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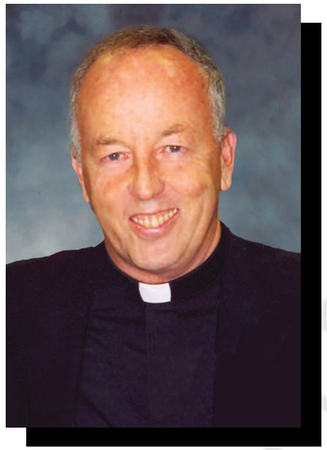


My Friends in Christ,

This issue, I write to you about "A Family Trait."

More than two million women and men identify themselves as members of the Vincentian Family, as relatives, as it were, of St. Louise de Marillac and St. Vincent de Paul. As with every family, this one too has its characteristic traits. Other people recognize who is in the clan by these attributes.

Here are two Daughters' views about the identifying markers or traits they see as those true to Daughter of Charity members of the Family.

"In many people's eyes, Daughters are recognized by their easy direct relationships. This lets them proceed directly to their goal without any complications." (Sister Anne Duzan, D.C.). "A Daughter of Charity can be recognized by a certain simplicity of bearing and language which allows her to be at ease everywhere, without seeking either to attract attention or remain unnoticed." (Sister Suzanne Guillemin, D.C.).

Straightforward, uncomplicated, direct, genuine, open, transparent -- St. Vincent would have used the word "simplicity" to summarize these qualities. He said it was one of God's own attributes and therefore good in itself. But he also insisted that simplicity was an essential tool for gaining the trust of people who were poor. From their hard-knocks experience of life, they were particularly perceptive at seeing through any falsity or spin. These were the ones Vincent tagged as having "the true religion," that is, having honesty and openness before their Lord.

Over the years, people in the Vincentian stream have worked to assimilate this key trait. Vincent went so far as to call it "my gospel" – not a bad recommendation for this core ingredient in the Vincentian Family genetic pool.

In Vincent and Louise,

Fr. Tom McKenna

Father Tom McKenna, C.M.
Director

Dear Friends,

"Go then courageously, advancing moment by moment on the path on which God has placed you in order to reach Him."
(St. Louise de Marillac, L.360b, February 8, 1653. Spiritual Writings, page 412)

As we approach our second anniversary as the Province of St. Louise, I am mindful of how God has led us down many different paths to assist our brothers and sisters living in poverty. It has been the courage and conviction of so many Daughters of Charity and our lay collaborators that has impelled us to embrace ministries that allow our Vincentian spirit to touch those who are poor.

In this issue, you will read about health care clinics that provide services in both urban and rural areas of our province. The ministries in Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana include components that touch the physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being of those who seek the path to wholeness. For more than 50 years, the journey of the young women who have attended Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, Maryland, has not only included an excellent academic preparation but also a solid moral and spiritual education based on Vincentian values. The young adults who participate in the Vincentian Mission Corps and Vincentian Lay Missionaries find themselves on a road that leads them to those who are living in poverty in the United States as well as in Ethiopia and Kenya.

The International Project Services takes a very different route in helping our Sisters to create systemic change in many of the poorest places on our globe. Since beginning operation in 2006, more than 540 projects have been funded in 56 developing countries where the Daughters are serving.

I continue to ask for your prayers of gratitude for the many ways God has drawn us to Himself through our service of our brothers and sisters who are poor. As the Easter season ends, we are filled with the joy of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday was very significant to St. Louise de Marillac because it was on that day that she had a spiritual experience which was the turning point in her life. She called it her "Lumiere" or "Light." St. Louise felt God was telling her to remain steadfast in the care of her husband and son and that a day would come when she would make vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Let us ask the Paraclete to pour out that same light on us so we remain faithful in God's service.

Blessings!

Sister Louise Gallahue

Sister Louise Gallahue, D.C.
Provincial

Sister Dorothea Moll ministers as a Social Worker in rural Arkansas.

Daughters Care for the Health of Many in Many Locations

DePaul Hospital in St. Louis, MO, circa 1930.

The Daughters remain steadfast in their care of those who are ill or injured. When the Daughters first were missioned from Emmitsburg, MD, in the 1800s, to Milwaukee and St. Louis, their primary ministry was care of the sick and injured. During the Civil War, the Spanish American War, and World War I, Daughters nursed the wounded. Influenza and Cholera epidemics were met head on by the Sisters. In Carville, LA, Daughters cared for those affected by Hansen's Disease (Leprosy); several Sisters worked toward its cure. Today, the Daughters serve in some acute care hospitals but increasingly in primary care clinics.

Sister Judy Warmbold moderates the WISE (Women Inspiring Self-Empowerment) Group meeting at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Gould, AR.

Sister Mary John Code assures a patient in New Orleans, LA.

Sister Suzanne Anglim greets a Centro San Vicente mother and her newborn in El Paso, TX.

