Blog
Religious Life



Salesian Sr. Kaitlin Trokan throws out the first pitch at the Milwaukee Brewers game June 14, 2026. (Courtesy of Milwaukee Brewers)



by Dan Stockman

View Author Profile
dstockman@ncronline.org

Join the Conversation

June 29, 2026
Share on BlueskyShare on FacebookShare on TwitterEmail to a friendPrint

On June 15, Global Sisters Report told you about Sr. Deb Sciano of the School Sisters of Notre Dame being scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Milwaukee Brewers baseball game on June 17.

It turns out, another sister beat her to it.

On June 14, Sr. Kaitlin Trokan, of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (commonly known as the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco) took to the mound at American Family Field in Milwaukee and launched a high, arching throw toward home, landing in the dirt just short of the plate. We have no doubt any big-league hitter would have swung at it in vain. You can watch the sisters' video of the event here.

The sisters, naturally, made a day of it with a Mass and a tailgate before the game. And, providentially, the Brewers beat the Phillies 4-0.

Dominican sisters sell Jubilee Farm

After nearly 27 years, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois, have sold their Jubilee Farm.

"Today, after nearly 27 years of faithful stewardship of the land lovingly known to us and to many as Jubilee Farm, we have closed that chapter of Springfield Dominican ministry with the sale of the land," congregational leadership said in a June 12 statement. "While our ministry at Jubilee Farm draws to a close; our congregational commitment to the rights of Earth remains as strong as ever."

Advertisement

The congregation said many of the ministries that were based at the farm, such as care for creation, spiritual accompaniment, organic farming and permaculture practices, weaving, crafting, the study and teaching of ecological spirituality, will continue in different forms and locations.

It is also home to one of the only towers in the region built for studying the movement and behavior of birds, bats and insects.

The new owner, the nonprofit NextGen Communities, has agreed to honor the conservation easement on the land, which bans using it for commercial purposes.

"We are pleased to know the land will be in good hands for this next phase of its story and that so many creative ideas are in play to support area youth and the care of creation," Sr. M. Paul McCaughey, prioress general of the Dominican Sisters, said in the announcement regarding the new owners.



After nearly 27 years, the Springfield Dominicans have sold their Jubilee Farm. The 162 acres was sold to NextGen Communities and will remain in a conservation easement that prevents development. (Courtesy of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield)

Sr. Sharon Zayac, who lived at the farm since 1999 when she and Sr. Anita Cleary began the ministry, said the sale is necessary but bittersweet.

"It is the right time to pass it along to new caretakers who are equally committed to respecting the land and all the beings who dwell there," Zayac said in the statement.

"There are fewer sisters with the physical ability and desire to live here. After a year-long process of study and analysis, we came to the realization that we could best foster our legacy here by transferring the land to others' care."

The sisters moved from Jubilee Farm in March.

Among the collaborations the sisters nurtured at Jubilee Farm are relationships with the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders and the biology club at the University of Illinois Springfield.

The land is distinguished by a number of biomes, including pasture, wetlands and woodland. There are 3 miles of walking trails, a small orchard, and a mowed-grass labyrinth. It is home to a llama, two alpacas, and chickens, who will all remain with the new owners.