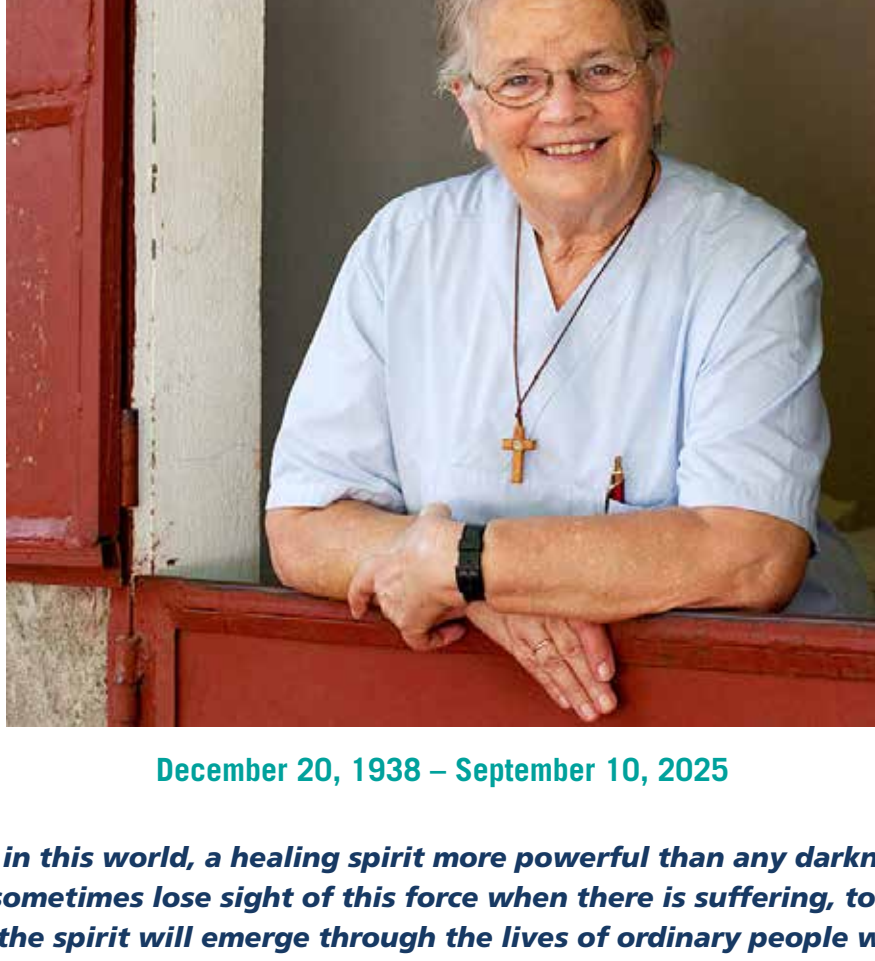


La Promisse

Sister Ann Crawley, CSJP



December 20, 1938 – September 10, 2025

“There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering, too much pain. Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways.” — St. Mother Teresa

With profound sadness, we received the news that Sister Ann Crawley, CSJP, made her way to heaven on September 10th. At her congregation's Mother House in Nottingham, England, Sister Ann peacefully departed her earthly life, surrounded by Sisters, friends, and community.

A compassionate force of nature at Hôpital Sacré Coeur from 2009 to 2022, Sister Ann's profound impact on the families, individuals, and the Milot community will be remembered for generations. Her love and kindness were life-changing for the countless people she touched in Milot and around the world.

Holy Name President and CEO, Mike Maron, beautifully expressed the sadness and inspiration her passing generated.

“I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend, Sister Ann Crawley, this morning. For many years, Ann has been a source of inspiration and joy in my life, and I feel blessed to have known her.

Ann was, in every sense, a woman of extraordinary faith and courage. She lived her vocation with an energy and conviction that was infectious—always reminding me, and so many others, that our lives are meant to matter, to lift up those most in need, and to leave this world a little better than we found it.