The clinics in El Paso, San Antonio, New Orleans, and Arkansas are collectively known as the Community Health Ministries because they are not affiliated with local Ascension Health hospitals. In each of these areas, the predecessor of Ascension Health—the Daughters of Charity West Central Region--established one or more primary care clinics in geographic areas where patients have little affordable access to health care. The clinics, which provide dental and behavioral health services, in addition to medical care, operate as neighborhood centers. Some of the sites offer social services and one has extensive child development services.

The Community Health Ministries' clinics serve nearly 50,000 people a year and have nine Daughters ministering in them (1 Medical Doctor; 2 Registered Nurses; 2 Social Workers; 2 Licensed Professional Counselors; 3 Mission Integration Directors) plus a Daughter who oversees operations.

In the next issue of *Faith Afire*, we will look more closely at the Sisters who minister in clinics in Washington, DC, Nashville, Birmingham, and St. Louis.

International Project Services--

Service to the "Servants of the Poor" in the Developing World

Through solidarity with those who are poor, the Daughters of Charity living in the developing world bring light to the most critical needs, pursue solutions to specific problems, and advance systemic change.

"Daughters of Charity International Project Services (IPS) is a ministry that responds to the needs of those who are poor as identified by our Sisters working in impoverished countries," explains Sister Felicia Mazzola, D.C., Executive Director of IPS since its inception in 2004. "As we strive to facilitate funding and resources to help the work of our Sisters in these countries, IPS functions as a service ministry."

"We should assist the poor in every way…" (St. Vincent de Paul)

Daughters work to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS at DREAM Center in Nairobi, Kenya.

Daughters in the Pacific Rim often work with migrant and immigrant families; here a Daughter assists Burmese family members as they relocate in Thailand.

The projects shared with IPS by the Sisters are tremendously diverse. Projects may include immediate needs, as well as visionary components for long-range impact and sustainability toward systemic change. For example, the HIV/AIDS program in sub-Saharan Africa known as DREAM (drug resource enhancement against AIDS and malnutrition), medically and holistically treats those affected by HIV/AIDS, but also educates to end discrimination and to prevent the spread of the disease, particularly to the unborn children of HIV-positive women.

In response to the escalating problem of human trafficking in Bogota, Colombia, the Sisters are working on a comprehensive program that includes awareness and education, along with prevention of the crime throughout 39 communities. In addition to reaching parents, teachers and the community at large, the direct program beneficiaries are youth who are often the target of many forms of human trafficking like child labor exploitation, forced marriages, begging, and child sex and pornography.

Varied and often multifaceted, IPS projects reach some of the most vulnerable populations, like women, children, the elderly, and those with disabilities. Some concentrate on the building blocks of good health, including nutrition, clean water and sanitation. Other projects focus on self-sufficiency strategies that involve training, skills development, and education. The Daughters of Charity ministries in these impoverished countries address myriad social, medical, educational and pastoral needs. A few of the hundreds of IPS projects are featured.

The Daughters of Charity restaurant program offers nutritional support to vulnerable children in Cali, Colombia.

"…and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others." (St. Vincent de Paul)

The Daughters of Charity encourage the local people to be initiators and co-creators of their own transformation. Together, they collaborate with agencies and organizations within their countries, tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice, and striving to achieve sustainable changes.

As a service organization, IPS links two worlds: connecting those interested in helping to eradicate the inhumane conditions of global poverty with the needs of people living in resource-poor countries. Since the beginning of operations in 2006, IPS has partnered with numerous caring individuals, foundations, corporate sponsors, schools and other organizations to facilitate support for 540 projects submitted by Daughters of Charity living and working in 56 developing countries.

Please go to Daughters of Charity International Project Services' new interactive website at **www.daughtersips.org** to learn more about the Sisters' work in the developing world, read updates about IPS projects, and find out how you can help the Sisters in their mission. (Donations may be made using the enclosed envelope.)

You can also contact or send donations directly to:
Daughters of Charity International Project Services
18000 West Nine Mile Road, Suite 550
Southfield, Michigan 48075
Tel: 248.331.4681 Fax: 248.331.4746

Contact:
Sister Felicia Mazzola, D.C., Executive Director
felicia.mazzola@doc.org
248.331.4675

Daughters of Charity International Project Services Funds Projects

Women and Girls

IPS provided a van for Rosalie Home for abandoned women in Rivers State, Nigeria.

Health & Hygiene

IPS provides nutrition and medical aid to those sick in Gaza, Middle East.

Children

Aid to women and their children as women are released from prison in Surquillo, Peru.

Sanitation-Water

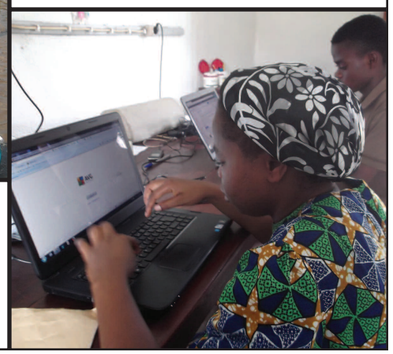
Laundry facilities for families of patients at Chalucuane Health Center, Mozambique.

Education

Materials for students in many countries.

Housing

Construction of housing to help widows in Province of Curitiba, Brazil.



