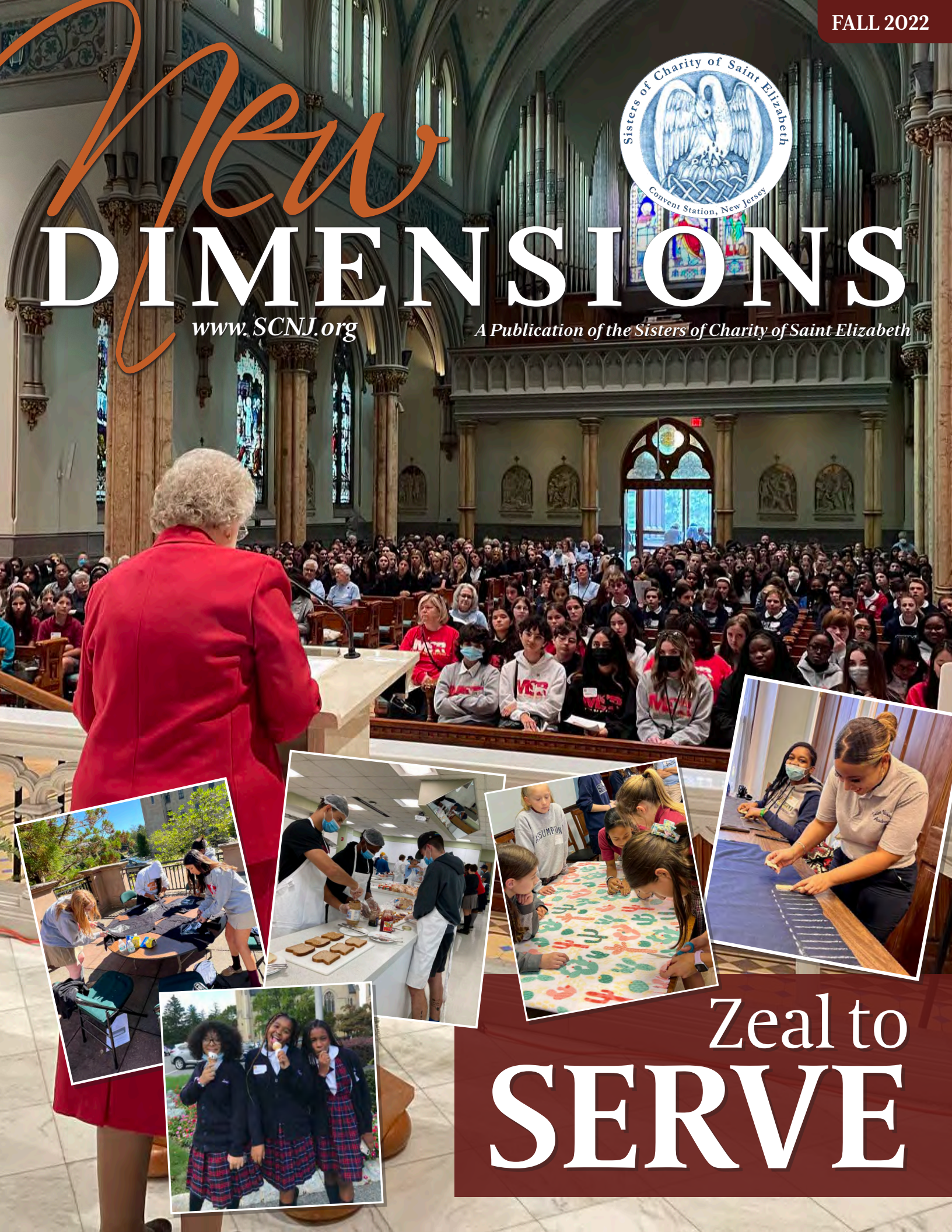




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# *Welcome*

Dear Friends,

This past weekend we turned the clocks back! It felt good to gain an hour! However, it is a reminder that we are moving into the winter months and soon it will be darker in the mornings and afternoons and colder weather will certainly be with us here in New Jersey.

This issue contains several articles celebrating our Charism of Charity. First and foremost is that on our St. Vincent de Paul Day of Service held here at Convent Station. It is inspiring! Also related to this is an article about the Students-in-Community Program at St. Vincent Academy in Newark. This program has been in existence since the 1970s.

