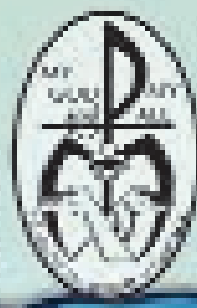
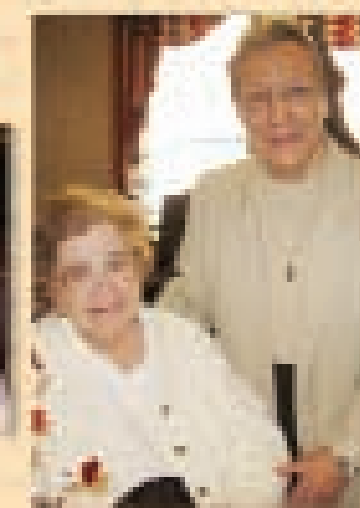


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AND SERVE GENEROUSLY.

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Letter from the General Minister

Dear Friends,

The world is truly alive with the glory of God. While the season of spring seems to have passed us by this year, summer seems to be bursting forth with great enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm describes your response to our September 2010 edition of Crossroads. Thank you for your positive comments, suggestions and especially your continued interest in our religious congregation and our ministries.

We have had a constant flurry of activity since our last edition of Crossroads. God continues to send blessings in many forms. Our congregation has been blessed with the entrance of a candidate (postulant) to our congregation. Her name is Olga Ayala. She entered in February of this year and continues in her process of formation in the community. Other women are discerning their future with us as well.

Celebrations of the gift of life are all around us both in our Sister Jubilarians for 2010 and our Sisters who went to their eternal reward since we last reached out to you.

The lives of St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik our foundress, serve as inspiration for the lives of the Sisters as well as our associates. A good example of this is reflected in the information included about the recipient of the Theresa Dudzik Award for this past year.

The new Mission Statement of the Sisters, which is included in this edition, was promulgated in December of 2010 and has served to reinvigorate our sense of commitment.

Thank you for the blessing that you are to us through your prayers, actions, presence and overall good will. Have a safe and blessed summer season. May you experience in your hearts the peace of God and the joy of the Holy Spirit. You remain in our prayers each day.

In Jesus and Mary,

*Sister Diane Marie Collins, OSF
General Minister*

2010 Jubilarians

Letter from Mary Bannon, Corporate Director of Philanthropy IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

As development directors, we spend endless hours planning events, writing articles for publications, soliciting underwriting and silent auction items and a myriad of other things that take up a significant amount of our time. However, the most important thing we should spend our time working on is developing relationships with our donors. Donors are the lifeblood of any non-profit. Without donors many of the things that organizations are able to accomplish in their ministries would never happen.

Building a strong donor base of support begins by creating relationships. Relationships take time, patience, and an abundance of care. They do not happen overnight but each step of the journey is rewarding.

Thank you for building a relationship with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. We have flourished because of you! It has been such a joy connecting all of you with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and our ministries. This past November the Sisters held their 17th Annual Ball, Shall We Dance, at the Oak Brook Marriott. The guests had a delightful evening as they glided across the dance floor and bid on silent auction items.

In February Franciscan Community Benefit Services, which is responsible for St. Jude House and the Madonna Foundation, was one of 18 charities that participated in First Look for Charity, sponsored by the Chicago Auto Trade Association. The ballroom echoed with the sounds of laughter, music, and good cheer. Our guests enjoyed delicious appetizers as they visited with friends both old and new. A high point of the evening was guest speaker, Zorida Sambolin from Channel 5 News, who gave a moving speech to those gathered. Ms. Sambolin is an alumna of Madonna High School and a former student of Sister Diane Marie Collins, our General Minister.

Thank you to our donors who have supported us this past year. You have become our partners on the journey and I thank you on behalf of the Sisters. We cannot think of better partners than all of you. We are profoundly grateful for your support.



Guests enjoying the silent auction.



Synchronicity entertaining the room for First Look for Charity



Ms. Zorida Sambolin, from Channel 5 News

75 YEARS
Sister M. Alvernia Groszek
Sister M. Dulcissima Kaczmarek

70 YEARS
Sister Victoria Valerie Smagacz

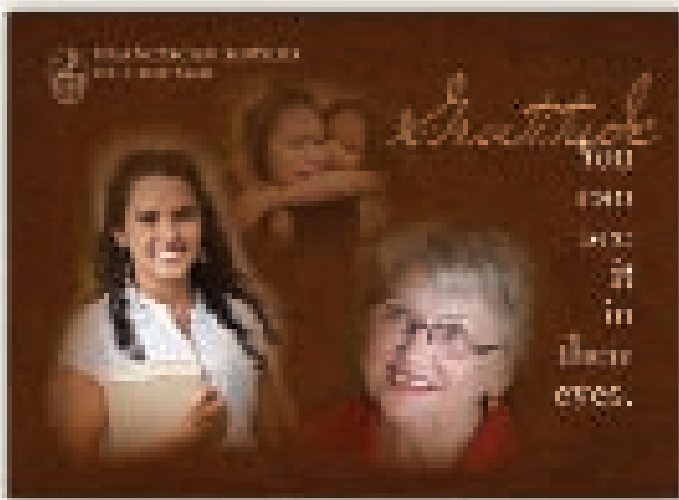
50 YEARS
Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie
Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik

"I submitted to God's will with this thought: I would allow him to do with me as he pleased."
— *Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik*

*Seated: Left to Right -
Sister M. Dulcissima Kaczmarek
and Sister M. Alvernia Groszek
Standing: Left to Right -
Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie,
Sister Victoria Valerie Smagacz and
Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik*



Helping to Carry on the Mission Donors Make the Difference



In December of 2010 the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago sent out their first appeal letter asking their donors to become true partners with them in their ministries. The appeal piece talked about St. Jude House, a shelter for survivors of domestic violence, the Madonna Foundation, a scholarship program for young women, and the Gift of Care Program, which enables seniors to continue living in their senior living communities.

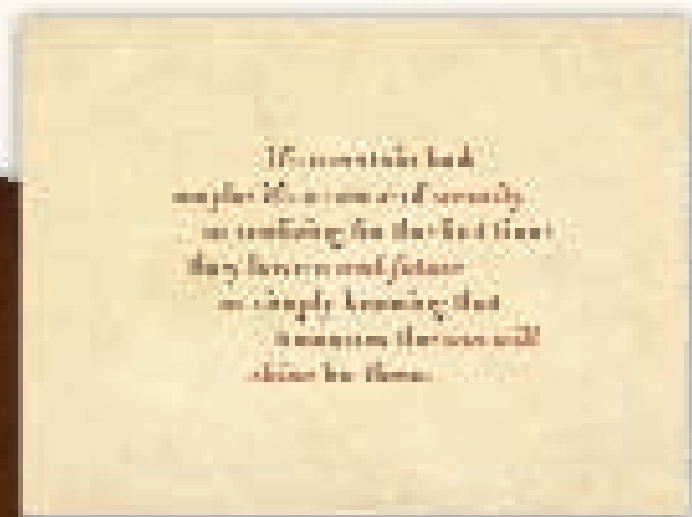
The generosity of their donors has allowed the Sisters to help 8,300 survivors and their children at St. Jude House since the doors opened in 1995. Each year St. Jude

House, which is located in Crown Point, Ind., aids 400 families and provides them with housing, crisis intervention, daily living needs, support groups, legal advocacy and much more.