Around the Globe – from Ethiopia to the Philippines

HIV/AIDS

DREAM program in Chalucuane, Mozambique.

Pastoral & Prison Ministry

Food and pastoral care for prisoners in Nouna, Burkina Faso.

Literacy

Education and literacy program for tribal children in Orissa, India.

Medical Care

Medical supplies for Daughters of Charity health centers in Eritrea.

Human Trafficking Prevention

Educating parents about crimes of trafficking against children and youth.

Job Training

Technical training in Clorinda, Formosa, Argentina.

Two Mission Programs Welcome Lay Volunteers

The Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM) and the Vincentian Mission Corps (VMC) provide opportunities for young adults to partner with the Daughters of Charity and Vincentian Priests and Brothers in their ministries to those living in poverty in both Africa and St. Louis. "These two programs have strong components of service, community, reflection, prayer, and simple living that allow these young men and women to embrace the Vincentian charism and to live it in a meaningful way in 2013," explained Sister Mary Beth Kubera, Provincial Councillor, who oversees the programs.

The VLM, 21-35 year olds, spend five weeks of their summer serving as missionaries in Ethiopia or Kenya. The program was founded in 2005 as a response to the Inter-Assemblies Document of the General Assembly which called the Daughters of Charity to share their spirit with those who were young, to collaborate with others who embraced Vincentian values, and to reach out to those who were most abandoned. Since 2005, 85 VLM have served in 7 different sites: Bahir Dar and Jimma, Ethiopia; and, Thigio, Nairobi, Kiio, Kitale, and Chepnyal, Kenya.

VLM come from all walks of life. They are students, teachers, accountants, social workers, school principals, lawyers, doctors, and nurses. VLM are passionate about creating systemic change the Vincentian way: by responding to the needs of people they serve and by walking hand-in-hand with those who live in poverty.

The ministry of the VLM varies by site, but typically involves working with children as teachers, camp directors, or retreat facilitators. However, the ministry of VLM changes in response to the needs of the Daughters of Charity and the local community members living at each site.

VLM is currently preparing 15 missionaries to travel to Ethiopia and Kenya this summer. Please keep them in your prayers as they go forth to serve in the spirit of St. Vincent and St. Louise!

VMC (a merger of the Gateway Vincentian Volunteers and Vincentian Service Corps) is co-sponsored by the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louise and the Congregation of the Mission Western Province. The mission of the Vincentian Mission Corps is to provide young adults with an experience of living in community and working with the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. The goal is that these young adults, as they respond to the call of the Gospel by working, praying, and living in the Vincentian spirit, will develop a consuming commitment to improving the lives of the poor and marginalized in our society.

In the 2012-2013 VMC community, there are 15 VMC volunteers, 12 women and 3 men, who are a part of the program. The VMC members truly live out the values outlined in the covenant they created as a group this fall: "Through our commitment to social justice, to our community, and to our faith, we hope to be shaped into more informed, thoughtful, and ethical persons."

Top Left: VLM Anne teaches English to students in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. *Top Right:* Emily poses with one of her new friends in Kitale, Kenya. *Middle Left:* Liz and local entrepreneurs work to create a business plan to sell their goods in Chepnyal, Kenya. *Middle Right:* VMC Garrett at work at Places for People in St. Louis, MO. *Bottom Left:* VMC Sarah working with clients at Places for People in St. Louis, MO. *Bottom Right:* VMC Community at retreat.

VLM Website: www.vlmusa.wordpress.com/

VMC Website: www.vincentianvols.org/

2013 January - September Jubilarians

From Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Sister Bernice Coreil, Sister Merida Ramirez, Sister Julie Lawrence, Sister Margaret Mary Robins, Sister Ruth Ellen Dean, Sister Marilyn Moore, Sister Caroline Clark, Sister Joanne Marlow.
Second Row: Sister Ann Adele Kelly, Sister Rosemary Costigan, Sister Kathleen Haley, Sister Jeraldine Fritz, Sister Elyse Staab, Sister Brenda Fritz, Sister Sheila Marie Hart, Sister Elizabeth Racko.
Third Row: Sister Doris Brancato, Sister Dorothy Kinniry, Sister Doris Moore, Sister Judith Briselden, Sister Mary Ann Hartman, Sister Marguerite Broderick, Sister Mary Elizabeth Cullen, Sister Leah Marie Holzum.
Bottom Row: Sister Andrée Pige, Sister Mary Rose DeDonato, Sister Elizabeth Parham, Sister Mary Carol Mautemps, Sister Annina Scharper, Sister Mary Quinn, Sister Mary Beard.

Province of St. Louise

Celebrating 1,765 years of Serving Christ in Those in Need

During January through September of 2013, thirty-one Daughters of Charity celebrate Jubilees.

75 Years Vocation

Sister Dorothy Kinniry, D.C.
May 30, 1938
An Educator and Social Services Minister, Sister Dorothy served in Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, New York, and Washington, DC. Sister Dorothy lives in Albany, NY, where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Margaret Mary Robins, D.C.
May 29, 1938
A Teacher, Sister Margaret Mary taught children in Alabama, California, Puerto Rico, Mississippi and Missouri. She also worked with GED students in Texas before joining the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, IN, where she lives today.

