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A Call
to Serve
in
Mississippi



Given to God, in Community, for the Service of Those who are Poor

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My Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, my Mom had cataract surgery. After the surgery, she frequently remarked on how sharp and crisp things now appeared. She said she noticed things now that she had overlooked. She began to see the world around her in a new way, with new eyes, new perspectives.

In the Gospels, Jesus frequently notices things that others around him overlook. Remember the scene outside the Temple where many wealthy people were making donations, but the person Jesus notices is the poor widow who only put in a few pennies! He praises her for her generosity. Or the time Jesus was coming into the town of Nain, deep in conversation with his followers when he noticed a poor widow about to bury her only son. Jesus restores him to life and returns him to his mother. Or again, the blind man on the side of the road begging as Jesus passes by. The crowd ignores the man and some even tell him to be quiet or go away but Jesus calls him over and cures him.

Like Jesus, Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac were people who noticed. They noticed the deplorable conditions of prisoners and worked to improve their situation. They noticed the foundlings abandoned on the doorsteps of Churches and worked to establish orphanages. They noticed the homeless on the streets of Paris and worked to give them food and shelter. They noticed the farmers whose fields were destroyed by invading armies and provided them with seed to replant. They noticed the sick poor in hospitals and in their own homes and ministered to them.

Friends, this ministry of compassion and care continues today in the spirit of Vincent and Louise! In this issue of *Faith Afire* you will discover how it is alive in a vibrant St. Vincent Center for Children and Families. You will notice it as well in the ministries in Wilmington and in the return of the Daughters to Mississippi.

May each of us strive to imitate Jesus, Vincent and Louise as we notice those in need around us and respond generously and compassionately to their need.

In Vincent and Louise,



Father John Kettelberger, C.M.
Provincial Director

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Province of St. Louise. In July, I was installed as the second Visitatrix of the Province. It is hard to believe six and a half years have passed since the unification of the four former U.S. Provinces (Albany, Emmitsburg, Evansville, and St. Louis) into the Province of St. Louise-USA. The past few months have been busy for the Daughters. Installed on the same July day with me were six Councillors, Sister Mary Frances Barnes, Sister Julie Cutter, Sister Teresa George, Sister Janet Keim, Sister Mary Beth Kubera, and Sister Nancy Murphy. Each will serve a six-year term except for Sisters Janet and Mary Beth who will serve a three-year term (they served on the previous Council). In September, the Province's new Director, Father John Kettelberger, C.M., arrived in St. Louis. Now, we are all focused on moving forward into the future.

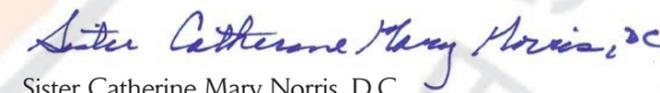
As the 400th anniversary year of the Vincentian Charism came to an end, we—as part of the worldwide Vincentian Family—were called to focus on the most challenging concerns in our world. These include migration, modern slavery, homelessness, and the daily struggles of those who live in poverty. We continue to serve on the borders, in inner cities, and in rural America. Many of our Sisters work alongside Vincentian priests and brothers, and women religious from the congregations of the Sisters of Charity Federation.

We are grateful for all of your prayers for us and for those we serve.

May the Lord bless you. I close with a quote from our Province patroness, St. Louise de Marillac, *"I entreat Jesus, born into this world and the sole object of our love, to be your strength and consolation ..."*

(Spiritual Writings. Letter 650, page 671.)

Devotedly in Christ,



Sister Catherine Mary Norris, D.C.
Visitatrix



On the Cover:

A new collaborative mission for the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louise and the Sisters of Charity Federation began late fall 2017. Three Sisters – one Sister of Charity of Halifax and two Daughters – serve in the mission. Mississippi is not new territory for the Daughters. Sisters served in the state beginning in the mid-1850s. Read more in the feature article beginning on page 6.

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Second Visitatrix and Council of Province of St. Louise Installed

On a bright, sunny Saturday in July, the Province's new Visitatrix and Councillors were installed at a Mass celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of Snows in Belleville, Ill. The Mass, celebrated by Father Pat Griffin, C.M., and Father Tom McKenna, C.M., was attended by Daughters already attending a Theology Camp being held the Shrine as well as by Daughters who drove to western Illinois for the special occasion. Live streamed to all the Sisters' residences and available to the Province's missionary Sisters around the world, Sister Marie Raw, General Councillor, traveled to the Province from Paris, France, for the Installation. First, Sister Marie expressed her most sincere gratitude to the departing Councillors and Sister Louise Gallahue for their service. Then, Sister Marie invited Sister Catherine Mary Norris to come forward. Following Sister Catherine Mary's installation, Sister Marie invited the six Councillors to join her near the altar. With sage words of encouragement,

Sister Marie installed Councillors Sister Mary Frances Barnes, Sister Julie Cutter, Sister Teresa George, Sister Janet Keim, Sister Mary Beth Kubera, and Sister Nancy Murphy. Each will serve a six year term except for Sisters Janet and Mary Beth who will serve a three year term as they served on the previous Council.