Madonna Foundation focuses on empowering young urban women through education and leadership formation by increasing access to Catholic high schools. Each year more than 100 young women are able to receive a quality education, which prepares them for college. The thoughtful support from their donors has allowed the Sisters to change the lives of thousands of young women through the Madonna Foundation.

The direct mail initiative also described the Gift of Care Program, which assists seniors who are living in one of the Sisters' sponsored communities and are unable to cover the cost of their care due to life circumstances or financial concerns. The money raised for the Gift of Care Program allows seniors to remain in their Franciscan community.

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago are very grateful to all of their donors who have partnered with them and allowed them to carry on the ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago for over 116 years.



Meet our Sisters, Age 90 and Better... This Is The Oldest I've Ever Been! Part Seven

“They Couldn't Have Done it Without Me”

SISTER M. MARIFILIA STRZYCKI
*Born in Chicago, Illinois on
February 11, 1920*

Sister M. Marifilia Strzycki was born February 11, 1920 in Chicago and baptized Eleanore. Her parents Nicholas Strzycki and Eugenia Malanowski Strycki were both of Polish decent. Nicholas was born in Chicago and Eugenia was born in Poland. The family belonged to Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Chicago where an uncle was the pastor. Sister Marifilia had an older sister who eventually got married and had two daughters.

Sister Marifilia's first introduction to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago came when the Sisters began teaching at Five Holy Martyrs. They had a major influence on Sister Marifilia and by the time she was in 8th grade, she had decided she wanted to enter religious life. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago at the age of 18 on December 7, 1938.

Sister studied at DePaul University and Loyola University. She also took primary education courses from 1942 through 1945, which culminated in her taking a position as a 2nd grade teacher at Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr in Chicago.

Possessing a gentle, yet firm nature, Sister Marifilia's gifts of organization and attention to detail drew her to another challenging career - medical records. She enrolled in a course in medical records science and management at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., and her career path took a new direction. She studied shorthand every Saturday for a year in order to become certified.

Sister Marifilia served as the Director of the Medical Records Department and the medical library at Saint John Hospital in Huron, SD from 1947 until 1970. She completely organized the library for the doctors. Smiling she remembered “how they couldn't have done it without me.”



By the time the 1970s came along, Sister Marifilia was ready to begin a new challenge to better serve others. She began studying nursing at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Joliet, Ill. and became a registered nurse in 1973.

For the next 21 years, Sister Marifilia was dedicated to children and their families as a pediatric nurse at Saint Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point, Ind. She also served as the coordinator of the medical staff and was the local assistant superior during her tenure in Crown Point.

Some people never find happiness in serving others as they pursue a career. For Sister Marifilia she found a way to serve others as a teacher, director of medical records and nurse, and through it all she remained committed to her vows to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

Sister may be retired these days, but she remains committed to a life of prayer. One of her all-time favorite verses is the comparison of one's life to a quilt woven by God.

Center row: Sr. Dorothea Micek, Sr. Dorothy Joan Lagocki, Sr. Frances Szczur, Sr. Marifilia Strzycki, Sr. Leona Watroba, Sr. Lucille Klockowski



The Tapestry of My Life

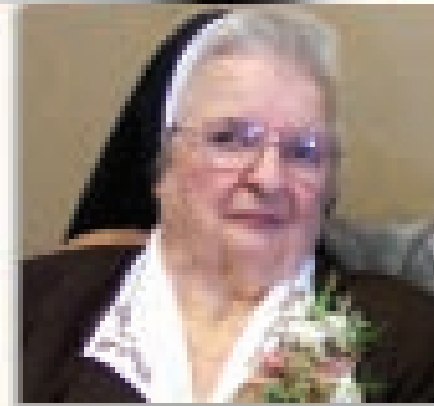
*My life is but
a weaving
Between my Lord
and me.
I cannot choose
the colors
He works so steadily.

Oft time he weaves
in sorrow
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees
the upper
And I, the underside.*

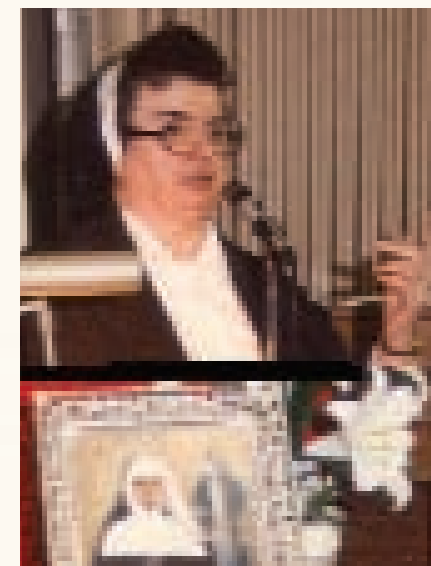
*Not till the loom
is silent
And the shuttles
cease to fly,
Will God unroll
the tapestry
And explain the
reason why.*

*The dark threads
are as needed
In the Weaver's
skillful hand,
As the threads of
gold and silver
In the pattern
He has planned.*

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



SISTER MARY ALVERNIA GROSZEK
Born in Chicago, Illinois on
February 13, 1920



“Que Sera Sera” What Will Be Will Be

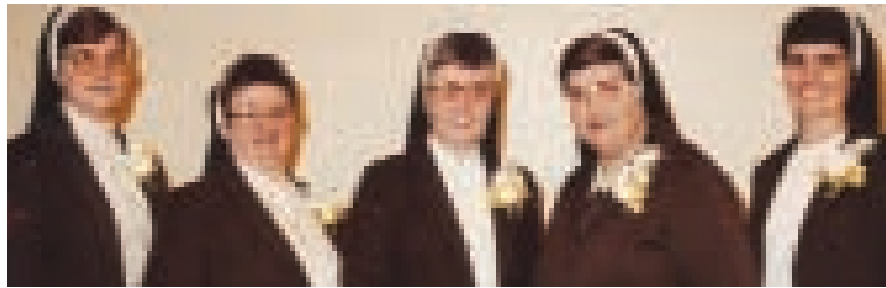
Sister Mary Alvernia Groszek was born February 13, 1920 in Chicago and baptized Jane at St. Pancratius Parish. She was the third of six children born to Casmir and Mary Longosz Groszek. Her parents, who passed on the value of hard work to their children, were born in Poland and immigrated to the United States, settling in Chicago.

Times were difficult for the Groszeks when Sister Mary Alvernia was a child. The family celebrated the holidays but there was never money for store bought presents. Instead, the family made each other gifts, including popcorn during Christmas. Casimir made \$11 a week during the Depression, which didn't go a long way, especially with six children to feed.

