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Sister Barbara Lum, SSJ

“The Sisters of Selma”

Monday, March 21, 2016

7PM - Key Auditorium

(Roger Bacon Hall 202)



Sister Barbara in Selma 1960s

Sister Barbara Lum came from New York to Alabama in 1959 to work at Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma. There she witnessed the historic voting rights campaign. When state troopers attacked civil rights marchers on Bloody Sunday Sister Barbara rushed to the Good Samaritan emergency room to care for injured demonstrators. She and the other sisters treated people suffering scalp lacerations, broken bones, and the effects of tear gas.

“Most of them had been hit with billy clubs or fallen and run over by deputies on horses,” she recalled. When hundreds of out-of-town civil rights supporters came to join the Selma to Montgomery march, the sisters provided meals and lodging. Forbidden by their bishop to participate in civil rights demonstrations, the sisters did not complain. “I felt that it was very important that we stay at our posts,” Sister Barbara said.



Sister Barbara and Congressman John Lewis 2015

On March 21 Sister Barbara will share the Selma experiences of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and will offer her observations on the ongoing struggle for civil and human rights.

This event is free and open to the public.



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