Her work took her across the globe—to Africa, to Ireland, to Haiti—but no matter where she was, she carried the same indomitable spirit. She had an uncanny gift of making people feel seen and valued, whether they were patients in a remote clinic, families in need of shelter, or friends who simply needed encouragement. Ann's joy, even in hardship, was a light that could not be dimmed.

What I will remember most is her courage to never stand on the sidelines. Ann lived her words: “We cannot do it alone. We need each other.” She believed in community, in solidarity, and in the grace that comes when people join together to do good. And she lived that belief every single day.

I give thanks to God for the blessing of her friendship, for her witness to peace and justice, and for the laughter and wisdom she shared so generously. While I will miss her presence here, I take comfort in knowing she is now at peace and that heaven has gained a most ardent advocate for us all.

Deo Gratias for the life of Sister Ann.”

Sister Ann Crawley Led the Way in Tackling the Ravages of Extreme Poverty

When the Sacred Heart Brothers of Montreal first arrived in the jungle outpost of Milot in 1968, they recognized the need to address the cycle of disease and extreme poverty through multiple channels: rural development, economic growth, education, and, of course, healthcare. Haiti Health Promise has continued to pursue, expand, and improve that mission goal.

Since her arrival at Hôpital Sacré Coeur in 2009, Sister Ann Crawley followed the brothers' footsteps into the mountainous jungles of Milot and down the village streets. Sister's mission was to find the poorest of the poor, the infirm, the blind, and the orphaned children who live in desperate squalor and offer them assistance. She didn't have to look far. After years of delivering miracles, people in dire need sought out Sister Ann. With a keen eye, she identified the most vulnerable members of the community and balanced providing basic needs with personal acts of hope, love, and understanding.

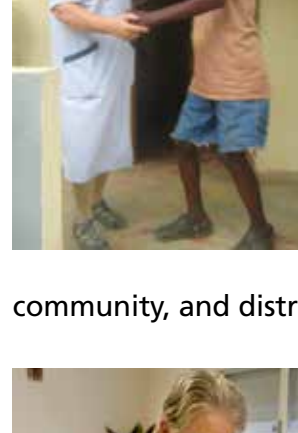
As Sister Ann said, “I have chosen to live my life not as a bystander, but rather to live in this world, in Haiti, as an active participant in fulfilling this dream. We all want our lives to matter and for the world to be marked in some small way by our journey. Haiti has taught me that, in order to succeed on this journey, we need each other. We cannot do it alone.”

Homes for the Homeless

During her tenure in Milot, Sister Ann drew on knowledge gained from her father who was a builder and built 300 cinder block houses for the homeless.



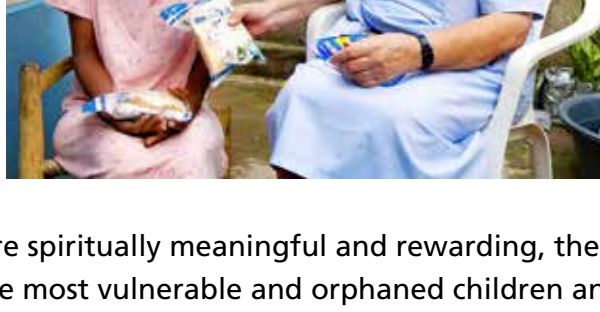
“You can imagine the joy a new house brings to these people who have never lived in a proper home,” Sister Ann said. “They literally dance for joy and never stop praising and thanking God for everyone who has helped them. These houses are very basic: made of cement blocks and featuring a tin roof. The work created by these projects provides jobs for local men and women, helping to feed and educate their children.”



“One such elderly man is Asamley. He is blind and was found living in a shed made of rusted tin, bamboo, and rags. He had absolutely nothing, slept on the ground, and spent his days begging. I had built a two-room house for Asamley with a latrine at the back. Asamley was so happy he literally danced for joy!”

Food for the Hungry

With food insecurity widespread in Haiti, many eat only a small hand-sized meal every two or three days. Sister Ann prepared nutritious meals of rice and tuna, gathered canned goods sent by the Haiti Health Promise community, and distributed them to the most vulnerable, especially orphans and pregnant women.