We also had a ritual to dedicate a Peace Pole on our grounds. St. Pope Paul VI, when he spoke at the United Nations in 1965, reminded us that if we want peace we need to work for justice. Fr. Terrence Moran, director of our Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity, planned this event. This issue highlights this and other initiatives of this Office.

In December, we will be celebrating the 2022 Jubilarians at a Liturgy and Luncheon and this is always a wonderful coming together of our Sisters. As you view their pictures, I ask you to think of the number of years of service to the Church and to the families and the communities in which they ministered as educators, health care professionals, social workers or pastoral ministers. We are blessed.

Three of our major fundraisers - the Spring Lake Luncheon, the Golf Outing and the Harvest Festival - are highlighted.

On Dec. 17, we are having a Fundraising Concert in Holy Family Chapel with the Orchestra of St. Peter's by the Sea conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson. Hope you can join us. More information is in this issue.

We are highlighting our Financial Services Office in this issue. We want you to know who our co-workers are and all that they are doing to move our Mission of Charity forward.

As we enter the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, know how grateful we are for your financial support and friendship. We pray daily for our benefactors, who include you and all your loved ones.

Peace,

*Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C.*

Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C.  
General Superior



#### **On the Cover:**

Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, welcomes everyone to Holy Family Chapel and to the St. Vincent de Paul Day of Service.

Small photos from left: Mother Seton students take advantage of the beautiful weather to work on their project; Students from Sacred Heart School enjoy a break with some ice cream; Saint Elizabeth University students make sandwiches in the nutrition lab; Assumption students rely on teamwork to complete their blanket; St. Vincent Academy ladies make a no-sew blanket.



Academy of Saint Elizabeth students work on the t-shirt tote bag project.

# Sisters of Charity “Vincentian Day” Sparks Zeal to Serve Those in Need

by Rosemary Lalevée Carroll, Seton Associate

Students from eight schools and a University gathered for Vincentian Day at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, N.J. on Sept. 27, the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul, to engage in hands-on ministry to serve the poor, and to honor the saint whose vision continues to inspire others to a life of charity.

General Superior Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, welcomed the 400 participants to Holy Family Chapel to begin the day with prayer. Sister Maureen reminded the students they are a vital part of over two million people worldwide in the Vincentian Family who serve the poor, marginalized, hungry and homeless. That Family consists of 160 branches of religious communities, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapters, and Ladies of Charity.

“St. Vincent’s life taught us to be people of service,” said Sister Maureen. She quoted Saint Vincent who said, “Go to the poor and you will find God.”

Taking up posts in various meeting rooms, students prepared breakfast bags and sandwiches for soup kitchens, tucked school supplies in backpacks for children in need, assembled “no-sew”

blankets for distribution to people in shelters, turned donated tee shirts into shopping bags, and filled backpack “Sam Bags” with personal items for people experiencing homelessness. Sisters of Charity and Seton Associates helped to organize the ministry stations and guide the students in their efforts.



Eighth graders at Saint Vincent Martyr School in Madison felt Vincentian Day helped them to live what they are learning in school. Mattson Palmer saw it “as a chance to help the unfortunate,” and Brandon Sommer added “this day helps to give back to our community, to those in need.” John McCabe said ministry is “living the Gospel, particularly St. Matthew.” He added “I’m an altar server so charity is definitely a part of my life.” Oscar Cuzzocrea credits Vincentian Day as “an opportunity to live our faith.” Oscar finds inspiration in the New Testament and said his



Here are some of the folks who helped organize the day.



Saint Vincent Marytr School students are proud of their finished project.



Sister Jeanne Agans, SC, and her students from De Paul Catholic High School pose with their patron saint St. Vincent de Paul.



Sister Pat Mennor, SC, and Valerie Arrabito, Seton Associate, deliver material and school supplies collected from St. Joseph's Health in Paterson.

favorite Gospel story is The Prodigal Son. "God gives everyone a second chance," he said, "and that Gospel has been helpful to me all my life."

Seventh graders at Assumption School in Morristown Emma Potian and Logan Sodono agreed that ministry "is a real nice thing to do," while Olivia Minoia said, "helping out makes you feel good," and Emma Mainardi added "helping the poor is more important than anything I've done all day."

Senior Chyann Gaynor of Saint Vincent Academy in Newark said "it's important to give back. What you take for granted at home sometimes are things others just don't have in their homes - like this blanket I am making." Saint Vincent Academy Junior Britney Edionseri said she made blankets last Thanksgiving as a community service project. "We gave the blankets to children in the hospital and the kids loved them. It's nice to be here to make blankets again."

