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"JESUS: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL"

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*We Remember...
We Celebrate...
We Believe!*



Sr. Arilda Panke
October 17, 2013



Sr. Modesta Nieder
October 25, 2013



Sr. Mary Matthew
Kimminau
November 11, 2013



Sr. Ann Louise Schulte
November 14, 2013



Sr. Gaudentia Haunert
December 11, 2013



Sr. Louise Wagner
January 9, 2014

*To make a donation in memory of these Sisters
please visit www.cpps-ofallon.org.*

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the Ecclesiastical Art Department.*



Dear Friends,

Pope Francis has made quite an impression on peoples of all faiths, cultures, and traditions, as he shares his vision of hope for the world. His recent Apostolic Exhortation, “The Joy of the Gospel,” is inspiring, comforting, extremely challenging, easy to understand but not so easy to live.

He is calling us to believe that the Gospel, the good news of Jesus, is one of joy and faith: “an authentic faith—which is never comfortable or completely personal—always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.” (183)

I am delighted to hear the Pope affirm that “... when we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.” Often we forget that reality and feel alone, misunderstood, sad. How comforting to know we are not alone!

At our spring community gathering, our Sisters and Partners in Mission shared how we share Gospel joy in our ministries. In this magazine are pictures of some of these ministries giving you a peek into how the love of Jesus is shared through our efforts. What is missing are pictures of YOUR ministry, YOUR reaching out to family members, neighbors, friends, parishioners, colleagues, people in need and the poor. What would you include on a poster displaying your ministry?

As a community we are very grateful for your prayers, your donations that help us respond to so many needs, the gift of your friendship, and the witness of your lives.

Peace and blessings,

Sr. Fran

Sr. Fran Raia

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Joy of the Gospel

"The Joy of the Gospel" is the long-awaited teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. On these next few pages we want to share with you quotes from this wonderful book along with pictures of how our Sisters and Partners in Mission share Gospel joy in their ministries. These photos give you a peek into how the love of Jesus is shared through their efforts.

"CHRIST, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, BEARS US ON HIS SHOULDERS. . . WITH TENDERNESS WHICH NEVER DISAPPOINTS, BUT IS ALWAYS CAPABLE OF RESTORING OUR JOY, HE MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO LIFT UP OUR HEADS AND TO START ANEW . . ." (2)

"JOY ADAPTS AND CHANGES, BUT IT ALWAYS ENDURES, EVEN AS A FLICKER OF LIGHT BORN OF OUR PERSONAL CERTAINTY THAT, WHEN EVERYTHING IS SAID AND DONE, WE ARE INFINITELY LOVED." (6)



Sr. Marie Fennewald, and CPPS Partners in Mission: Linda Moehrle, Sandy Dennis, Liz Allmeyer and Cindy Ryon are members of the Hope Community which works to bring hope, support and encouragement to others.



Sr. Charlene Grieshaber and Sr. Joanne Reuter Minister at Regina Cleri. Sr. Charlene works in the office and Sr. Joanne works as an RN and with Hospice.



Sr. Joyce Schramm with one of her students, at St. John the Baptist, who participates in the English Tutoring Project.

**"BEING A DISCIPLE MEANS BEING CONSTANTLY READY TO BRING THE LOVE OF JESUS TO OTHERS, AND THIS CAN HAPPEN UNEXPECTEDLY AND IN ANY PLACE. ON THE STREET, IN A CITY SQUARE, DURING WORK, ON A JOURNEY."
(114)**



Members of the Ecclesiastical Art Department giving a tour to Sr. Mary Charles Mayer, RSM.



Sr. Estelle Sullentrop ministers through prayer and presence by saying the Rosary at the Meadowlands and by being a Eucharistic Minister at DePaul Hospital.



Sr. Josepha Bauer and Sr Doris Rechtiene repairing wheel chairs for our Sisters in Villa Theresa.



TLC Small Faith Group Members- Partners in Mission Sandy Meyer, Patti Ballmann, Mary Martin, and Dawn Boschert; and Sisters Charlene Grieshaber and Ginny Jaskiewicz. Growing our relationship with one another and our love for our faith in God.



Sr. Clara Therese Ziegler weekly picks up and delivers packages, mail and correspondence to our Sisters and various other locations in the City, thus saving us on postage and shipping. She is our modern day "Pony Express."

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Sr. Anna Marie Himmelberg works in parish Ministry at St. John's Catholic Church in Imperial, MO.



Sr. Marilyn Schneider is the Director of Music Ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Perryville, MO.



Sr. Susan Borgel with one of her students at Villa Duchesne High School where she is Principal.