The Daughters of the Province enjoyed a luncheon and then were back to "camp" as those attending the Theology Camp learned more about "A Way of Living Driven by the Gospel." Not only were Daughters from the Province of St. Louise attending but also Daughters from the Province of Los Altos Hills in California. Camaraderie, prayer, daily Mass, song, and devotions filled the days of the Theology Camp. The Sisters under 10 Years in Community were able to connect. All were able to rejoice in their charism of service to those living in poverty. ■



Photos (clockwise): Visitatrix, Councillors, and Director pose for their photos (back left to front right) Sister Teresa George, Sister Julie Cutter, Sister Mary Beth Kubera, Sister Nancy Murphy, Sister Catherine Mary Norris, Father John Kettelberger, Sister Janet Keim, and Sister Mary Frances Barnes; Following the Installation Mass, Sister Marie Raw, Sister Mary Frances Barnes, and Sister Kathleen Marie Christopher exchange blessings; Sister Marie Raw installs the Province's second Visitatrix and Council; Sisters Carol Hoelscher, Helen Brewer, Julianne Blanchard, Rita Downey, Beth Marie Ruder, Marilyn Moore, and Marge Clifford join in singing the entrance hymn.



(Clockwise) Sisters Sharon Haskins and Honora Remes await the start of the Installation Mass; Sister Liz Sjoberg, Sister Georgina Severin, Sister Kathleen Marie Christopher, Sister Judith Hebert, Pre-Postulant Kate McFall, Sister Ann Claire Rhoads (behind piano), Sister Denise LaRock, and Sister Joanne Vasa all joined as part of the Installation Mass music ensemble; Sister Louise Busby listens as Sister Cecilia Tsao shares while Sister Julie Lawrence (in the background) peruses the Mass program booklet.

Father John Kettelberger, C.M., Installed as Provincial Director

In October, Father John Kettelberger traveled to St. Louis from his former mission at St. John's University in New York, N.Y., to begin his new ministry as the Province Director. Most recently Chaplain at St. John's, Father John is a Pennsylvania native. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and his Master's Degree in Theology from Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa. Father says he looks forward to his time with the Province of St. Louise, and getting to know all of the Sisters and their varied works in service of those living in poverty. ■



A Call to Serve in Mississippi



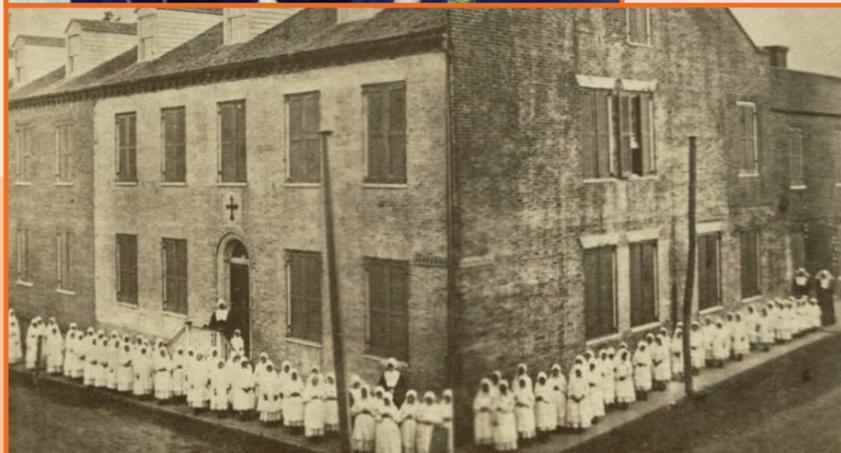
1) Daughters who taught at Cathedral School, Natchez, 1964; 2) Sister Mary Ann Wiltzius serving with Catholic Social Services, Hernando; 3) Bottom row, Sisters Evelyn Boyd and Honora Remes, second row, Sisters Joanne Cozzi and Marsha Tierney, third row, Sisters Joanne Marlow and Dolores Coleman; 4) Sister Virginia Delaney serving at St. John's Mission, Charleston, 1986; 5) Sister Brenda Monahan (center) at St. Therese Parish in Jackson 2003; 6) Sister Joanne Marlow with a student at St. John High School, Gulfport; 7) Sister Marsha Tierney; 8) Sisters Ann Marie Butler, Jean Juliano, Evelyn Boyd, Sherry Barrett, and Mary Stella Aquilina; 9) Sister Mary Beth Kubera celebrates the 150 years of the presence of the Daughters of Charity in Natchez with Karen and Eddie Foley and Teedy and Coonie Gascon; 10) Sister Joanne Cozzi at St. Vincent de Paul, Long Beach.