70 Years Vocation

Sister Mary Carol Mautemps, D.C.
September 24, 1943
A Teacher and Elementary School Principal, Sister Mary Carol ministered in Missouri, Illinois, California, Nevada, Texas, Louisiana, Utah, and Alabama. A resident of Evansville, IN, Sister Mary Carol serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Annina Scharper, D.C.
February 1, 1943
Nurse, Foreign Missionary and Social Services Administrator, Sister Annina cared for patients in New York, Florida, Maryland, North Carolina, Taiwan, and West Virginia before serving in Social Services and Pastoral Care in Maryland, Georgia, and Florida. Today, Sister Annina serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Emmitsburg, MD.

Sister Andrée Pige, D.C.
May 29, 1943
Born in France, Sister Andrée joined the Province of St. Louise to serve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. A Nurse and Parish Minster, today Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Albany, NY.

60 Years Vocation

Sister Doris Brancato, D.C.
June 17, 1953
A Nurse, Educator, and Volunteer, Sister Doris has ministered in Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama. A resident of Waco, TX, Sister currently serves as a Providence Hospital volunteer.

Sister Judith Briselden, D.C.
September 5, 1953
Primary and Secondary School Teacher, Principal, GED and ESL Instructor, Sister Judith lives in Chicago, IL, where she serves as a GED Preparation Teacher. Sister has ministered in Louisiana, Missouri, Illinois, Mississippi and California.

Sister Caroline Clark, D.C.
July 14, 1953
Teacher, Principal, Parish Minister, Mission Coordinator, and Vocation Director, Sister Caroline has served in Washington, D.C., Michigan, New York, Alabama, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. Today, she serves as the Mideast Spiritual Advisor for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and lives in Detroit, MI.

Sister Bernice Coreil, D.C.
September 5, 1953
A Hospital Administrator, Provincial, Health Consultant, Sister Bernice has served in Texas, Alabama, California, Colorado, Washington, DC, and Louisiana. Sister Bernice currently lives in St. Louis, MO, where she is the Senior Executive Advisor to the President/CEO of Ascension Health Ministries.

Sister Rosemary Costigan, D.C.
July 14, 1953
An Elementary School Teacher, Missionary, and Parish Minister, Sister Rosemary has served in Maryland, Bolivia, and New York. She currently serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Emmitsburg, MD.

Sister Ruth Ellen Dean, D.C.
January 14, 1953
An Elementary School Teacher, Higher Education Instructor, Missionary, and Religious Education Director, Sister Ruth Ellen has served in Missouri, Louisiana, California, Tennessee, Texas, Mexico, Arkansas, and Indiana. Today, she ministers in Family Faith Formation in Evansville, IN.

Sister Mary Rose DeDonato, D.C.
July 14, 1953
Sister Mary Rose has served as an Elementary Teacher and Principal, Provincial Secretary, and Parish Minister in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. Today, she serves in Parish Ministry in Binghamton, NY.

Sister Ann Adele Kelly, D.C.
July 14, 1953
An Elementary School Teacher and Librarian, Vocation Director, and Choir Director and Musician, Sister Ann Adele lives in Emmitsburg, MD, where she serves in the Library and as the local Ladies of Charity Moderator.

Sister Julie Lawrence, D.C.
July 14, 1953
A Nurse, Child Care Provider and Foreign Missionary, Sister Julie has served in Florida, Massachusetts, Washington, DC, Maryland, Bolivia, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Today, she serves in Bridgeport, CT, as a Family Birthing Center Volunteer.

Sister Doris Moore, D.C.
September 5, 1953
Teacher, Religious Educator, and Parish Visitor, Sister Doris has served in Missouri, Louisiana, California, Utah, Texas, Nebraska, and Arkansas. Sister Doris currently ministers in Little Rock, AR, as a Volunteer Reading Tutor, RCIA Team Member, and Ladies of Charity Moderator.

Sister Marilyn Moore, D.C.
September 5, 1953
Teacher, Principal, Counselor, Long-Term Care Activity Director, and Hospital Patient Representative, Sister Marilyn has ministered in Missouri, California, Utah, Louisiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Alabama. Sister Marilyn currently serves as a Rural Outreach Worker in Mobile, AL.

Sister Elizabeth Parham, D.C.
January 14, 1953
Sister Elizabeth, a Hospital Nutritionist and Administrator, and Teacher, served in Missouri, Wisconsin, and California. Today, Sister Elizabeth serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, IN.

Sister Mary Quinn, D.C.
September 5, 1953
Teacher, House Mother, Social Services and Volunteer Coordinator, Sister Mary ministered in Alabama, California, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. She now serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, IN.

50 Years Vocation

Sister Mary Beard, D.C.
June 27, 1963
Business Manager, Social Worker, Provincial Councillor, Day Care Administrator, and Pastoral Associate, Sister Mary served in Virginia, Maryland, Washington, DC, and North Carolina. Today, Sister Mary serves in the Ministry of Prayer and assists with computers at her residence in Emmitsburg, MD.