Sr. Bonaventure McManus prays for several individuals and groups including our Sisters and also directs Centering Prayer groups

JOY



*For me JOY is...
making each person
I come into contact
with feel "Special". –
Sr. Robert Ann Harper*



*For me JOY is
radiating the Christ
who is within me. –
Sr. LaVerne Wester*



*I find JOY in all of
God's creation and in
all the seasons of the
year. – Sr. Marcella
Scego*



*JOY is knowing that
Jesus is always present
in my heart. –
Sr. Mary Hubert
McQuinn*



*I find JOY in showing
love, joy and respect
to the poor. – Sr.
Marie Orf*

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Congratulations to our Sisters celebrating their Jubilee this year!

75th



Sr. Mary Brendan Block



Sr. Bonaventure McManus

70th



Sr. M. Ann Clare Hendel



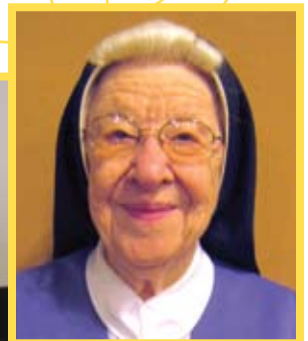
Sr. Mary Venard LeBeau



Sr. Madelene Reiners



Sr. Mary Lou Roussin



Sr. Estelle Sullentrup

60th



Sr. Rose Marie Dobelman



Sr. Viola Marie Spire

50th



Sr. M. Jean William Diepenbrock



Sr. Anna Marie Himmelberg



Sr. Janet Voss



Back row: Nancy Hull and Sr. Joan Schnorbus. Front row: Stacey Bradley and Sr. Mary Lou Talmon

The Joys of Transportation

By: Sr. Mary Lou Talmon

I am beginning my 15th year of working in the Transportation Department for the community. I have been the director since 2005 and I have three wonderful drivers: Stacy Bradley, Nancy Hull and Sr. Joan Schnorbus.

My duties and responsibilities are varied. I begin the day by making out the next days' appointments for the Sisters in Villa Theresa and the Sisters in the Haven and the schedules for the drivers. In between I answer phone calls, emails, and take care of emergencies that may arise. I also am responsible for the general cell phones that are available for Sisters' use. They must be charged daily.

We make sure that Sisters get to where they need to go whether it's a doctor's appointment, the store, a funeral or even fun events like a trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden.

In 2005, I was asked to take over the car maintenance program. No, I don't do the work! But I make sure when the cars need to go to the mechanic for oil change, tire rotation, need new tire, alignment, etc. I am learning so much about cars; my dad would be so proud of

me. I also buy and sell our cars and handle all the paperwork that is involved in that process. I love driving a new car back to the office. So as you see, there is never a dull moment in the Transportation Department.

I am glad I am able to do this ministry and provide a valuable service for my Sisters. I find it very rewarding work because I enjoy helping our Sisters with their transportation needs; they give me much joy and appreciation. I appreciate our community allowing me to continue to perform this ministry.

What is most rewarding about working in the Transportation Department:

Sr. Joan - it's being of service like Jesus washing the feet.

Nancy - the stories and experiences of the Sisters are the most rewarding things about working in transportation. Hearing about times that were hard, but always being able to get through somehow. Some good recipes have been shared with me also.

Stacy - the most rewarding thing about working in the transportation is hearing all the different stories about the Sisters when they were young and about their teaching in different places.



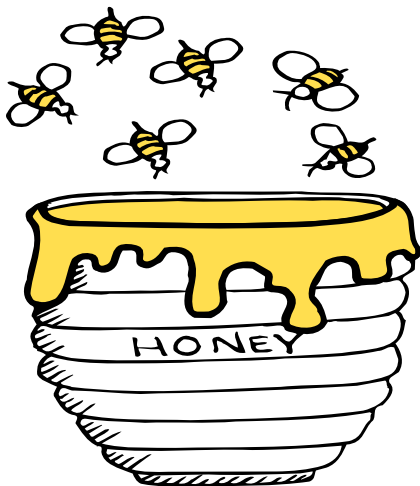
Sr. Marcella Scego and Stacy Bradley get ready to go to an appointment.

Earth Day on the Convent Grounds

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood held their annual Earth Day Clean Up at Precious Blood Center. Thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to help beautify the grounds.



1. An after shot of the grotto. 2. Sr. Ellen Orf prepares the ground for planting. 3. Dan Prize stirs paint before touching up a doorway. 4. Freshly planted flowers. 5. Carly, Steve, and Taylor Bohning planting flowers



Did you know?

For some years Sisters Irmengard and Benita, decked out in their special hats with netting to protect their faces, took care of the bees. When these Sisters could no longer climb to bring down the swarmed bees, they called on younger Sr. Clarissa. Depending on their preference, the Sisters at the Motherhouse could enjoy either honey in the comb or in liquid form. It was truly delicious!



