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Various Locations: Service Projects / Ongoing

Experience the work of Holy Child firsthand. In honor of Cornelia's commitment to serving others, service opportunities are being offered at several of our ministries. Find one in your area and join us in lending your time, talent, and treasure. Visit www.holychild200.org for more information.

Pennsylvania: Rosemont College Heritage Day / Oct. 8, 2008

Join the Rosemont College community is celebrating their legacy and that of Cornelia Connelly. During a Liturgy, Sr. Helen McDonald, Leader of the Society's American Province, will give a reflection. Sr. Eileen McDevitt, Director of the Holy Child Network of Schools, will give a presentation entitled, *Rosemont's Mission flowing from Cornelia Connelly's philosophy*. A panel of members of the Rosemont College community will follow.

Pennsylvania: Opening Celebration / Oct. 12, 2008

The Bicentennial Celebration officially began with a Mass at St. Agatha-St. James Church in Philadelphia, followed by a reception at the Hall of Flags on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. St. Agatha-St. James Church has special significance to the Society. The Holy Child Sisters taught at St. Agatha's from 1891 to 1912 and at St. James from 1870 to 1967. In addition, the church is located across the street from the former St. Leonard's Academy, which Cornelia purchased on her only visit as a Sister of the Holy Child to the U.S. St. Leonard's Academy educated students in Philadelphia for more than 100 years.

Massachusetts: Rededication of Holy Child Park / Oct. 12, 2008

Holy Child Park at St. Mary's Parish will be rededicated, followed by a tea for SHCJ and Associates. The Sisters of the Holy Child taught at St. Mary's School in Melrose, Mass. from 1909-1982. Today, Sisters of the Holy Child continue to serve the parish.

Oregon: Reception / Oct. 18, 2008

At Our Lady of Lavang (formerly Holy Child Academy) in Portland, Ore., the Sisters of the Holy Child will host a reception for Associates, alums, and friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Former students of St. Charles, St. Rita, Holy Family, St. Rose, St. Philip Neri, Central High for Boys, and Holy Child Academy—where the Sisters of the Holy Child taught—are invited.

Chile: Eucharistic Celebration / October 19, 2008

With our Associates and volunteers, the international community of Holy Child Sisters in Chile will inaugurate the Bicentennial year in a Eucharistic celebration for St. Teresa's day. The same group will continue the celebration throughout the

year in a series of meetings for prayer and reflection on some of Cornelia's key letters. These will be translated to become part of the growing store of Cornelian material available in Spanish.

Rome: Opening Mass / Oct. 27, 2008

Cornelia discerned her vocation to begin a new religious congregation, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Convent in the church of the Trinita dei Monti in Rome. The Opening Mass for the Bicentennial in Rome will be at the Trinita. Cardinal John Foley will preside.

Maryland: Connelly School of the Holy Child / Jan. 4, 2009

The Sisters of the Holy Child are joining with the Connelly School of the Holy Child, which they founded in 1961, for the school's annual Epiphany Mass. Several Sisters of the Holy Child will renew their vows during the Mass, while celebrating the life and legacy of Cornelia.

North Carolina: Mass & Reception / Jan. 18, 2009

In Charlotte, N.C., a Mass will be said in Cornelia's honor at St. Luke's parish at 11 a.m., followed by a reception. Holy Child Sisters Veronica Grover and Jay McCann both serve at St. Luke's.

New York: Metropolitan Celebration / Apr. 20, 2009

A reception and short play presented by the students from the Cornelia Connelly Center for Education will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Fordham Law School at Lincoln Center.

Pennsylvania: Holy Child Awards Dinner / Apr. 30, 2009

This inaugural awards dinner will honor J. Gordon Cooney, Esq. and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D. with the *Faith in Action* Award, as well as John Connelly with the *Holy Child Spirit* Award. Presented annually, these awards honor individuals whose lives and work embody Cornelia's spirit. The dinner will be held at the Philadelphia Marriot West Hotel in West Conshohocken, Pa.

Pennsylvania: Cornelian Tour / May 9, 2009 & May 13, 2009

Because Cornelia was born in Philadelphia, many areas in the city are significant to her and the Society. Several Holy Child Sisters will lead a walking tour that highlights these areas and offers further insight into Cornelia and her life.

Pennsylvania: Special Bicentennial Exhibit / July - November 2009

At the Archives of the Sisters of the Holy Child in Rosemont, Pa., special relics of Cornelia Connelly will be on display including the documentation for her Beatification, the oldest

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and latest books and articles about her, pictures of her and her family, genealogical chart, and the newly discovered letter she wrote to Cardinal McCloskey! Appointments to view the exhibit are necessary.

Massachusetts: Celebration at St. Mary's / Oct. 4, 2009

In honor of St. Mary's 100th Anniversary Celebration and the 200th Anniversary of Cornelia's birth, a Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 11:30 a.m., followed by a reception.

Pennsylvania: Closing Prayer Service / Oct. 11, 2009

The Bicentennial Celebration will close with a prayer service in Philadelphia.

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