Sister Marguerite Broderick, D.C.
June 5, 1963
Elementary Teacher, Principal, Missionary, Diocesan Catechetical Office Director, and Vocation Director, Sister Marguerite has served in Missouri, Louisiana, Iowa, Texas, Mexico, Guatemala, and Illinois. Sister currently ministers at the Interprovincial Seminary and in Mission Formation at the Provincial Office in St. Louis.

Sister Mary Elizabeth Cullen, D.C.
June 5, 1963
Nurse, Nursing Director, Vice President of Mission Services, Missionary, Staff Chaplain, and Moderator of Ladies of Charity, Sister Mary Elizabeth has served in Missouri, Alabama, Utah, Wisconsin, Indiana and Taiwan. Sister currently resides in St. Louis, MO, where she serves in Hospital Pastoral Care.

Sister Jeraldine Fritz, D.C.
June 27, 1963
Sister Jeraldine has ministered as a Teacher, Principal, School Administrator, and Adult Education Program Administrator in Maryland, New York, Delaware, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Today, Sister lives in Buffalo, NY, where she serves in Hospital Ministry.

Sister Kathleen Haley, D.C.
June 27, 1963
Elementary Educator, Religious Educator, and Parish and Spiritual Minister, Sister Kathleen has served in Maryland, Ohio, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Sister currently lives in Binghamton, NY, where she is in ministry in Spiritual Care.

Sister Sheila Marie Hart, D.C.
June 5, 1963
Elementary Educator, Librarian, and Remedial and Computer Educator, Sister Sheila Marie has served in Missouri, Texas, Mississippi and Illinois. Today, Sister Sheila lives in St. Louis, MO.

Sister Mary Ann Hartman, D.C.
January 25, 1963
Elementary Teacher, Religious Educator, Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, Paris Motherhouse English-Speaking Secretary, Sister Mary Ann currently serves as Executive Assistant to the Provincial in St. Louis, MO. She has ministered in Missouri, Alabama, Louisiana, and France.

Sister Leah Marie Holzum, D.C.
September 5, 1963
Nurse, Chaplain, and Parish Minister, Sister Leah Marie has served in Missouri, Louisiana, South Dakota, Illinois, and Texas. Today, Sister Leah Marie serves as a Community Nurse and Adjunct Nursing Instructor in St. Louis, MO.

Sister Joanne Marlow, D.C.
September 5, 1963
A High School Science Teacher, Sister Joanne has served in Missouri, Louisiana, Illinois, Mississippi, and Indiana. She lives in Evansville, IN, and she ministers as a Volunteer at St. Mary's Warrick Hospital.

Sister Elizabeth Racko, D.C.
June 27, 1963
Sister Elizabeth, a Teacher, Parish Social Minister, Missionary, and Native American Juvenile Detention and Hispanic Outreach Minister, has served in Maryland, Washington, DC, Mexico, and Guatemala, Virginia, Georgia, Arizona, and New Mexico. Sister Elizabeth currently serves in the Interprovincial Mission as a Spiritual Director and in Prison Ministry in Gallup, NM.

Sister Merida Ramirez, D.C.
January 25, 1963
Born in Puerto Rico, Sister Merida ministered as a Pharmacist in Missouri, Louisiana, and Texas. Today, she serves in the Ministry of Prayer in St. Louis, MO.

Sister Elyse Staab, D.C.
June 27, 1963
Sister Elyse, a Teacher, House Mother, Caseworker, Administrator, Seminary Directress, Vincentian Family Minister, and Provincial, has served in Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and Georgia. Today, Sister Elyse is in Ministry for the Vincentian Family and lives in Macon, GA.

25 Years Vocation

Sister Brenda Fritz, D.C.
January 1, 1988
A Child Welfare Social Worker, Social Work Administrator, and Musician, Sister Brenda has served in Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. She currently ministers in East St. Louis, IL, in Children's Ministry and lives in St. Louis, MO.

Senior Sisters throughout the Province of St. Louise: *Celebrating Wisdom, Age, and Grace*

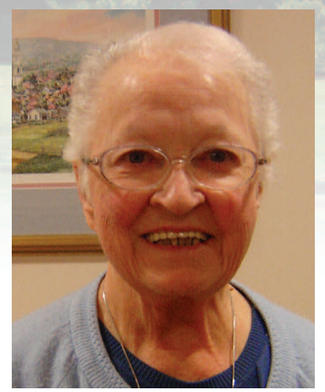
There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The residences where the aged and infirm Daughters of Charity reside are truly the *Powerhouses of Prayer* supporting every Sister and every mission throughout the Province of St. Louise. These Sisters live daily the Constitutions of the Daughters of Charity that state:

By their prayer, the offering of their sufferings, and the witness of their lives, the sick and elderly Sisters truly share in mission. The community surrounds them with care and affection and helps them to accept, in peace and serenity, their limitations of age and health as a form of service. C. 35 b

Each of these sisters is formally commissioned to pray for the Sisters and the works of a specific local mission in the Province. In every issue of *Faith Afire*, we will introduce you to Daughters who reside in one of the Senior Sister Residences throughout the Province. This issue, we highlight a few Sisters who live at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg, MD.