One of the goals of "Bearing Fruit for the Mission," the process begun by the first Provincial Council to boldly examine current ministries, was to go to the margins. The tragic deaths of Sister Paula Merrill, Sister of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky, and Sister Margaret Held, School Sister of St. Francis, Milwaukee, who had served in Durant and Lexington for so many years, was the Providential sign leading the Daughters of Charity to where that might be. They began to explore the possibilities in Holmes County, Mississippi—the poorest county in the poorest state in the Union; but, they knew the people would be better served through collaboration. So, the call went forth to the 13 congregations of the Sisters of Charity Federation to explore who might be willing to respond to this bold endeavor.

Daughters of Charity Sister Mary Walz, a social worker; and Sister Madeline Kavanagh, prison minister; along with Sister Sheila Conley, a Sister of Charity of Halifax, educator, have moved into the sacred space—the home where Sisters Paula

and Margaret once lived. "People in the area are pleased to know they have the presence of Sisters once again," explains Sister Mary Beth Kubera, Councillor. She along with Sister Mary began the initial study of the needs in the area. "It is my hope these three Sisters will be a loving presence to the people in Durant and Lexington and that they will collaborate with groups who assist those who are poor and marginalized there."

"When we first began exploring the possibility of responding to the needs of Holmes County, I thought it would be a perfect fit for the Vincentian charism," shares Sister Mary. "The opportunity to address the needs of this rural county as a Sisters of Charity Federation was very attractive to me. More than five months later, I find our small community of three to be a delight! Representing two different congregations of the Federation, we daily discover our commonality and our uniqueness! I find it very enriching. I'm currently serving as the social worker at the Lexington Medical Clinic with



a very committed staff. Our ministries continue to unfold as we become more familiar with the needs of the people and network with others in the area."

Sister Sheila adds, "When I was first approached about coming to Durant, I knew right away that it was for me...when they said they needed an educator, my heart swelled. As a life-long educator, I was anxious to use my gifts while working with rural youth in need of jobs. Now, I work at the Holmes County Job Site through a federally-funded program for participants, 17 to 24 years of age, who are jobless with no job prospects. It is a year-long program, of education (job skills and knowledge) and job ethics. We find mentors for the participants and follow them closely for the year. Our agency pays them and evaluates their progress quarterly. I am glad I made the decision to come to Durant!"

"I find myself amazed at how much life has been lived since I arrived in Durant," explains Sister Madeline. "For me, it seemed like an act of Providence when the request for volunteers to carry on the mission in Mississippi collided with the reality that my role as parish life facilitator would end soon due to a parish merger. The privilege of living in the house where Sisters Paula and Margaret lived along with the joy of forming the new Federation mission continues to unfold as we, in our little community, get to know our neighbors, learn

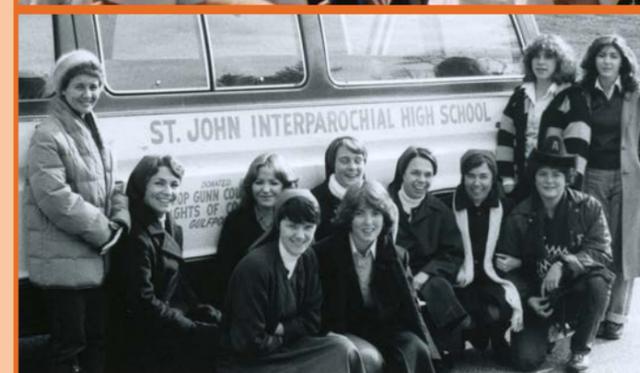
Photos (top to bottom) Sister Dolores Coleman directing children at the Deaf Center in Gulfport in 1978 about "just how" to decorate their Easter Egg Tree; Sisters Madeline, Sheila, and Mary at the newly established Mission in Durant; Sisters Dolores Coleman, Joanne Marlow, Mary Beth Kubera, and Joanne Cozzi, local community in Gulfport 1992; Daughters and orphans at St. Mary's Asylum, Natchez.