While holiday seasons in Milot are spiritually meaningful and rewarding, there are fewer feasts and gifts. Sister Ann gathered the most vulnerable and orphaned children and provided them with a celebratory meal on Christmas, Easter, and, of course, St. Patrick's Day. Her rascals, as she affectionately called them, were dressed in their best at dawn, waiting for the noontime meal.



As Sister Ann observed, “It was interesting to see the children use some of their Christmas dinner to make small packs of food to share with those in need on the street. They even brought some food to share with a couple of local men, who are mentally ill and beg by the roadside. The children, like everyone in Haiti, always want to share. Only the poor have this special gift.”

The Priceless Gift of Education

Every day, Sister Ann opened her door to a lively, noisy group of children. They shouted greetings, news, and requests for help. Their top wish was to go to school. Thanks to generous support from the Haiti Health Promise community, Sister Ann arranged for school tuition, uniforms, and books for more than 200 children each year. She knew that by providing an educational opportunity, she was planting the seeds for the future and filling the moment with hope.



“Hope is winning over despair. The spirit of the people is vibrant and positive, despite the harsh conditions and challenges poverty has inflicted on them. We have ignited a fire in the hearts of our Haitian brothers and sisters, one that has sparked the dream of a better life,” said Sister Ann. “Visibly seeing this love strengthens my soul and makes me want to reach for more.”

Compassion: doled out in abundance and in an ever-widening circle

In 1938, Sister Ann was born in Ireland into a large, hardworking family that welcomed friends, people, and animals in need. She often joked that sometimes, there were more animals in the house than people. Sister Ann's mother and siblings could never turn away a homeless or needy animal. She loved the variety. From a young age, her love extended to all of God's creatures.

Her passion for nature, animals, and wildlife stayed strong throughout her life.

At 24, Sister Ann dedicated herself to serving God, doing so by helping those in need, especially women and children. She had traveled across the Irish Sea to England and had joined the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace in Nottingham, England—the legendary home of Robin Hood. Trained as a nurse-midwife, she traveled throughout London, assisting in childbirth and supporting new mothers.



From England, Sister Ann moved to Africa, where she tended to the many needs of the people, especially women and children.



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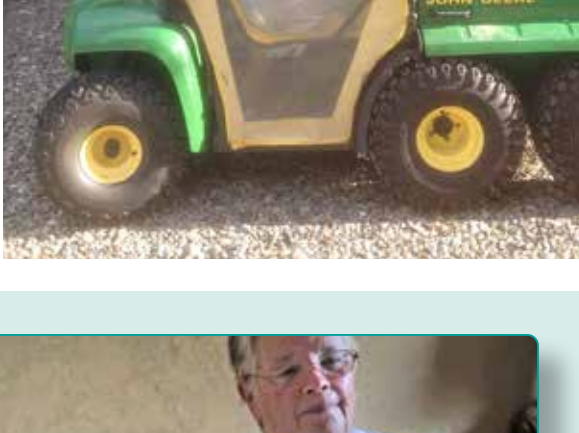
Sister Ann expressed her gratitude to the many volunteers and donors in the Haiti Health Promise community who supported her emotionally, spiritually, and financially as she helped the local people realize their dreams.

Her favorite blessing reflects her roots—an old Irish blessing. It is a prayer and blessing she would happily give to all of you reading this:

“A generous heart, respect for others, and a life of service and compassion are the things which God asks of us. You are in my prayers, and I send this Irish blessing to each and all:

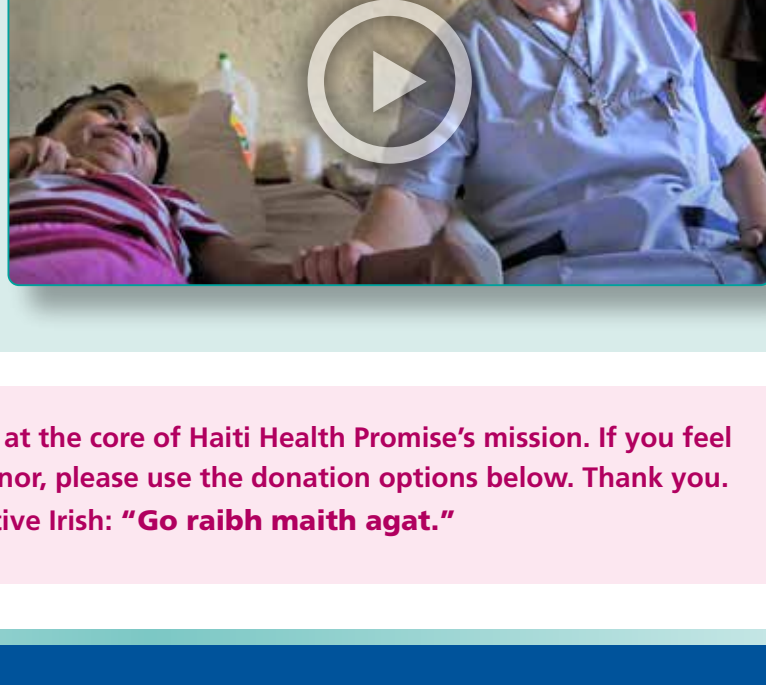
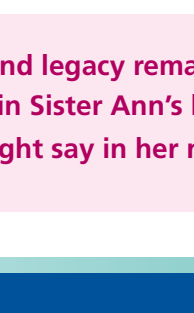
*May you have warm words on a cold evening,
a full moon on a dark night,
and the road downhill all the way to your door.*

May God bless you and reward each one of you.”



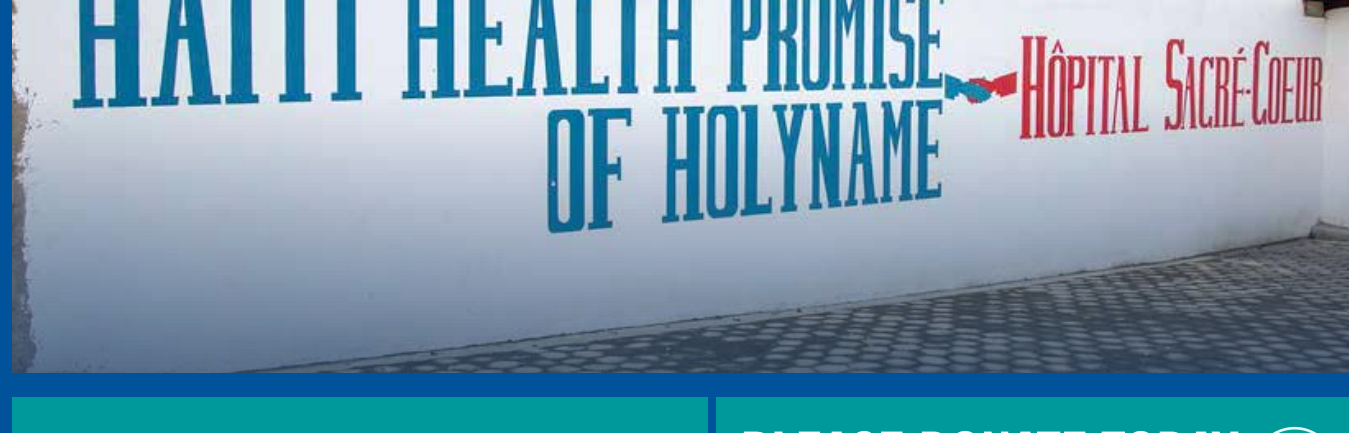
Please click on the thumbnail to watch Sister Ann in action as she ministers to and breathes new life into a local quadriplegic woman named Kyleen.

Or scan the QR Code.



Sister Ann's work and legacy remain at the core of Haiti Health Promise's mission. If you feel inspired to donate in Sister Ann's honor, please use the donation options below. Thank you.

Or as Sister Ann might say in her native Irish: **“Go raibh maith agat.”**



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