Javon Barron, an eighth grader at Saint Joseph School in Jersey City said he liked learning more about Saint Vincent. Javon helped others place needed school supplies in backpacks for students without them. He said, "Instead of doing things for myself, it is better to be helping people in need." Classmate Bryan Ndiaye agreed. "There are kids who cannot afford all these school supplies. Helping them makes me feel better and less selfish."

Kristine Keliher, another eighth grader at Saint Joseph School, said, "I feel bad there are kids who can't get school supplies. I am happy to help." Classmate Ariana Larin saw her ministry as a way of life. She said, "By helping someone, you're following a good path. I plan to stay on it."

Sylvia Onserio and Anyia Ahmad of Sacred Heart School, Jersey City helped fill bags with breakfast items for a local soup kitchen. Each bag contained a fruit cup, cereal box, granola bar, juice and milk. Sylvia said, "There are lots of hungry people. I hope they like the food in the bags." Anyia said, "I felt really



The women from Josephine's Place write cards and letters of advocacy.



Students were asked to bring food items that were donated to the Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson.



Students from St. Joseph's School in Jersey City packaged 100 breakfast bags.



Sister Prudentia Osuji, SC, with staff from Trinitas Regional Medical Center RWJ Barnabas Health in Elizabeth collect items for the food pantry.

happy to put that food in the bags for people who don't have much. I would like to continue to do this." Anyia thought she might continue a food ministry at her school.

Students at Saint Elizabeth University made 500 sandwiches for area soup kitchens, and students at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth made blankets for people in homeless shelters.

Father Terence Moran, director of Peace, Justice and Ecological Spirituality for the congregation, led a session on political activism for women of Josephine's Place, a ministry in Elizabeth that serves immigrant women.

Participants represented Saint Elizabeth University and the Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, Saint Vincent Academy of Newark, Mother Seton Regional High School of Clark, De Paul High School of Wayne, Sacred Heart Elementary School and Saint Joseph Elementary School of Jersey City, Assumption Elementary School of Morristown, Saint Vincent

Martyr Elementary School of Madison, and Josephine's Place of Elizabeth, all in New Jersey.

Saint Joseph University Medical Center of Paterson, Trinitas Regional Medical Center of Elizabeth, and Maris Stella Retreat and Conference Center of Harvey Cedars contributed canned food for distribution to Catholic Charities and to St. Joseph Social Services in Elizabeth.

Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC, and Shannon Hoffman, co-directors of Vocation and Mission Engagement for the Sisters of Charity, organized Vincentian Day to foster awareness of Saint Vincent de Paul and the mission of the Sisters of Charity, and to motivate others to a lifetime attitude of generosity.

"We wanted to spread the good work of Saint Vincent through prayer and example," said Sister Maryanne. "We especially sought to set the hearts of young people on fire with a passion to stretch out their hands to lift up those in need."



## SVA Plants the Seeds of **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

by Sister Noreen Neary, SC

**F**or more than 50 years each student of Saint Vincent Academy in Newark, N.J., has participated in Students-in-Community, a service-learning program that shapes the girl's spirituality, planting the seeds of Christian service and helping her to appreciate the importance of her commitment to the multiple communities in which she lives. In 2022 only the seniors were able to go out to community agencies to provide service. Having returned to school as the COVID restrictions were lifting, students from the ninth, 10th and 11th grades worked together in cross-graded groups to provide activities and funds to support One World, One Love. That non-profit organization provides refugees and asylum-seekers with basic needs (housing, legal services, language assistance), as well as fun trips and activities for families, welcoming all they serve with love and acknowledging their clients' God-given dignity.

The SVA students developed games for limited English-proficient children, such as fishing games, cornhole, bowling and colorful flashcards for learning English words. On the second day of SIC the SVA girls were organized into cross-graded teams and "earned" funds through various field day activities and competitions. Their earnings reached \$2,000 – thanks to generous alumnae – that was donated to One World, One Love, along with the children's games.