A Big Thank You . . .

Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and came to our “Jest for Fun” Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 1, 2014. We are so thankful for all of the support, especially for our Fund-a-Need Sponsors who raised over \$12,000 for St. Agatha’s Food Pantry here in St. Louis and the Fabiz Institute of the Blind in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where Sr. Maria Luz Mejia Vasquez, CPPS, is ministering.

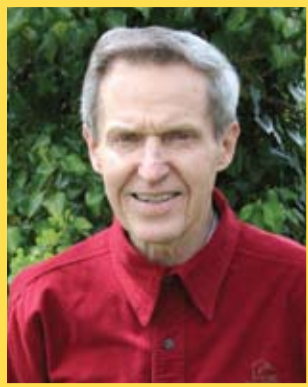


1. Villa Theresa Director Robin Storey with resident Vita Torpe. 2. Sr. Esther Hogan, Board Member, Ellen Schramm; and Sr. Toni Temporiti pause in selling 50/50 raffle tickets. 3. CPPS Partner in Mission, Dawn Boschert, taking it all in from her table. 4. Karen Sisby and Sr. Doris Rechiene. 5. Tony and Barb Davis, a Villa Theresa Employee, stop bidding on silent auction items to pose for the camera. 6. Leadership Team member, Sr. Sandy Barton, smiles for the camera. 7. Sr. Dory Obermann poses with her father Arthur Obermann, one of the evening’s sponsors. 8. Susan Augsburger and Joann Augsburger Jana, two of our SEA Alumnae joined us for the festivities.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us next year
on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at our new venue
Old Hickory Country Club!

Mission Advancement Advisory Board

The purpose of the Mission Advancement Advisory Board is to assist the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in their fundraising efforts in order to gain the support necessary for continuing their mission and ministries. We have eleven dedicated individuals who meet monthly to help assist in these endeavors. We want to feature two of our members in this issue to give you a little insight into some of the great people who are on this journey with us.



Ted Molitor

1. ***How did you come to know the Sisters?*** I was put in Sr. Flavia's care my first day of school. From that point on, the Sisters helped me get through grade school and high school. They had to put up with me for 12 years.
2. ***How long have you been a member of the Advisory Board?*** Since December 2008.
3. ***Why do you continue to serve on the Board?*** It is an opportunity for me to be of some help to the Sisters who did so much for me growing up.
4. ***What about serving on the Board brings you Joy?*** Participating in the ball game and dinner auction fundraisers cause a little stress, but a good feeling of satisfaction when the projects are successfully completed.



Joyce Miller

1. ***How did you come to know the Sisters?*** My affiliation with the Sisters dates back to the 1970s when I began living with the Sisters and learning about the community. I professed temporary vows as a Precious Blood Sister in 1979. After living in temporary vows for three years, I felt God's call to leave the community and live on my own. In 2010, I moved into the new Villa Theresa Apartments on their property.
2. ***How long have you been a member of the Advisory Board?*** Since 2012.
3. ***Why do you continue to serve on the Board?*** The Mission Advancement Board is actively involved in fundraising for the Sisters, especially through the annual dinner auction. The auction involves months of planning and preparation, including the solicitation of donations from area businesses. I have enjoyed talking with employees of area businesses, and have been heartened by their willingness and desire to help the Sisters.
4. ***What about serving on the Board brings you Joy?*** The Sisters have given so much to me. May my service on the Mission Advancement Board be an expression of my joy, gratitude and love for being able to share life with them once again.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of the Advisory Board, please contact Leah in the Mission Advancement Office at 636-240-6010 or lwand@cpps-ofallon.org.

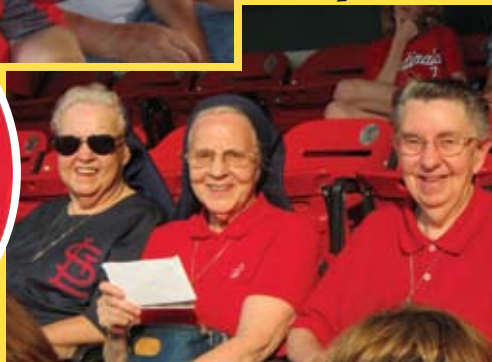
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Join the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood at their Night at Busch Stadium Fundraiser on Friday, June 13, 2014, when the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Washington Nationals.

Tickets are \$35 (half off the Cardinals price) and bus transportation is available from two locations for \$12.

This fundraiser helps support the ministries of the Community and their retired Sisters.

For further information:
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636-240-6010 ext. 273.