Sister Maureen Delahunt

"I began my ministry as a Psychiatric Nurse. This was an excellent preparation for pastoral care when I entered that ministry. I became a Certified Chaplain and enjoyed this ministry until my retirement. My ministry now is prayer and enjoying the fullness of Community life."

Sister Maureen serves in the Ministry of Prayer; her assignment is St. Agnes House, Baltimore, MD.

Sister Jane Frances Fairley

"I am a retired Nurse born and bred in Baltimore County, MD. I entered the Daughters of Charity after my nurses' training under the Sisters of Mercy and completed my training in operating room techniques at Boston College. For 66 years, I had a variety of duties in healthcare. In addition to the operating room, I was a Director of Nursing and served in maternity and geriatric nursing. My final duty was as a Parish Nurse. My retirement began August 18, 2006. Retirement? We laugh. Our days can be very active with prayer, Mass, outings, visits to our infirm sisters. At night, I can say, "Thank you God for this day and these years in Your service."

Sister Jane Frances serves in the Ministry of Prayer; her assignment is St. Joseph's House, Martinsburg, WV.

Sister Francis Marie Lanasa

"I was born and raised in St. Dominic's Parish in Baltimore and graduated from Seton High School. After graduation, I worked for five years. The job enabled me to help my parents since five of my brothers were serving in the military. In January of 1946, I entered the Daughters of Charity. While I was a Teacher for almost 40 years, I also spent several years in child care at Drexel Hill near Philadelphia. At Oneida, NY, I worked in a parish. After my last teaching assignment, I served at the National Shrine to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and in the Villa Gift Shop. I have been at Villa St. Michael for almost 11 years and have had a very happy life."

Sister Francis Marie serves in the Ministry of Prayer; her assignment is Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Bayside, NY.

Sister Edith Stricker

"I entered the Community in 1936 and served 40 years in education. I had hoped to serve on a foreign mission, but that choice never came. My first mission was Our Lady of Victory in Portsmouth, VA, a school for African American children. After so many years in school, I served as a Parish Minister, visiting the sick, and as a Director of Religious Education. Since 1994 I have been at the Villa: God's spoiled child or God's Vagabond Lover. That's how I see myself today!"

Sister Edith serves in the Ministry of Prayer; her assignment is St. Joseph's House, Martinsburg, WV.

The Food Drive at Elizabeth Seton High School means thousands of cans and a lot of time sorting the collection!

A Golden Year for Elizabeth Seton High School

Confident, creative, compassionate, empowered to lead, to collaborate, and to serve in the spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Louise de Marillac is the vision held by the Elizabeth Seton High School community for the young women attending the school today. Though the words may reflect the nuances of today's culture, the essential hopes are much the same as those who began the school in 1959.

Elizabeth Seton High School, located just three miles outside of Washington, DC, was founded by the Daughters of Charity as a response to a request from the Archdiocese of Washington to begin a high school for young women in the suburbs of Maryland. From its inception, the school provided a quality Catholic education to girls of working class parents who had the will and the love to make tremendous sacrifices for the benefit of their children. Their frugal living and their working several jobs enabled them to pay for an education that they held in high esteem.

Throughout its history, the school has continually shaped its curriculum and program to meet changing educational competencies. Many graduates remember the days of typing and shorthand that led them to formidable jobs in business and government. Others reminisce about their days of sewing and cooking in home economics classes.

"Today, the school's mission is to engage the young women in a challenging, college-preparatory program," explains Sister Ellen Marie Hagar, President. The high school boasts of its 100 percent college acceptance rate. Likewise, the school prepares students to live and work in today's highly technological world. This past year, the school initiated its Women in Engineering Program entitled LEAD (Learning Engineering and Design).

This year, the school celebrates the 50th anniversary of its first graduating class. As the graduates return, they marvel at the many changes that "were nothing like when we went to school here." A weight room for exercising, an engineering lab, and an acoustically treated music room are all marks of the school moving with the times. Many of these changes occurred under the leadership of Sister Virginia Ann Brooks, when the school added a beautiful fine arts center and gymnasium to the campus. (They may be slightly biased, but the students and faculty claim the gym as the best for women in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.)

Indeed, much has changed at Seton, but there are two invaluable constants that distinguish its service: the core values of academic excellence, creativity, integrity, respect, service to others, and unity that pervade the entire school and the commitment of the Daughters of Charity.

In even the briefest conversation with alumnae of the school, the names of several Daughters of Charity will surface because of their service to Seton. Women like Sisters Gertrude Matthews, (first principal), Jerome Nossell, Claire Marie Angermaier, Marian Hagner, Vincentian Goeb, Mary Ellen Schwartz, Winifred McKay, Rita Bozel, Marguerite Butler, Mary Augusta Von Drehle, James Regina Rankin, and Sheila O'Friel are just a few of the many Daughters who have left an impressive legacy to Seton.