"My mother was very clever because she took one of my brothers to the meat market and told the butcher he would clean for bones," Sister Mary Alvernia recalls. "My mother would then use the bones to make soup for all of us."

As for her father, she was blessed with a joyful man who taught her Polish songs and danced with her. Perhaps this is where Sister Alvernia acquired the playful and cheerful disposition that so many have been able to enjoy over the years.

Sister Alvernia has been a Franciscan Sister of Chicago for 75 years. She attended Kelly High School for two years before she decided to join the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She entered the convent at the age of 15. Her parents wanted her to wait until she was 18 because they thought she would change her mind. However Sister was determined to enter. For those of you who know Sister Alvernia you know that once she makes up her mind to do something she does just that!



Sister Alvernia c1983 General Administration. Left to Right: Sr. M. Francis Clare Radke, Assistant General; Sr. M. Alvernia Groszek, 2nd Councilor; Sr. Joseph Marie Zenda, Superior General; Sr. M. Hugoline, 3rd Councilor; and Sr. M. Francine Labus, Secretary General

When asked why she became a Sister, Sister Alvernia replied with a wry smile, "I really wanted to go to Heaven and that was the best way I knew how." She has never regretted becoming a Sister. However, if God had not called her to Religious life she would have become a politician.

Sister Alvernia received her Bachelor of Science degree from Saint John College in Cleveland, Ohio and her Master of Arts degree in education from DePaul University in Chicago. Always drawn to learning something new, Sister continued her postgraduate studies at summer institutes across the country including the University of California Berkeley, University of Montana, Stephen College, Loyola University of Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology, St. Mary's College and University of Colorado. She received numerous science grants from the National Science Foundation to pay for her postgraduate studies. Her ability to get financial assistance was a definite precursor to her fundraising activities years later for Mother Mary Theresa's Beatification Cause.

Sister Alvernia started the League Guild of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik and the Beatification Cause. She held monthly meetings, which began with Mass on the 20th of the month followed by refreshments. Her fundraising skills were clearly evident in her ability to gather hundreds of people to support the Cause.

Sister Alvernia was influenced deeply by Mother Mary Theresa and believes that we should respect the example she set by caring for the elderly and the homeless. Sister appreciates tradition and the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. She feels that the pain and suffering of others helped to establish certain traditions and we should honor them by keeping those traditions.

Her strong connection to Mother Mary Theresa possibly started when she and Sister Hugoline Czaplinski translated Mother Mary Theresa's manuscript from Polish to English. When they finished the translation they took it to Sister Alvernia's former English teacher, Mrs. Drechny, to correct any mistakes.

Early in her career Sister taught first grade at Five Holy Martyrs in Chicago. She reminisced about the fun she had teaching fourth graders the Minuet at St. Casimir in Cleveland.

Sister taught many other classes before moving on to Madonna High School in 1951 where she spent a great deal of her career.

She taught biology and helped bring science fairs into the curriculum, and also led classes on health, home nursing, physical education and Latin. Two of her former students are none other than Sister Diane Marie Collins, the General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, and Sister Helene Galuszka.



Most significant to Sister Alvernia during her years as a teacher, is how her students blossomed.

"I was thrilled to teach seven classes a day and to see so many girls enter the medical field and become doctors and nurses," she said. "I stressed that it would be difficult, but by working and studying hard it would pay off in the end."

Along with her classroom duties, Sister Alvernia spent 17 years fundraising at Madonna by hosting carnivals, as well as Sunday bingo. She also served as the Mother's Club moderator.

Among some of her many accomplishments, Sister Alvernia was published in Who's Who in American Leaders-Bicentennial Edition of American Biographical Institute (1975-1976), voted Outstanding Biology Teacher (1964) by Chicago Catholic Science Teacher Association, and the President of Illinois Junior Academy of Science from 1968-1970. Sister served on the General Administration of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago as a Council member, member of the Collegial Board and as Secretary General.

In her retirement, Sister enjoys turning greeting cards into placemats, telling jokes, crocheting baby blankets, making lap robes, purses and scarves for her fellow Sisters, as well as spending time in front of the computer.

Sister has always been willing to respond to the call to serve. "I don't regret anything and never look back," she said. "If you suffer in this life you'll spend less time in purgatory." Sister Alvernia's philosophy of life is "Que Sera Sera" - what will be will be.



SISTER FRANCES SZCZUR
Born in Bayonne, New Jersey on May 14, 1920

Do Good Unto Others All the Time

Sister Frances Szczur was born on May 14, 1920 in Bayonne, NJ and baptized Frances. Her parents Martin and Stella Ziobro Szczur were Polish immigrants. She was the third child in the family. Her sister Julie was the oldest child, followed by Ted, Frances and Irene.

Since her parents were born in Poland, the family spoke both English and Polish at home. Her father worked at Standard Oil to support the family while her mother took care of the children.

"My mother eventually went to work at a doctor's office when I was a little older," Sister Frances recalls. "She made \$15 a week and the rent for our four rooms was \$15 a month."

Doing chores was a part of growing up and Sister Frances was assigned them on a weekly basis. Washing windows was her favorite, and to this day you can still find her washing the windows at St. Anthony's Convent.

Sister said her family celebrated holidays very simply when she was young. Having a mother who was a great cook and baker helped to make them special. "I remember all of our food was blessed on Easter," she said. "On New Year's Day my mother had us all kneel in prayer to thank God for the blessing of the New Year."

Sister Frances received her schooling from the Felician Sisters at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Immaculate Conception High School in New Jersey. Sister Frances did not have any knowledge of who the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago were until one day two of the Franciscan Sisters came to her school collecting bricks for building their convent in Lemont, Ill. Sister Frances said it was a miracle and all part of God's plan for her life that she met the Sisters on that fateful day. They invited her to visit them and she said yes. She took her first train ride to Lemont and was greeted by two Sisters. The first place they visited was the Chapel. From that moment on she knew she wanted to become a Franciscan Sister of Chicago.

After graduating high school, Sister Frances became a Novice and was sent to DePaul University in Chicago to study nursing. In 1944, she was sent to Boys Town in Nebraska where she performed domestic duties and supervised more than 1,000 boys along with Sister M. Bertille Geffert and Sister Leona Watroba. She remained at Boys Town until



Nursing Class of 1960 50th Anniversary, September 2010 that Sister Frances Szczur taught. Also in picture with Sister Frances Szczur is Sister Dorothea Micek

1946 and really enjoyed working with Father Flanagan.

From 1948 until 1951, Sister Frances attended nursing training at Saint John Hospital in Huron, SD. Once her training was complete, she worked at Mother of Grace Hospital in Gregory, SD for one year. She moved back to Saint John Hospital in 1953 and was there until 1965.

All of her life Sister Frances never thought of herself as a teacher. In fact, teaching was the last thing she wanted to do, but one day Mother Superior asked her to teach nursing. It was then that Sister Frances prayed to the Holy Spirit for guidance. She asked the Holy Spirit to make her a teacher that would inspire her students and make learning fun. The Holy Spirit answered her prayers and Sister Frances became an incredible teacher who taught nursing students a variety of subjects.

