

AMAZING RACERS



Courtesy of Michael Smith

A woman running across the country is rare, but even more unique is a woman running across the country in a habit. Last summer 61-year-old Sister Mary Elizabeth Lloyd ran a total of 1,000 miles, 20 in each of the 50 states, in an effort to raise money and awareness for AIDS orphans in the United States and abroad.

The Religious Teachers Filippini sister, however, was only helping keep pace for Lisa Smith-Batchen, one of the world's premier ultra-runners, who ran 50 miles in each state for "Running Hope Through America" (runhope.com).

The run was Smith-Batchen's idea, but she wrote on her blog halfway through that she couldn't have done it without her running partner. "Sister Mary Beth is the divine force behind our effort," she wrote.

BASEBALL MAGIC

The School Sisters of Notre Dame might not be athletes, but a famous athlete—or more accurately, his card—earned them an unexpected \$220,000 for their charitable work. The order recently auctioned off a T206 Honus Wagner (a.k.a. The Flying Dutchman) baseball card left to them by a family member, Catholic News Service reported. The 100-year-old card is one of only about 50 cards in existence.



When people come up to me, as they continually do, and say, "Well, you have an added advantage, God is on your side," I know that it isn't just my advantage. We all have it if we just call on the God power within. It's there for the taking.

—*Sister Madonna Buder, The Grace to Race: The Wisdom and Inspiration of the 80-year-old World Champion Triathlete Known as the Iron Nun (Simon & Schuster)*



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LET YOUR FAITH SHINE THROUGH

Faith is infused in Religems' jewelry—quite literally. Their new line features diamonds with images of Christ, the Virgin Mary, or another religious symbol so small that they cannot be seen by the naked eye. Each piece of jewelry comes with a magnifying loupe. The company says it uses nanotechnology to insert the image into the diamond rather than inscribing it with lasers.



The Meaning to Pause bracelet isn't quite as high-tech as Religems, but it uses simple technology to remind its wearer to pray. The bracelet vibrates gently every 90 minutes as a

reminder to stop and pray, meditate, or perform a certain action, like telling somebody that you care about them.



The company was started by two women looking for a way to refocus on priorities in the middle of chaotic days.

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