



Très Bien
to
Cathy Doyle
Hoehn

Villa Duchesne Class of 1963

Cathy Hoehn embodies Saint Madeleine Sophie's goal that we grow in a 'lively faith' that draws us into 'love in action:' a casserole, a ride, a shoulder, a party, a temporary home – always provided with a wonderful sense of humor for family and friends alike.

We quote our mother saying, half joke and whole earnest, "never be a doctor, never marry a doctor" – usually at a dinner table missing our surgeon-father. Fortunately Cathy took it as a joke, and so married John Hoehn and took up her roles as wife; mother of their four children, Phil, Drew, Katie and Tim; and now grandmother of Maggie, Lily, and Emily. Ever an active volunteer for John's and their children's activities, and the innumerable boards and committees of their various hospitals, schools and churches, she still sings in two choirs and lately began teaching English to a young Somalian mother.

For the past eight years, Cathy and John have spent 10 fall days in El Salvador as medical missionaries. Cathy, imitating our mother's training in practicing medicine without a license (remember the absent father?) helps with the pharmacy, eyeglasses, triage, blood pressures, and just general friendliness. (*Heart* magazine has more stories.)

Cathy's profound effect on so many people is fed by a rich spiritual life grounded in our Sacred Heart traditions. She prays faithfully herself and with others, makes regular retreats, and continues with the work of G. I. Gurdjeiff. She shares this faith with her children, grandchildren, family and friends, gives retreats for the Bridges (Ignatian retreat) Program, and, with John, joins in the Christian Life Community Program.

All in all, Cathy lives Saint Madeleine Sophie's daily prayer: Sacred Heart of Jesus, give me a heart that is one with your own: a humble heart..., a gentle heart..., a loving heart..., a heart detached from self-love and embraced by the love of God...

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Villa Duchesne, 1956, Manhattanville College, 1960
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