The privilege of having Sisters in direct ministry at Seton continues to echo today as prospective parents ask, "You still have Sisters?" Today the school is blessed to have the faithful commitment of Sisters Maria Cincotta, Catherine France, Ellen Marie Hagar, Charles Legg, Dorothy Lyons, Lani Manseau, and Clara Pedo. Through their ministry, families are assisted, individuals are attended to, and all are inspired to service. The Sisters, themselves, are grateful for the incredible devotion of the staff. Together, they form a community of parents, students, alumnae and friends, dedicated to the continual exchange of "the light to know and the grace to do."

Elizabeth Seton High School Website:
www.setonhs.org/

Sister Lani Manseau takes a moment to pose with one of the students!

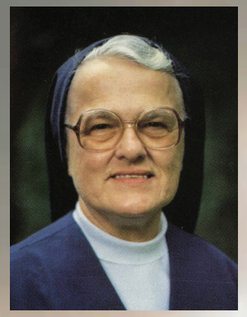
Engaging students to excel in math is Sister Charles Legg.

Sisters (front row, left to right) Maria Cincotta, Charles Legg, Lani Manseau, and Dorothy Lyons; (back row, left to right) Catherine France, Clara Pedo, and Ellen Marie Hagar are all in ministry at Elizabeth Seton High School.

"Remain faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life." Rev 2:10

In Memory

We remember the 22 Daughters of Charity who, in recent months, have gone to their Eternal Home.

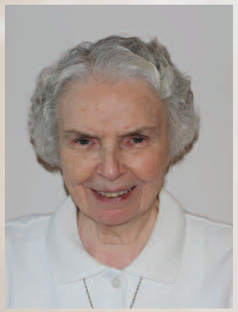


Sr. Regina Lindner
August 11, 1919
November 29, 2012
65 years vocation
Education, Patient and Pastoral Care

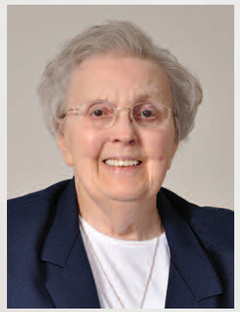
Sr. Agnes Teresa Meany
October 10, 1916
December 14, 2012
76 years vocation
Nursing, Administration

Sr. Margaret Dougherty
November 24, 1938
December 17, 2012
50 years vocation
Education, Missions, Pastoral Care

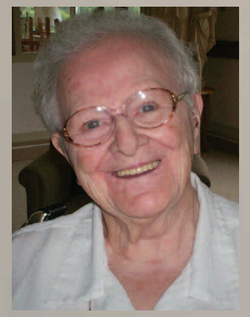
Sr. Dorothea Huber
January 16, 1936
December 25, 2012
59 years vocation
Education, Social Work, Provincial



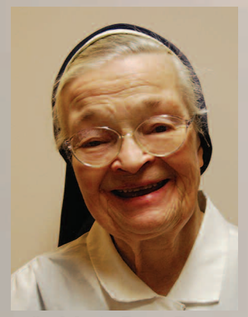
Sr. Regina Loughlin
February 9, 1920
December 29, 2012
75 years vocation
Education, Pastoral Care



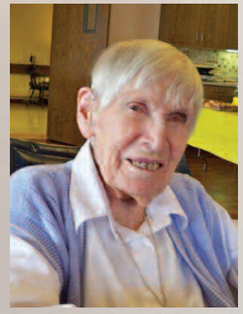
Sr. Jacinta Reiter
November 19, 1927
January 1, 2013
56 years vocation
Parish Ministry, Pastoral Care



Sr. Germaine Catlin
February 20, 1912
January 6, 2013
82 years vocation
Education, Elder Ministry



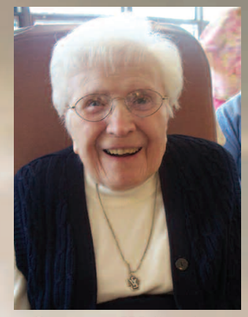
Sr. Maria Rosa Dorr
May 11, 1928
January 9, 2013
65 years vocation
Nursing, Pastoral Care



Sr. Jean Marie Wheeler
February 23, 1914
January 17, 2013
80 years vocation
Education

Sr. Elaine Wheeler
July 22, 1916
January 18, 2013
77 years vocation
Education

Sr. Martha Ann Gilman
July 29, 1930
February 9, 2013
60 years vocation
Higher Math Education, Information Services



Sr. Anna Walkaukas
January 26, 1918
February 12, 2013
76 years vocation
Nursing

Sr. Marie Seitz
September 9, 1930
February 17, 2013
60 years vocation
Education, Administration

Sr. Florence Edward Kearney
August 5, 1931
February 19, 2013
60 years vocation
Education, Catholic Charities

Sr. Marie Yetter
April 30, 1918
February 23, 2013
76 years vocation
Education, Health Care

Sr. Rose Anthony D'Alfonso
December 31, 1922
February 25, 2013
59 years vocation
Nursing