Photos (top to bottom) Sisters Sheila, Madeline, and Mary pose for a photo with their Bible Study Group; Sister Loretta Parpart congratulates Conrad Anderson on his award.; Sisters Sherry Barrett, Ann Marie Butler, and Jean Juliano supporting immigrants' rights at the Mississippi State Capital; Daughters and students at St. John Interparochial High School in Gulfport 1979.



about and visit local resources, become inserted in our small parish community, and as I experience the challenge of entering into the complications of prison ministry. I have partnered with Marvin Edwards, a Diocesan Ecclesial Minister and Prison Chaplain, in an effort to initiate a reentry program for prisoners. I'm also working with the Diocesan Faith in Action Team that assists local parishes in becoming attentive to social needs and advocacy possibilities. For me, Mississippi has always been associated with great poverty and to be able to minister here while at the same time picking up the "banner" of our two fallen predecessors was double reason to respond to the call. Seeing that the future is in God's hands, as we are, I look forward with peace and enthusiasm to whatever the future holds."

Funds from the "Paula Merrill Memorial Fund" will pay the first year's rent of the house; those funds also will help purchase needed items for the three Sisters living there. Holmes County is smack dab in the middle of the state. The County population is approximately 18,000, 80 percent African American. With unemployment at about 11 percent; a public education system that is struggling; very poor; generational poverty that runs into the fourth and fifth generations and includes nearly 44 percent of all of the residents – it is clear that challenges here align well with the Vincentian charism of the Sisters of Charity Federation. the two main cities in the County are Durant and Lexington. This is not the first time the Daughters of Charity have been involved in ministry in the





State. In 1847, the Sisters first began to serve in Mississippi when they established St. Mary's Orphan Asylum in Natchez at the request of Bishop John J. Chanche. For the next 163 years, Sisters served in a variety of ministries throughout the state. The Sisters taught, cared for, worked alongside, and prayed with the people of Mississippi. In 2010, pressed to serve where there were no other Catholic organizations, few Catholic laity, and few women religious, the Daughters withdrew. After seven years, the Daughters have returned!



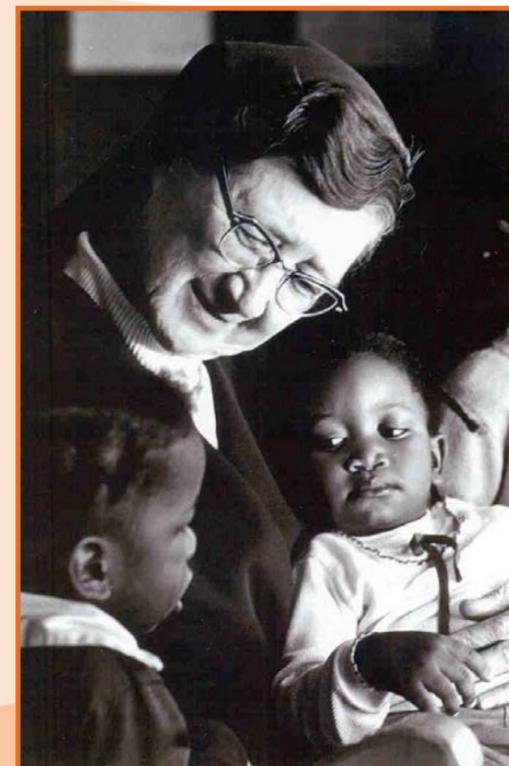
"We had always hoped to be involved in ministry in Mississippi once again," explains Sister Mary Beth Kubera, Councillor (who previously served in Natchez and Gulfport). This is a providential opportunity. Bishop Kopacz, the religious of the Diocese of Jackson and the people of Durant and Lexington have been welcoming and supportive of the presence of the Sisters in Mississippi. We pray that we can continue the legacy of Sisters Margaret, Paula and the many other Sisters who have served here." ■



Photos (top to bottom) Sister Sally Lessnau, serving with Catholic Social Services in Walls in 1997, helps children ready for a day at the park. Sister Judith Briselden with her students at St. Thomas School in Long Beach in 1986; Bishop Joseph Kopacz of the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, joins the Daughters at their home in Durant for a noontime meal; Sister Mary Louise Happich and her class at St. Joseph's School in Natchez 1954.



Sisters Mary, Sheila, and Madeline pose for a photo in front of their Durant home.



