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“I will bless
those who
bless you.”

Gen: 12,2



“the signs of human frailty
which are clearly connected

with advanced age become

a summons to the mutual

dependence and indispensable

solidarity which link the

different generations” Pope John Paul II

“A lot of people ask ‘what happened to the nuns,’ ‘what do we owe the nuns.’ People under 40 don’t know what we’re talking about. It’s like missing Christopher Columbus and George Washington. We have to tell them why and how that school building came to be there, let people know the history of the institutions that they drive by every day. Sisters built those. Catholics have come into the middle class thanks to nuns. Lots of good-hearted people have benefited.

“These (nuns) gave not only a good education but a loving education. They gave 24 hours a day. They didn’t get paid much, many did it gratis.

“It’s up to us to protect them now. People who can step up to the plate ought to. Donors can focus on this as an estate planning tool. It’s time for big gifts. If you are looking for worthy causes, boy do we have some for you.

“Where are the nuns? In one sense, we’re the nuns. We have to carry on their mission with dignity and build a community rather than watch it break it into little pieces.”

John J. Fialka,
Founder and Board Member, Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR),
Writer, Wall Street Journal (Washington Bureau)

On the cover:

Sister Therese of the
Infant Jesus Dugre, 91,
Monastery of the
Discalced Carmelite Nuns,
Elysburg, Pennsylvania.

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