Approximately 90 years ago, Martin and Stella Szczur told their daughter Frances to do good unto others all the time. It's something Sister Frances has committed herself to doing everyday for her entire life.

When asked what her philosophy of life is, Sister Frances replied in her gentle voice "I was taught to be kind to everyone, respect everyone and acknowledge that we are all God's people," and she continues to model her life by these values.

As GOD Shall ORDAIN

A HISTORY OF THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHICAGO

PART TWO: *Triumph of Spirit*

"Trusting in Divine Providence, Josephine prayed and waited for enlightenment. It was not long in coming."

Her own words express her sentiments: "Once while at prayer, a thought suddenly occurred to me to rent or purchase a home in the vicinity of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and assemble all the tertiaries from this parish who would desire to join me in a common life of prayer, labor, and service."

"Josephine, elated by her inspiration, confided her plan in greater detail to her trusted friend and sister tertiary, Rosalie Wysinski, who not only praised Josephine's noble goal but also expressed a desire to join her in making this inspiration a reality."

Josephine presented her plan to the assembled tertiaries on October 1, 1893. "Reserved and shy by nature, Josephine waited a month before approaching Father Barzynski with her plan and the names of the tertiaries who had volunteered to join her. Father Barzynski received her plan most favorably and urged Josephine and the tertiaries to pursue their benevolent cause without further delay. For years, Father Barzynski had been aware of the plight of the aged, orphaned, crippled, and abandoned members of his parish."

Josephine's plan to provide comfort and lodging for poor girls, widows, and the sick was a solution to a desire of Father Barzynski's which was to have

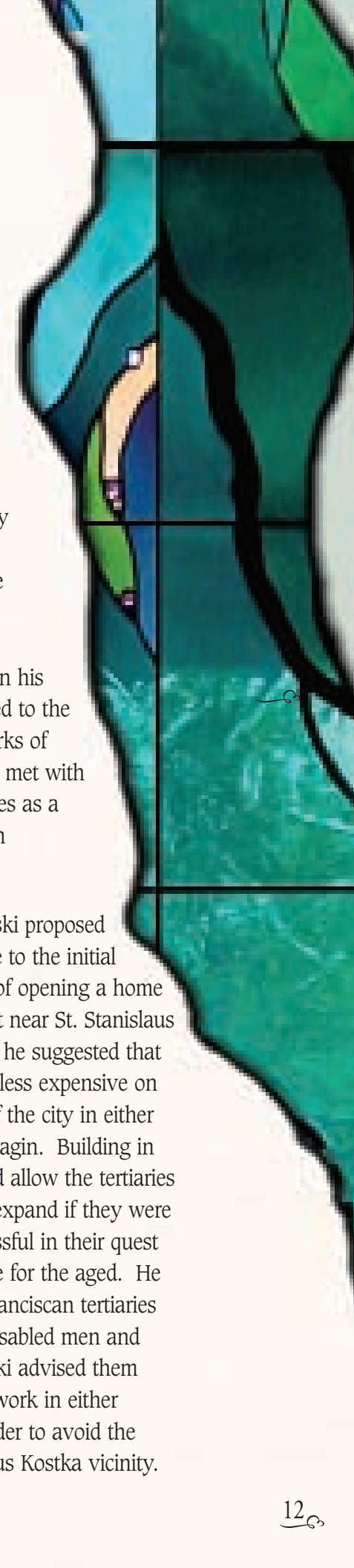
a religious congregation in his parish that was committed to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Father Barzynski met with Josephine and the tertiaries as a group for the first time on November 10, 1894.



Reverend Vincent Michael Barzynski, spiritual director of Mother M. Theresa Dudzik

Father Barzynski proposed a slight change to the initial plan. Instead of opening a home on Noble Street near St. Stanislaus Kostka Church he suggested that land would be less expensive on the outskirts of the city in either Avondale or Cragin. Building in this area would allow the tertiaries more room to expand if they were to prove successful in their quest to erect a home for the aged. He

also proposed that the Franciscan tertiaries care for both aged and disabled men and women. Father Barzynski advised them to begin their charitable work in either Avondale or Cragin in order to avoid the overcrowded St. Stanislaus Kostka vicinity.



Josephine and the women accepted Father Barzynski's altered plan with sincerity and listened attentively as he explained the nature and purpose of religious life. He told the women that their belongings and savings would be placed into a common treasury and that they would be bound to obedience, a life of common prayer, and would have to remain celibate. "Father Barzynski then spoke to each tertiary personally in order to discern her reason for joining the group."

It was decided at the meeting held on November 24, 1894 that Josephine's home at 11 Chapin Street would be the residence where the women would begin their life in common. "At the conclusion of the meeting, Father Barzynski urged Josephine and her tertiary companions to begin a novena with the greatest devotion to the Immaculate Conception. The Novena would begin on November 27th and conclude on December 8th, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception."

He also suggested that the tertiaries involve the parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church to join them in prayer to beg the Mother of God for help in the difficult undertaking they were embarking upon. The women adopted Blessed Kunegunda, a model of Christian charity and patroness of Poland, as the patroness of their new community. "Father Barzynski and Josephine had numerous private meetings during which he explained the importance of the decision she had made and the spirit with which she might hope to accomplish her goal."

Father Barzynski subjected Josephine to various trials in order to ascertain whether or not she possessed the qualities necessary to guide the women in the right direction. "Josephine assured Father Barzynski that with the grace of God, she would be equal to any task with which she was confronted."

Josephine promised Father Barzynski that she would care for the community in times of difficulty as well as in times of prosperity. When he asked her to make this promise she did not foresee any problems. When troubles did arise Josephine remembered her vow and was able to bear the hardships more easily.

Josephine became Sister Theresa and was elected superior by the women. "Before casting their votes, the women prayed to the Holy Spirit and to the Mother of God." The tertiaries had recognized in Josephine Dudzik sensitivity to the needs of others as well as the ardent determination of a natural leader. Her unfailing gentleness and kind disposition had won the women's trust and loyalty."

Almost a year after the women had formed a religious congregation Sister Theresa and Sister Anna searched for an appropriate site upon which to build a home for the aged and crippled. On October 15, 1895, the Sisters purchased a tract of land consisting of 12 lots at Hamlin and Schubert Avenues for \$5,000.

On the feast of St. Joseph, in 1898, Sister Theresa and the seven Sisters together with 10 women and three men moved into their new home which was destined to be called St. Joseph Home for the Aged and Crippled in honor of the selected patron and master of their home.

Sister Theresa's initial dream was finally realized.

A special thank you to Sister Anne Marie Knawa, OSF, the Historian for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and the main source for this story. Many of the excerpts are taken from her book, As God Shall Ordain.