Sister Mary Stella Simpson (1910 to 2004), Nurse-Midwife, recounted many experiences from her years of service in Mound Bayou in her book, *Sister Stella's Babies: days in the practice of a nurse-midwife*. (All historic photos courtesy of the Province Archives.)

Daughters Service in Mississippi through the Years

Biloxi
Diocese of Biloxi

Charleston
Outreach ministries including Seton Center that provided a thrift store, social services, and sewing classes, as well as home visits and emergency services

Fayette
St. Ann's Parish

Gulfport
St. John's High School; Ministry with the Deaf, and Parish Ministry

Hernando
Parish Ministry, Catholic Social Services

Jackson
Ministry with the Deaf, University of Jackson, Diocese of Jackson, Catholic Identity Team, Advocacy, Hispanic Ministry, Holy Family School, St. Theresa School, St. Jude Day Care, Midwifery and a Neonatal Clinic, and Outreach Ministries

Long Beach
St. Thomas School

Madison
St. Joseph Catholic School

Mound Bayou
Midwifery, Nursing

Natchez
St. Mary Orphan Asylum, St. Joseph Academy for Girls, St. Joseph's High School, Parish Ministry, Cathedral Elementary and High School, St. Francis School, Catholic Charities, and Alcorn State University

Pascagoula
Our Lady of Victories Central High School in Moss Point, and Parish Ministry at St. Peter the Apostle.

Port Gibson
St. Joseph Parish, Outreach Ministry, Hispanic Ministry

Walls
Catholic Social Services



188 Years

of Caring Ministry in Wilmington

St. Peter School, circa 1941.



The year was 1830. Three Sisters from Mother Seton's fledgling community in Emmitsburg, Md., traveled to Wilmington, Del., at the request of Father George Carrell. Sisters Ann Scholastica, Eulalia, and Aloysia were to care for the orphaned children left by a series of explosions at the DuPont Powder Mills. These Sisters began a presence in the Diocese of Wilmington, planting a seed of Charity which has been nurtured by the many who have followed in their footsteps.

As the needs of the community evolved, so too did the Sisters' missions. In just ten years, the orphanage grew into a successful boarding school. The Free Academy for Girls was established in 1841, eventually being incorporated as "Sisters of Charity of St. Peter's School." At the time of the Union with France in 1850, the Sisters in Wilmington adopted the familiar white cornette of the Daughters of Charity.



The final Sister living and serving in Wilmington is Sister Maura Hobart. Sister Maura teaches English as a Second Language at the Latin American Community Center.

The tiny seed planted in Wilmington in 1830 has been faithfully nurtured by the Daughters of Charity for 187 years, producing a rich harvest.

Sister Maura shares, "I am blessed to share in the rich heritage of the students who come from all over the globe. Their determination, patience, and good humor makes for a supportive learning environment and facilitates the formation of a community among the students."

Sister Maura says, "The strong commitment of the lay faculty and staff, loyal parishioners, and the Diocese of Wilmington—combined with a large dose of faith in Divine Providence—helps make our ministries vibrant and blessed!"

Visit St. Peter Cathedral School online at: www.stpetercathedralschool.org ■



Today, there are six Daughters of Charity ministering in the Diocese of Wilmington, three of whom are still at the school now known as St. Peter Cathedral School. Sister Donna Marie Smith serves as Principal and Sister Kathy Cevette, a first grade Teacher's Aid while Sister JoAnne Goecke holds the roles of Librarian, Religion Teacher, and Moderator of the Vincentian Service Club. These three Sisters carry on the legacy and mission of responding to the needs of the community that began so many years ago.

The presence of the Daughters in Wilmington does not stop in the school, but rather extends to other social services throughout the community. Sister Mary George Barlow serves as Moderator for the Cathedral parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society in addition to her role of ten years at the parish's Seton Center. Soon, she will be handing the Center over to Sister Catherine Marie Lowe to continue its mission of providing assistance to those in need and supporting those who are seeking employment in the community.



Photos page 14 (upper photo), Sisters Mary George, Kathleen, Catherine Marie, Maura, Donna Marie, and JoAnne on the steps of their residence; (lower photo) unknown Daughter with Sister Germaine Carlin, Wilmington, mid-1900s; page 15 (clockwise) Sister Donna Marie with some of her students; Sister Kathleen teaching grade-schoolers; Sister JoAnne helping seniors during a school field trip; Sister Maura talks with a student at the Latin American Community Center.

Celebrating 100 Years of Service - St. Vincent Center for Children and Families, Evansville



This year, St. Vincent Center for Children and Families in Evansville, Ind., celebrates 100 years of service! Founded in 1918 by the Ladies of Charity as St. Vincent Day Nursery, the agency offered safe and affordable care for children as women were entering the workforce during World War I. The Day Nursery opened on November 18, 1918 in its temporary location at Assumption Church on 7th Street in downtown Evansville.