Sr. Theresa Marie Gresko
February 5, 1930
March 16, 2013
61 years vocation
Nursing, Art

Sr. Vivian David
August 23, 1924
March 16, 2013
63 years vocation
Nursing, Pastoral Care

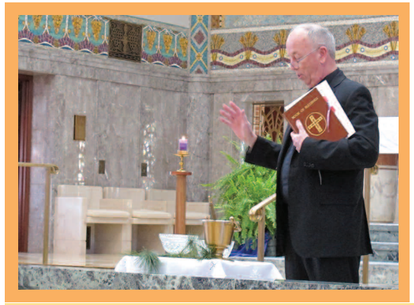
Sr. Mary Eugenia Hultman
January 9, 1919
March 20, 2013
72 years vocation
Teacher, Parish Ministry

Sr. Geraldine Coleman
September 27, 1927
April 16, 2013
61 years vocation
Pharmacist, Administrator

Sr. Catherine Junkin
December 15, 1928
April 17, 2013
66 years vocation
Educator

Sr. Mary Bernadette Forney
February 3, 1923
April 30, 2013
70 years vocation
Teacher, Child Caregiver

Province News



St. Joseph House Rededicated and Blessed

December 14, 2012, many gathered at St. Joseph House in Emmitsburg, MD, for the rededication and blessing of the sisters' residence, the new offices, the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the Provincial Archives. The new St. Joseph House entrance is located in the G Wing, facing South Seton Avenue.

Provincial Archives Open for Business

In January, the Provincial Archives opened to the public in its new facility located at historic St. Joseph House in Emmitsburg. The facility includes a state-of-the art repository to house the collections, two exhibit galleries which host ongoing exhibits, and a reading room for researchers. A new exhibit called *'Our Buildings and Very Earth Trembled'; Gettysburg Reflections from the Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives* will open June 29 and run through July 6; it will focus on the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg and feature original manuscripts, photographs, and artifacts related to the events in St. Joseph's Valley before and after the Civil War. The exhibit will be open to the public daily, including July 4, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. All other exhibits are open to the public on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 4:30 PM and at other times by appointment.

We invite you to visit our social media sites and learn more about the Archives' collections, services, and public programs.

Website: http://dcarchives.wordpress.com/
Twitter: @Archives_DC
Facebook: dcarchives

Vincentian Family Collaborators Meet

In mid-April, Vincentian Family Collaborators (Ladies of Charity, Sisters of Charity, Daughters of Charity, VLM and VMC Directors, St. Vincent de Paul members, and Vincentians) gathered in St. Louis, MO to plan the October 2013 Vincentian Family Gathering, regional and local systemic change training sessions, and young adult initiatives.

(left to right) Mary Ann Dantuono, St. John's University Ladies of Charity, makes a point as Father Bernie Tracey, C.M., DePaul USA, and Jessica Werner, Director of Vincentian Lay Missionaries, listen during the Vincentian Family Collaborators Meeting held April 15 – 16 at the Province of St. Louise Provincial House in St. Louis, MO.

New Sarah Community Chapel Dedicated and Blessed by St. Louis Archbishop

The Provincial Council, Visitatrix, Director and many Daughters were on hand as The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, celebrated a Mass of Dedication of the Marian Chapel at the Sarah Community in St. Louis on February 18. Daughters of Charity, as well as the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, Religious of the Sacred Heart, School Sisters of Notre Dame, and the Sisters of Loretto founded the retirement community in suburban St. Louis where both lay individuals and members of religious communities reside.

Daughters Honored with Recognitions

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul were honored by Catholic Charities USA with a Centennial Medal in recognition of their commitment to the mission of CCUSA to provide service to people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same.

Sister Frances Ryan was honored at Founder's Day for Bonaventure House, a residence for HIV-AIDS persons, by the Alexian Brothers and staff, with the highest award for Aids Ministry and a handcarved wooden statue of St. Bonaventure carrying a sick person in his arms. The award recognizes the establishment of Caritas Center at Bettendorf Place on the South side of Chicago. Caritas Center provides GED classes and support groups for the residents.

Sister Joan Ann Barrett, foreign missionary in Taiwan, was recognized by Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou for her dedication to the hospice where she has served for 19 years. The President presented Sister with a watch, a signed copy of a book he authored, and a gift for the hospice.

Sister Germaine Catlin was posthumously honored by the State of Delaware for the impact she had on children and elderly.

Sister Frances Ryan

Sister Joan Ann Barrett

Sister Germaine Catlin

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Two Daughters Incorporated; Another Makes Vows for First Time

Left: Sister Amanda Kern and Sister Whitney Kimmet were incorporated into the Company on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at the Province of St. Louise Provincial House Chapel in St. Louis, MO. Sister Louise Gallahue, Visitatrix (right) and Sister Nora Gatto, Formation Councillor, were among many who officially welcomed them into the Community. *Right:* On April 27, Sister Mary Ellen Lacy made Vows for the first time at the Seton Residence Chapel in Evansville, IN. Sister Louise and Sister Mary Ellen were photographed together before the Eucharistic Celebration.