2010 Theresa Dudzik Service Award Winner St. Joseph Village of Chicago

Family Style Dining in Memory Support

The winner of the 2010 Theresa Dudzik Service Award was St. Joseph Village of Chicago. Their simple solution to a difficult problem was to create a program that would address the anxiety of their residents who are living with Alzheimer's. By creating a pleasant environment and serving the residents family style instead of ordering from a menu, they relieved the tension and stress that had been present at mealtime. The use of colorful dishes and tablecloths created a warmer environment.

For seniors entering congregate housing there are many unsettling changes, a new smaller place to live, no housekeeping to do and no one to care for. Often their world becomes increasingly unfamiliar and chaotic. Seniors with memory loss feel an even deeper disconnect. Mealtime can become a source of agitation instead of a time of enjoyment.

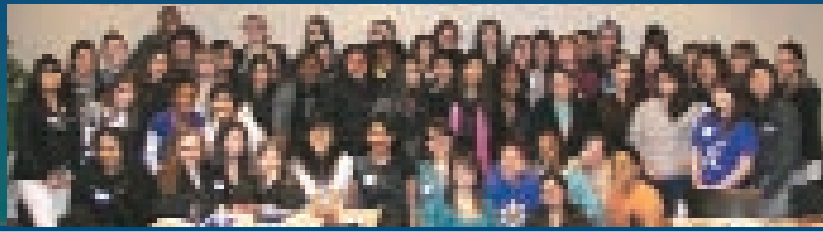
St. Joseph Village's Family Style Dining program costs very little to implement and has multiple rewards. It eases the transition from home to group housing. The purpose of this program is to provide a pleasant stress free environment for dining. By removing the tension of reading and ordering from a menu we are able to accomplish this successfully.

Gary Mellman – Executive Director
Linda Wierzbicki – Director of Resident Services, Program Creator
Program implemented by: Ms. Carmen Montyoya, LPN – Health Services Manager and Assisted Living Resident Care Associates



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Resident Services and Plant Operations,
Laura Delgado RCA

For the First Time Ever... Madonna Scholars Retreat



Madonna Foundation scholars know about the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. They know that they pray for them and have provided them with an incredible opportunity. Still, they hadn't had an opportunity to meet them and learn more about what they do each day.



Then, in February, 58 Madonna scholars visited Our Lady of Victory Convent in Lemont, Ill., for a retreat. It was the first time in 10 years that such a gathering was held between the scholars and Sisters.

"It was a chance for our scholars to meet those that support and pray for them," Sr. Diane Marie, Franciscan Sisters of Chicago General Minister said. "It also allowed them to grow emotionally, spiritually and socially."



The retreat began with Sr. Diane Marie welcoming the scholars and telling them about the life of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik. Throughout the day, scholars were invited to reflect through journaling and artwork on their own, as well as share their feelings with others in a small group setting. Finally, the retreat concluded with a short ceremony in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel where the scholars, group leaders and Sisters united to thank God for the time spent with one another and pray.

While the day left the scholars enthusiastic about coming back in future years, it also left the Sisters with a feeling of appreciation and love.

"The scholars exclaimed 'Yes!' when asked if they would come back next year," Sr. Diane Marie said. "It was a great day and wonderful opportunity for both the scholars and the Sisters. We look forward to doing it again next year."

The Madonna Foundation is supporting 81 scholars for the 2010-11 school year. These scholars attend six all-girls Catholic schools in the Chicagoland area. In addition to attending these accredited institutions, the scholars receive programming that aids in leadership and life skills. Scholars have participated in forums addressing college and career exploration, money management and healthy living, the five core values of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, as well as how to remain safe while becoming more independent.

Christina Graf, Foundation Manager

"But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."

(BOOK OF JONAH 2:9)

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHICAGO Eulogies

Eulogies are prepared by Sister Diane Marie Collins, General Minister. The Sisters are presented in order in which they died.

A memorial has been established for each sister in the Legacy Fund and gifts can be made in their memory at any time. Often those close to our Sisters remember their death and death anniversaries with a memorial gift. When a Legacy Fund gift is received soon after a Sister dies, we respond with a personal note of thanks and enclose the Sister's prayer card that includes her picture. All gifts are promptly acknowledged.

Please join us in prayer for our departed Sisters and for all those who loved them.

"The brothers and sisters are to love the Lord with their whole heart with their whole soul and mind and with all their strength, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Let them glorify the Lord in all they do"

(THE RULE AND LIFE OF THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER REGULAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI; CHAPTER IX – APOSTOLIC LIFE)

SISTER HELEN MARIE ZASADZINSKI (EMERENCIA)

Born: May 15, 1911

Died: July 5, 2010



Paul and Mary Zasadzinski were Polish immigrants who settled in Jersey City, NJ.

They became the proud parents of their first child, a baby girl, born May 15, 1911. She was claimed for Jesus Christ through the sacrament of Baptism on August 1, 1911 at the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles and given the name Helen Marie. Almost three years later the family traveled back to Poland by boat to introduce young Helen Marie to her grandparents.

When the family returned to New Jersey, Helen Marie eventually became an older sister to five brothers: Joseph, John, Frank, Walter and Henry.

The boys were still very young when their sister left for the convent. Helen Marie's vocation to religious life was inspired by her teacher, Sister M. Emerentiana Sztuka a Franciscan Sister of Chicago, who Helen Marie met at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish School in Youngstown, Ohio.

Helen Marie at the age of 16 and her childhood friend, Aniela Mszanski traveled by train from Youngstown, Ohio to Chicago where they were met by Mother Mary Vincent. They entered the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on November 1, 1927. Helen Marie and Aniela were able to complete their requirements for high school through correspondence studies. Helen Marie entered the novitiate in July 1928 and received the name Sister M. Emerencia. Later, when the church allowed it, she returned to her baptismal name because Emerencia was difficult for her students to pronounce.

Sister Helen Marie received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from DePaul University in Chicago.

Sister Helen Marie spent 58 years in the ministry of education. She had a profound influence on the lives of many of her students some of whom are: Father Eugene Szarek, C.R., Monsignor John Zuraw, Father Francis Klamat and Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie. She is remembered by her students as someone who put others ahead of herself, knew who she was, was proud of who she was and displayed an admirable sense of confidence. During her 58 years as an educator Sister taught every grade from first to eighth and loved every minute of teaching. Her students loved her in return and hated to see the school year end.

Sister Helen Marie's ministry in education took her to St. Adalbert School in East St. Louis, Ill. and St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr School in Chicago; St. Casimir School in Johnstown, Penn.; St. John Cantius School in East Chicago, Ind.; Sts. Philip and James School and St. Leo the Great School in

Cleveland, Ohio and St. Joseph the Provider School in Campbell, Ohio. Sister Helen Marie completed her formal years of teaching in 1987. Sister Helen Marie ministered to the Sisters at St. Anthony of Padua Convent as the cook for one year beginning in 1987. Sister enjoyed the slower pace. Sister Helen Marie traveled across the street and moved to the Mount Alverna Home Convent in 1988 and ministered as the Dining Room Coordinator for 10 years. A sacristan was needed in 1998 at Mount Alverna and Sister Helen Marie was willing to fill that role. Sister served as sacristan in seven different places for over 55 years. Sister served the community as assistant local minister and secretary at various times throughout her religious life.