A few months after its founding, the Ladies were unable to accommodate the huge demand for care. They appealed to the Daughters of Charity at St. Mary's Hospital (now known as Ascension St. Vincent, Evansville Hospital) to manage the agency.

In 1919, the Nursery moved to the old Kratz place at 517 Bond Street. The home was chosen because it was in the heart of the factory district where mothers were employed and where streetcar fare could be eliminated. In 1930, John H. Fendrich and his sister Mrs. Daniel McCarthy of Chicago gave the old Heilman home on First Avenue to the Daughters to be used as the Nursery because it had outgrown its Bond Street location. In August 1931, the Nursery was moved to the Heilman Home at 611 First Avenue.

In 1975, the agency announced plans to build a new day care center behind the Heilman home, and in July 1976 the new St. Vincent Day Care Center opened. In December 1997 the Daughters purchased the Bristol Myers building (formerly the St. Mary's School of Nursing) next door to the Center and started an expansion plan to include infant and toddler care. In September 1999, the expanded St. Vincent Day Care Center opened.

In 2010, St. Vincent earned a Level 4 Paths to Quality rating and achieved accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which it continues to hold today. The agency was renamed St. Vincent Center for Children and Families.

While the Daughters are no longer involved in the day-to-day administration of St. Vincent, their values permeate the mission and their sponsorship continues to support the work. Kim Mulfinger, President and Executive Director at St. Vincent, shares, "Research shows that one of the best investments you can make in a child's life is high-quality, early education. The evidence is clear—building a strong foundation early in a child's life creates the best opportunity for later success in school and life. It pays dividends for generations to come."

The Center focuses on the whole child approach, which promotes the long-term development and success of all children. Early education has the greatest per-child impact on disadvantaged children; 62 percent of the approximately 200 children served each year by St. Vincent come from low-income families. ■

DAY NURSERY FUND BOOSTED BY SOCIAL

Ladies of Charity Realize Neat Sum in Festival Given at St. Mary's Hospital Ground

PLAN TO BUILD IN FALL

Call on Women to Take Places of Men Makes Institution Necessary for City

Dominated by the community spirit and bearing the semblance of a big town carnival, the lawn social given last night on the ground at St. Mary's hospital by the Ladies of Charity, cleared quite a sum to go towards the establishment in Evansville of a day nursery.

The event marked the annual summer festival of the Ladies of Charity, an organization made up of all the Catholic ladies of the city. The usual work of the organization is in looking after the sick and needy, and taking care of patients in the hospitals. It works in co-operation with the St. Vincent de Paul society, which is made up of the men of the Catholic church.

This year the funds raised will go towards the founding of a permanent day nursery, an institution which Evansville badly needs. For more than a year the Ladies of Charity have had the bee in their bonnets, and have worked in a quiet way, attempting to raise the necessary amount of money. Since January they have put their full energies to the wheel and early in the spring cleared a good sized sum at a eucher and brige.



Upper photo, Associate Teacher Maddie Arnold teaches students how to sort and count based on the letters in their names; left photo, the Heilman home former site of the Center; lower photo, current location (next to the Heilman home) of the Center.



Learn more about St. Vincent Center for Children and Families at: www.stvincentcenterforchildren.org



Left, Marygrove strives to give children “roots to grow;” Marygrove volunteers worked hard to construct a new playground.

Sisters serve Children of all Ages and Circumstances at Marygrove

Since 1852, Marygrove in north St. Louis County has been a place of refuge and profound healing for youth experiencing trauma. Often fleeing abuse, violence, neglect, and other disruptive family situations, most Marygrove residents have been through several failed placements in foster homes, adoptive families, or other residential facilities. Marygrove’s specialized care offers a unique environment where children can find healing, empowerment, and most importantly, a home. With seven treatment programs, 270 dedicated professionals and 43 acres of land, Marygrove helps its residents reach their fullest potential.

Marygrove provides its 220 youth in residence, ages birth–21, with a continuum of

behavioral services: therapeutic residential treatment, therapeutic foster care, crisis services, Marygrove school, mentoring program, transitional living program, and independent living program. Marygrove’s therapeutic residential treatment program gives children and adolescents a home with youth of their same age range and gender, equipped with a full-time therapist and round-the-clock staff. In an average length of stay of 16 months, a child in this program will form strong community with his or her cottage mates, attend weekly individual and group therapy, and engage in constructive recreation, art and extracurricular activities. Structure and routine provides stability for children who have previously led chaotic lives, and their therapist serves as an invaluable

role model, something many children have never had. “As most children come from failed placements in other homes or facilities, Marygrove’s therapeutic residential treatment program offers children real stability and healthy relationships while they work toward healing,” explains Sister Helen Negri, Executive Director for 35 years, 1983 to 2018.

