections Biography, Sarah Cantor**

Sarah Cantor began her career at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore and later was curator at George Mason's Gunston Hall Plantation in Virginia. She spent several years as lead historical researcher for Sumpter Priddy, an American decorative arts gallery in Virginia. Most recently, she was curator for Portland General Electric. Sarah holds a Masters of Arts in the history of American Decorative Arts from Parson's School of Design in New York City.

## **Holy Names Heritage Center Fact Sheet**

### **Collections and Research**

The Heritage Center is the repository for the archives of the Sisters of the Holy Names U.S. Ontario Province. The goal of the Heritage Center is to conserve and retell the significant stories, historical development and societal impact of the Holy Names' presence in Pacific Northwest communities, highlighting partnerships and contributions to Northwest life. As part of this responsibility, the Heritage Center maintains historically significant archives for public exhibition, scholarly study and reference. Staff members conduct exhibitions, lectures, seminars and other forms of public presentation.

Staff members also respond to a broad range of requests from researchers and the public on matters related to the history of the Sisters of the Holy Names.

### **Educational Services**

The Holy Names Heritage Center offers educational opportunities to students, teachers and family groups. More information on the Center's educational services can be found at [www.holynamesheritagecenter.org](http://www.holynamesheritagecenter.org).

### **Public Programs for the Visitor**

**Lecture series:** A series of lectures that focus on the Center's mission are provided through out the year.

**Workshops:** Workshops on preserving family histories are offered. Check the Website for the schedule.

**Family History Project:** The Center provides a unique opportunity for families to preserve their stories and histories while building a data bank for future research on Pacific Northwest culture.

### **School Programs**

The Heritage Center serves school groups with scheduled programming and supplemental materials. With advanced reservations, schools can take advantage of a variety of specialized classroom activities. Self-guiding materials and supplements are available for school groups and students who wish to learn on their own.

The Heritage Center's school programming development, delivery and access are enhanced through partnerships with local educational organizations. This approach helps tailor programming to appropriate age and background levels and make it conform to national and state educational standards.