In June of 2005, Sister Helen Marie bid farewell to the Mount Alverna Village Community and came to live at the Motherhouse in Lemont, Ill. Sister Helen Marie was an avid reader, enjoyed stitching and tating as well as working in the garden. She was an example of dedication and compassion.

The Lord Jesus called Sister Helen Marie home on July 5, 2010 after 99 years of earthly life and 82 years of religious life.

Sister Helen Marie your life has taught us that a life lived primarily for the Lord and others brings joy and peace to the heart. Pray for us Sister, that some day we may join you with all of the saints and angels glorifying God forever.

SISTER M. EQUITIA NAWRACAJ

*Born: February 25, 1915
Died: August 6, 2010*

A grateful heart was placed into the child born to Anna and Michael Nawracaj on February 25, 1915 in East Chicago, Ind. This little girl was baptized into Christ on March 7, 1915 at St. Stanislaus Church in East Chicago, Ind. and given the name Josephine. She had an older brother and sister, Mary and Frank. Later, Frances and Joe were born into the family. Initially the family resided in East Chicago. The children attended St. Stanislaus Kostka School. After the death of Josephine's father, her mother remarried and two more sisters were born, Helen and Theresa. This family then moved to Gary, Ind. (Tolleston) and became members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

Josephine spent her childhood days climbing trees, walking the railroad tracks and playing football with the neighborhood boys. She also had an inclination toward music and played the ukulele and sang in the children's' choir at Mass on Sunday. Her desire for religious life was present at an early age. Josephine was taught by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She would play "priests and sisters" with her brothers and sisters. Josephine would often be found in the Church praying during the time that the other children were out for recess during school hours. When the Superior General, Mother Antonine paid a visit to the eighth grade class at Sacred Heart School and asked who wanted to be a priest or sister, Josephine's hand went up. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on July 23,



1930. Josephine arrived without a suitcase wearing a beautiful dress and high-heeled shoes. She soon exchanged these for the dress worn by an aspirant. Josephine was the first girl to enter religious life from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Tolleston.

Josephine entered the novitiate on August 15, 1931 and received the name Sister Mary Equitia. Sister M. Equitia spent 54 years in the ministry of education as well as 30 years as an organist. Her ministry began

when she was a postulant. She was sent to Five Holy Martyrs and St. Pancratius Schools in Chicago and was mentored by Sister M. Cherubim Madej.

Sister Equitia obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in education from DePaul University in Chicago. She attended many well-respected institutions of higher learning for enrichment courses that were required. She also studied voice and organ at St. Xavier University in Chicago. At one point, when she had to teach English to the Spanish speaking wives of some of the factory workers in Campbell, Ohio, she initiated her own self-study of

the Spanish language by going to the local library and getting a primer in Spanish so that she could communicate with the women. Sister was able to enhance her study of the Spanish language when she attended a six-week course in Mexico.

Sister Equitia taught at St. Florian School in Chicago and St. Adalbert School in East St. Louis, Ill. Sister also ministered at Sacred Heart School in La Porte, Ind., St. John Cantius School in East Chicago, St. Mary's School in Hammond and St. Hedwig School in Gary. Her ministry carried her to the state of Ohio where she ministered at St. John the Baptist School in Campbell and Sacred Heart School in Cleveland.

*“But I, with a song
of thanksgiving, will
sacrifice to you. What
I have vowed I will
make good. Salvation
comes from the LORD.”*

(BOOK OF JONAH 2:9)

She also taught at St. Casimir School in Johnstown, Penn. Some of these teaching ministries also included the responsibilities of principal, assistant principal, driver for the Sisters and organist. Sister shared her financial and teaching skills at Boys Town, Nebraska for a period of time as well. Sister Equitia had a positive influence on her students and possessed a generous heart.

In 1985, Sister Equitia retired from teaching and was sent to St. Anthony Campus in Crown Point, Ind. where she ministered as receptionist, sacristan, organist and driver. Sister ministered to her community of sisters as local superior, local secretary and local treasurer. She retired to the motherhouse in Lemont in 2006. She quickly settled into some of the activities offered at the motherhouse, which included a time for reading and working on puzzles, exercise classes and art.

Sister Equitia was an avid reader, loved Find-a-Word puzzles, music, and always felt a sense of gratitude toward God, her community and the people she served. When celebrating her 75th anniversary of religious life she said: "The 75 years as a Franciscan Sister have been filled with God's abundant love. The people to whom I have ministered have enriched and strengthened my life. I have been blessed because of my religious vocation."

Sister M. Equitia died on the feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, 2010, after living 95 years of earthly life and 80 years of religious life, and after, as Jonah the prophet said, "Making good what she had vowed."

Sister Equitia, please intercede for us before God that we might continue to learn the lessons of gratitude and generosity which you shown by example and may we join you someday praising our God for all eternity.

SISTER MARY MAXIMINA PACHUT

Born: October 5, 1915

Died: October 31, 2010

Immigration to the United States was a common occurrence in the early 1900s. All came seeking a better life for themselves and their families. Among this group were John and Caroline Pachut who came from Poland with John's brother and settled in St. Johnsville, NY.

The first child born to John and Caroline was a boy who was given the name, Stanley. He did not have to wait too long to welcome a baby sister who was born on October 5, 1915. This child was baptized into Christ on October 15, 1915 at St. Patrick's Church in St. Johnsville, NY and given the name Sophie which means wisdom. This young family moved to Youngstown, Ohio where work was available at Republic Steel. The family settled into their own home, which had a large yard in which all of the neighborhood children felt welcome to play. The family increased with the births of Paul, Chester, Adele, Julia, Joanne, Helene and Mary. There were two siblings who died of influenza as infants. While John worked hard in the steel mills, Caroline taught Sophie and the other girls cooking, baking and sewing.

The Pachut home was one where the teachings of the Catholic Church were the values on which the family patterned their lives. They prayed together at home and attended Mass and various devotions. They belonged to St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish and the children attended the parish school. This is where Sophie became acquainted with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago who inspired her vocation to religious life.



Soon after graduating from eighth grade, on June 21, 1929, Sophie joined the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She was one of a group of girls from Youngstown, Ohio who traveled to Chicago to enter the convent. Sophie became a novice on December 8, 1930 and received the name Sister Mary Maximina. She made her perpetual profession of vows on August 16, 1937.

Sister Maximina attended DePaul University in Chicago. She spent 53 1/2 years in the field of education. Her ministry in education began early in her religious life. Sister taught grades one through seven throughout her extensive career. She ministered in Chicago at Five Holy Martyrs Grade School, St. Pancratius Grade School and St. Florian Grade School. Sister also taught in the Hoosier state, at Assumption Grade School in New Chicago, Ind., St. John Cantius Grade School in East Chicago, Ind. and Sacred Heart of Jesus Grade School in Gary (Tolleston), Ind. Sister Maximina filled many roles in education in addition to teaching. She was an Assistant Principal, Tuition and Lunch Accountant and school book store coordinator. Sister also assisted for a brief time at Guardian Angel Day Care Center in Chicago.