Marygrove’s Crisis Services provides a haven for youth experiencing homelessness or family crisis, with shelter and support services available 24/7. Recently expanded to a 20 bed facility, Crisis Services provides clients with everything from food and health care to case management and education. Some clients stay at Marygrove and transition into



Upper left, swimming in the summer! This is a favorite pastime of Marygrove residents; lower left, Sister Liz Sjoberg, Licensed Social Worker, works with Marygrove residents on job interview skills; right, Sister Rita Downey, Administrative Assistant, and Sister Helen often spend time with the residents. In this photo, they look far out on the grounds to the Missouri River.



other programs, such as transitional and independent living, programs that teach adolescents and young adults self-sufficiency and offer psychiatric, educational, occupational, and life-skill support.

Sister Mary Jo Stein, Nurse Practitioner, volunteers at Marygrove. “I volunteer part-time as a nurse practitioner in the Clinic at Marygrove,” she shares. “There, we provide holistic health care to the children and young people who are residents at Marygrove or in the foster homes connected with Marygrove. It is a joy for me to serve there as a Daughter of Charity because I am privileged to enter into the lives of very brave and resilient young people who have suffered a great deal in their brief lives. It’s a great grace

to be part of their journey of healing of body, mind and spirit. The health care team are very dedicated women with whom I’m grateful to collaborate.”

For the Daughters of Charity, Marygrove’s mission is deeply rooted in their call to love God in the most poor and vulnerable. For the youth they serve, Marygrove is home, a place of love and belonging unlike they’ve ever known before. The Daughters and lay staff strive constantly to empower, heal and nurture children whom no one else wants or is able to care for. Fighting to dissolve the stigma against mental illness and abuse, the Daughters at Marygrove respect their residents first and foremost as individuals with infinite potential for growth and

healing. All treatment is firmly rooted in the belief that clinical care should be relational and grounded in the patient’s dignity as a human person. Although Marygrove can’t remove their children’s past trauma or ensure them a completely normal childhood, they do make them feel loved and respected, and give them the tools to heal, grow, and reach their full potential. Children and young adults at Marygrove do not just receive therapy and material resources. They find community, belonging, independence, and health that goes well beyond the physical.

To learn more about Marygrove, please visit: www.marygrovechildren.org. ■

In Memory

We remember the 14 Daughters of Charity who, in recent months, have gone to their Eternal Home.



“Remain faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life.”
Revelation 2:10



Sister Mary William Sullivan
October 29, 1925
July 23, 2017
73 years vocation
Teacher, Social Worker, Volunteer,
Director of Social Services



Sister Regina Russell
July 27, 1919
August 20, 2017
77 years vocation
Teacher, Child Care Provider



Sister Mary Caroline Hriczko
December 22, 1931
November 9, 2017
63 years vocation
Nurse



Sister Andrea Lacoste
October 29, 1924
November 29, 2017
73 years vocation
Nurse, Administrator, Director



Sister Maria Capobianco
December 14, 1925
December 3, 2017
65 years vocation
Teacher, Nurse, Religious Educator,
Parish Minister, Adult Literacy
Instructor



Sister Victoria Nolan
April 22, 1919
January 7, 2018
80 years vocation
Nurse, Certified Chaplain, Educator



Sister Denise Williams
December 2, 1946
January 10, 2018
52 years vocation
Educator, Provincial Secretary,
Mission Coordinator, Spiritual
Moderator of Ladies of Charity



Sister Dorothy Copson
April 5, 1926
January 21, 2018
72 years vocation
Child Care Provider, Teacher



Sister Mary Elko
October 6, 1924
September 22, 2017
73 years vocation
Nurse, Foreign Missionary, Director
of the AMANECER in Bolivia



Sister Celeste Donohue
January 6, 1925
October 16, 2017
74 years vocation
Educator, Principal, Docent,
Pastoral Minister



Sister Ann Molesevich
July 2, 1939
November 7, 2017
41 years vocation
Communicator, Director, Chaplain,
Parish Minister



Sister Mary Carol Mautemps
May 21, 1925
January 23, 2018
74 years vocation
Teacher, Administrator



Sister Barbara Kauss
August 24, 1941
February 3, 2018
57 years vocation
Teacher, Foreign Missionary



Sister Dorothy Kinniry
August 21, 1919
February 9, 2018
79 years vocation
Educator, Social Worker,
Pastoral Care Director

Province News

Sisters Marie Burns, Anne Marie Graham, and Mary Jean Tague were granted Honorary Doctorate Degrees by St. Vincent's College, Bridgeport, Conn., as the Daughters of Charity were honored by St. Vincent's College at its Commencement Ceremonies in May. After founding St. Vincent's Medical Center in 1903, the Daughters of Charity were responsible for the beginning of St. Vincent's College in 1905.

Sister Carmeli Proano and the Daughters of Charity were thanked for many years of volunteering as Eucharistic Ministers at the Catholic Parish at Fort Bliss Army Base, El Paso, Tex. A commemorative medal was presented.



Sister Carlene Welker was honored with the Health of the Sick Award at the annual catholic Women's Award celebration sponsored by the Office of Laity and Family Life In August in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Nominated by her parish, Our Lady of the Holy Cross, she was one of 26 women in the Archdiocese recognized as "a woman

who brings healing to others through her presence, touch, and words: a woman who understands the interweaving of healing body, soul, and spirit."



Sister Lani Manseau was honored by the Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg when they named the newly-renovated library in her honor; Sister Lani marked her 30th year of service at the High School in June 2017.



Sister Mary Kay Tyrell, former Community Care Coordinator at Heart, Love, and Soul Food Pantry and recently appointed Provincial Secretary, was recognized by Mount St. Mary's in Niagara Falls just prior to her departure for her dedication to the ministry and all whom she served.

Sister Nora Sweeney was one of 25 Outstanding Women of Influence honored in Buffalo.

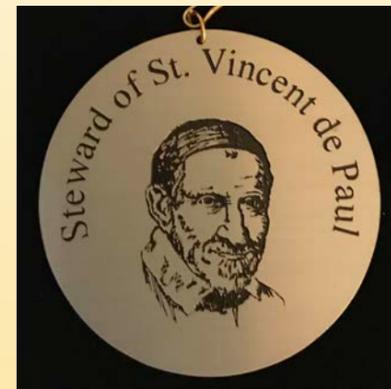
It was mentioned that Sister Nora is a strong advocate for those living in poverty by her belief in collaboration with numerous and diverse agencies and as well as other people.



Sister Christine Mura was an honoree at the annual dinner of Centro Civico of Amsterdam and Albany, NY on October 20. Sister received the Corazon Award for her service in outreach from St. Mary's Healthcare to Mexican and Guatemalan migrants and their families who work on the dairy farms in Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie Counties.



Sister Donna Franklin was honored at the Diocese of Ogdensburg's Catholic Charities Annual Caritas Dinner which celebrated 100 years of service to those in need. Bishop Terry R. LaValley presenting Sister Donna with the Bishop Edgar P. Wadhams Award for Distinguished Service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, where she has served as Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities for 22 years.



Sister Theresa Peck was recognized on October 21 with St. Vincent Evansville's highest honor – the Steward of St. Vincent de Paul Award at the Foundation's 30th Annual Cornette Ball. Sister Theresa was the sixth Daughter of Charity to receive the award. During the Ball—from which proceeds support programs for children with eating disorders, autism

spectrum diseases, and more. Daughters who helped Sister Theresa celebrate included, left to right back row, Sisters Marie Judith Haupt, Ann Marie Butler, Sheila Carney, Mary Celeste Lehman, and Gertrude Levy; front row, Sisters Theresa Peck and Barbara Reily; and (not pictured) Maureen Houlihan.



100 Years Young
Two Daughters celebrated 100th birthdays in 2017—Sisters Elizabeth Ann Baldino and Virginia Metz, both from Albany, N.Y. Two more Daughters will mark 100 years in 2018—Sisters Carmella Augello, Albany, and Mary Paule Vardigan, New Orleans. We welcome you to join with us in prayer for all of our centenarians. (Pictured, Sister Virginia Metz at her party at St. Louise House, Albany).



Seton Harvest Receives Grant; Begins Hydroponic Growing
The Province sponsored Seton Harvest Farm in Evansville, Ind., was awarded a Healthy Eating Active Living grant to increase its produce in its natural community-supported agricultural farm. The seedlings sprouted fast in the new water only environment. Having donated more than 115,000 pounds of produce to food pantries, schools, and the needy, the Farm anticipates a big harvest in 2018. Learn more at: www.setonharvest.org





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