Sister Maximina spent a short period of time as the Dining Room Supervisor at Madonna Hall in Cleveland, Ohio.

The focus of Sister's ministry changed in 1990 when she went to Mount Alverna Home in Parma, Ohio. Sister Maximina spent the next 15 years ministering there in the medical supplies department for the first eight years and the sewing room for the next seven years.

"For those who keep the holy precepts hallowed shall be found holy, and those learned in them will have a ready response. Desire therefore my words; long for them and you shall be instructed. Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her"

(WISDOM 6: 10 - 12)

Sister Maximina ministered to her Sisters as Assistant Superior, organist and Convent Chapel sacristan. Sister retired to the motherhouse in 2005.

Sister Maximina, like all of us, experienced the joys and sorrows of life. She was acknowledged by the Senate of the state of Ohio on the occasion of her 50th anniversary of religious life with a resolution written in her honor. Part of that resolution reads as follows:

"The religious life is charity, the total gift of one's life to the people. Each individual who chooses this holy vocation is destined to the service of the Church, the people and the Almighty. You have, throughout

your Christian ministry, admirably fulfilled this holy mission."

Sister Maximina has indeed admirably lived and served well God and His people. On Sunday, October 31, 2010, after 95 years of earthly life and 81 years of religious life, the Gentle Shepherd, Jesus, called her to Himself and invited her to share the joy of eternity.

Sister Maximina, we will miss your beautiful smile and welcoming heart. Pray to God for us so that we too may one day join you, Mother Theresa and all of our Sisters at the heavenly banquet table with Our Lord forever.

17th Annual Ball

Shall We Dance?



The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago treated their guests to a royal evening at the 17th Annual Ball. Guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of dining, dancing and bidding on silent auction items as they raised money for the Sisters' retirement.

General Minister Sister Diane Marie Collins and General Council members Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Vicar; and Sister Francis Clare Radke, General Council/Treasurer greeted guests as they arrived at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook. The guests enjoyed delicious appetizers and cocktails as they bid on several silent auction items, including a five day stay in a New Mexico vacation home donated by Loyola and a diamond cross necklace donated by Ethan Lord Jewelers.

As the doors to the main dining room opened the orchestra played "Shall We Dance" from The King & I while George and Cathy Haber gracefully twirled across the dance floor. Gold and burgundy tablecloths graced the tables while exquisite tropical flowers added to the décor.

Each guest received a champagne glass and their own little bottle of champagne as a token of the Sisters' appreciation for generously supporting the event.



Sr. Diane Marie, Sr. Francis Clare and Sr. Bernadette

During the course of the evening as dinner was served the Sisters presented the Golden Thread Award. This year's recipient of the Golden Thread Award was John Durso of the law firm Ungaretti & Harris. John has had a long and faithful history with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. John was a young and budding attorney in the late 1970s when he was assigned to aid Sr. Joseph Marie Zenda with an unemployment compensation claim.

Thanks to John's expertise, the Sisters won the case and in the process a precedent was set for other not-for-profit organizations. In 1986 Sr. Joseph Marie enlisted John and his law firm once again as corporate counsel to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

Over the years John has consistently provided his insightful solutions to difficult problems ever mindful of the Sisters' ministry. John's willingness to immerse himself in the values of the Sisters and not simply serve as legal counsel has provided the Sisters with a powerful advocate for the advancement of their mission. The Sisters are very grateful to John for his continuous support throughout the years and his dedicated commitment to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. "John has been an incredible witness to our ministry and a true partner," said Sr. Francis Clare as she and Sr. Diane Marie presented the award.



Sr. Francis Clare, Judy Amiano and Sr. Diane Marie



Sr. Francis Clare, John Durso and Sr. Diane Marie

The Golden Thread Award was established in 2009 by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to honor those individuals or organizations who have shown loyal and faithful commitment to the Sisters and their ministries. Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik wove together her skills as a seamstress and her ability to foster relationships with local community members in order to finance the foundation of the Sisters and care for those they served. For over 115 years the Sisters have followed her example of serving and partnering with others. Their partners in ministry are like golden threads that form a solid, strong, and valuable part of the fabric of their lives and ministries. To receive the Golden Thread Award is to become an integral part of the history of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

Sister Diane Marie said, "Each of you partner with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago in ways that are diverse and enriching. Our ministries move forward on the *bright clouds* of your generosity of time, talent and treasure, and we are grateful."



George and Cathy Haber



Standing: Kathy Kelly, Theresa Rogers, Annie Johnson, Jeanette Lindish, Ashley and Ben Miller. Seated: Mae Tyler, Geoff and Terri Black.

Reaching out and inviting We Build Relationships

This has been an exciting year for Vocation Ministry. Sr. Lois and I have been busy relationship building for the Sisters and joining in welcoming three young women into deeper discernment regarding their respective calls to religious life with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

In February, Ms. Olga Ayala officially entered as a Candidate (Postulant) of the congregation and shortly thereafter, two other women, Ms. Anne Baker and Ms. Margaret Dawidowicz, became Affiliates, signifying their progression to the next step of discernment. Olga is spending her time as a Candidate studying, working and sharing communal prayer and living experiences with the Sisters at the Madonna Convent. Her next step will be Pre-Novitiate. Even though she is in the early stages of discernment, Anne is also living at Madonna Convent as the Sisters are using some of the space available in that residence to invite laywomen involved in particular ministries to rent apartment space with them. In the fall, a professor from Loyola's Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS), Kate Lassiter, will also be staying with them while she teaches at IPS and works on her sabbatical project. Kate is originally from Vanderbilt University and her area of specific interest is Catholic Social Justice. The idea behind this visionary move on the part of the Sisters is to promote opportunities for the Sisters to interact with women who have already decided that their future is in ministry and to give them a first-

hand experience of what it is like to live, pray and grow spiritually as a member of a religious community. At the same time, it gives the Sisters the chance to learn about some of the exciting things being done by the laity in the Church today to address those many areas of society that call out for the healing message of Jesus. It is their hope that this will result in synergies that enliven and inspire the creativity of all those involved when it comes to living their respective vocations.



Ms. Olga Ayala

This is all about relationship building and when Sr. Lois and I are asked what we do in our ministry, this is our first response – We build relationships. Whether we are talking to a group of grade school children, high school teens or associates from one of the Sisters' continuing care retirement communities, we are conscious of the fact that our most important responsibility is to be constantly looking at how and where to reach out to people and invite them into relationship with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. If women don't know about the Sisters, their charism, their spirituality, and their ministries they will not be able to even begin discerning whether they are being called to become a member of their community.

When we meet with grade school children, we spend a great deal of time talking about how God has blessed each one of them with unique gifts and talents. We let them know that each one of them has a particular role to play in making God's joy, presence and plan for peace a reality in the world. We reassure them that following the path illuminated by their gifts will bring happiness and fulfillment – that the road will not always be easy but that God will always be their companion on the journey.

We find high school teens to be very curious about life as a religious. They often want to know details about the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and what the Sisters do for fun. We always enjoy spending time with them because they are so full of hope and anticipation for the future. With them, we are planting a seed that may begin to grow when they are discerning their vocation. Are they being called to a life of service in this particular lifestyle? For many of these young people, the time they spend visiting with the Sisters participating in the Vocation Fairs at their high schools is the only opportunity they will get for such interaction.

We have also been increasing our outreach and enhancing our image through our year-old Vocation Ambassador Program. The Sisters initiated the program by inviting employees at one of the Continuing Care Retirement Communities sponsored by the congregation to a special luncheon. Participants listen to a presentation about Sisters-including some Franciscan Sisters of Chicago who tell their own vocation stories- watch the DVD, "Jesus Calls Women," take part in a raffle (with prizes such as candles or candy) and receive a St. Francis bookmark with the ambassador pin attached. The point of the Ambassador pin is to give the participants a tangible take-away from the experience and it serves as a reminder that will generate conversations about religious life long after the presentations are over. People will see the pin and say, "Oh, what's that about?" That allows the wearer to start a conversation and build a relationship. Eventually

we will take the program into parishes and develop a way to maintain contact with our ambassadors.

On the drawing board are plans for a one-day retreat in Lemont that would be open to women of all ages and any marital status on the subject of listening for God's voice in their lives. We feel that for many, life gets so busy and hectic that it is very difficult to have that quiet, introspective time to hear what God is saying to us. We hope to explore some ways to quiet our minds and hearts and open them to the voice of God. We are also hoping to hold an afternoon tea at the Motherhouse in Lemont to offer guests and supporters of the Sisters the opportunity to experience our Vocation Ambassador presentation in person.

If you are interested in getting information on these future programs or have an idea about a group that would benefit from having their own Vocation Ambassador presentation, please let us know via email at clackie@chicagofranciscans.com (Carol Lackie) or lrossi@franciscancommunities.com (Sr. Lois Rossi).

Carol Lackie,
Vocation Coordinator

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Your donations have helped the ministries of the Sisters in a profound way. Their ministries include affordable housing for seniors, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse, senior retirement communities, and scholarships for Catholic high school tuition.

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The Theresa Dudzik Service Award is a program restricted to the communities in the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation system. It was established in 1991 and in 1992, the first recipient was awarded the \$10,000 unrestricted cash grant and a plaque acknowledging their earning this prestigious award. To share information throughout our entire system, copies of each full proposal are sent to all our communities. A brochure is available explaining the criteria to be met and listing all the winners and their projects through the current winner.

In order to make the \$10,000 purse a reality, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago partner with financial managers across the country. Representatives from

this group also serve on the judge's panel and help select the winner among two or three finalists. The judges tell us they enjoy being part of the panel, indicating that by being active participants in the program, they've learned more about the Sisters and the facilities we sponsor.

We are grateful to our partners not only for their financial support but also for their interest in our ministries.

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Using the envelope included with this issue of *Crossroads* is the easiest way to contribute to any of our funds and it makes it especially easy to direct a gift to the *Legacy Fund*. There are several categories to which your *Legacy* gift can be directed — the two most popular are *Memorials* (for deceased loved ones) and *Tributes* (in honor of living individuals or groups). Some donors make regular gifts to this fund on anniversaries as in the case of memorials, birthdays, marriages, and our Jubilarians. General, undesignated, gifts may be made to this fund as well as donations for your own special intention. As

you may know, the *Legacy Fund* is our Endowment, which we continue to grow by reinvesting the income from the fund. Your gift to the *Legacy Fund* also continues to grow in perpetuity. Ultimately a portion of this fund will be used to help those who entrust their needs to us, including our infirm and aged sisters.

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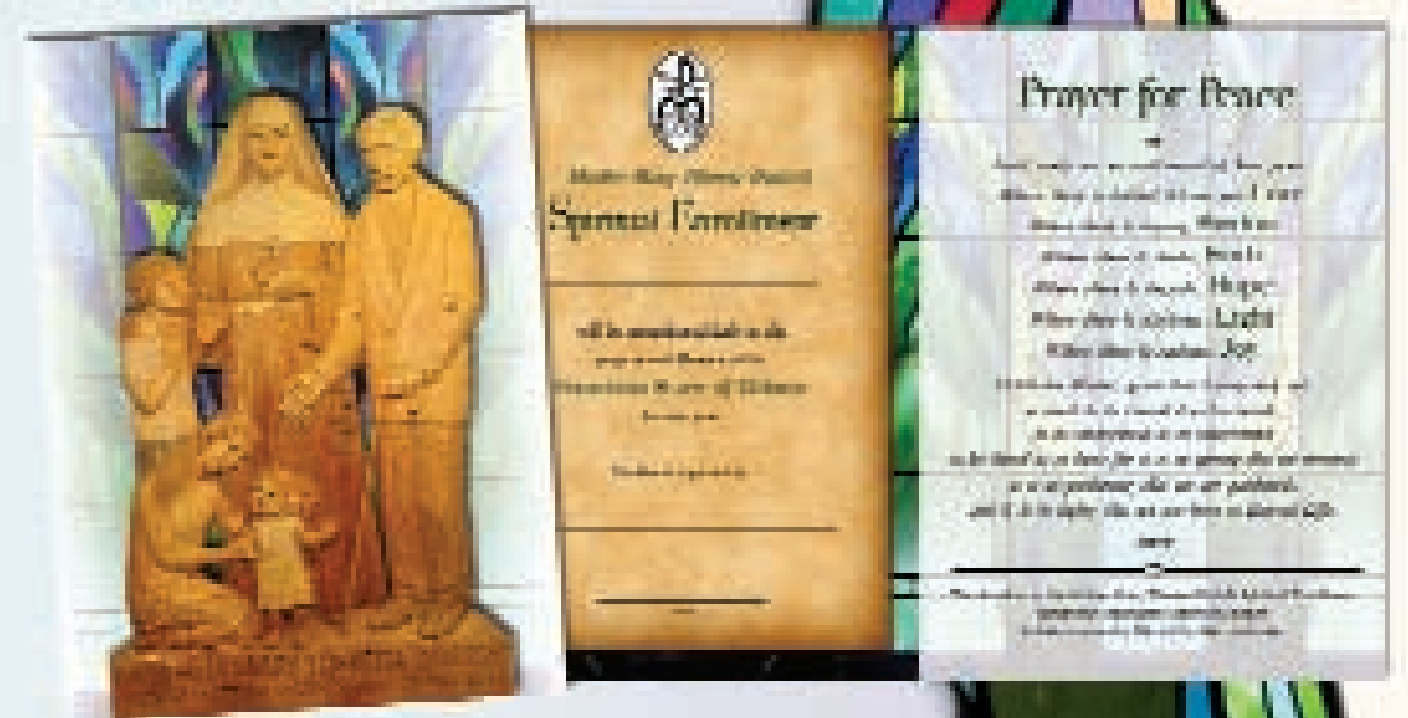
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