Despite the continuing obstacles presented by the pandemic, the faculty of Saint Vincent Academy once again was able to provide a meaningful service experience for their students. The Sisters of Charity applaud the Saint Vincent community as each day it engages "current and future generations in the charm and energy of Charity." (The Direction Statement of the General Assembly of 2019)



# Peace Pole Dedicated on Convent Station Campus

by Fr. Terrence Moran

On Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, members of the three communities on our Convent Station campus, the Sisters of Charity, the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, and Saint Elizabeth University, gathered to close the Season of Creation by blessing a Peace Pole in front of Holy Family Chapel. Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, General Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, noted in her welcome that, “a Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages. Our Peace Pole has four languages – English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Arabic. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace. Our

Peace Pole finds a new home here after being many years at Marylawn of the Oranges High School.”

Together the participants extended their hands in blessing over the Peace Pole and prayed, “God of Peace, bless this Peace Pole, which will stand on our campus in silent vigil, a reminder of our desire to be people of peace and makers of peace. May Peace prevail on Earth.”

Fr. Terrence Moran, director of the Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological, in closing the ceremony reminded us that St. Francis of Assisi was famous for the words of greeting that he used with everyone he met – Pace e bene – Peace and All Good and invited us to turn to each other and greet each other with Francis’s words: Pace e Bene.



## Boundless Charity Embraces Earth: A Sister of Charity Ecospirituality Group Retreat

by Fr. Terrence Moran

Ten years ago, a group of Sisters of Charity, Seton Associates, and friends met to form an SC Ecospirituality Group. The group formed out of a desire to deepen our understanding of the relationship between our spiritual heritage received from St. Vincent de Paul and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and our commitment to care of creation and sustainable living. For 10 years the group has met every month (by ZOOM since the start of COVID) and has been a great source of learning and mutual support for the members. From Oct. 28-30, the group had a new experience – a weekend retreat at Mercy Ecospirituality Center in Benson, Vt. <https://mercyecology.org/>.

The Center is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy and includes an organic farm, sheep, chickens, and bees. Our time together

was blessed by sunny autumn days and spectacular star-studded nights. Our farm-to-table meals were organic and delicious. We prayed the 13.8-billion-year story of the universe on a beautiful Cosmic Walk through the meadows, hills, and woods of the property. We spent time in a Native American practice called a “medicine walk” in which we listened to the land itself as a spiritual director. For Sister Roberta Feil, SC, “our retreat Mercy Ecospirituality Center instilled in me a deeper understanding of the universe as the Temple of God. All is immersed in God. There is an interdependence and relationship which connects all to all. Creation is the “Boundless Charity” of God’s unfolding. We are each called to be boundless lovers of all and to respect all creation, human or otherwise. God is truly everywhere!”



# Some of Our Most Liked #TBT Posts

We are grateful to Sister Noreen Neary, SC, Archivist, who creates these posts for every #TBT (Throw Back Thursday) to share on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



The Sisters of Charity who were missioned in warmer climates wore habits adapted for the higher temperatures. In 1966, five of the sisters who taught at Saints Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, enjoyed a typically lovely day. From front to back they are Sister Stephanie Marie (Sister Jean Whitley), Sister John Dorothy, Sister Richard Ann, Sister Mary Angela and Sister Regina Ellen (Sister Regina Coll).

A month before entering the Sisters of Charity, 20-year-old Celia Gelinis (front in photo) of Rockland, Mass., participated in the Women's NEAAU Indoor Track and Field Championships. Celia placed second in the senior eight-pound shot put event, winning a silver medal. As Sister Cecilia Mary, often called "Big Ceil," she never lost her love of sports, her hearty laugh or her zest for life. Beginning with second grade and moving on to high school, Sister Ceil taught in Catholic schools for 22 years, before assisting her sisters at Saint Anne Villa, providing them with chiropedic and podiatric care.



In honor of Elizabeth Seton's canonization, Gov. Brendan Byrne proclaimed Sept. 14, 1975, as Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Day in New Jersey. Many Sisters of Charity traveled to Trenton for the signing of the proclamation. From left to right, they are (seated) Sisters M. Angelica Doris, Hildegard Marie Mahoney and Margaret Jean Kelly, who taught Byrne at St. John School in Orange. Standing in front row; Sisters Roberta Marie Shannon, Anne Cecilia McGarigle, Kathleen Timothy Cronin, Mary Ann Tierney, Barbara Garland, Elizabeth Ann Maloney, M. Magdalen McLaughlin, Kathleen O'Brien, M. Matilda Zegers, and Regina Martin Keane. Standing in back row are Sisters Maureen Shaughnessy, Mary Canavan (blocked), Anne Curley (blocked) and Lorena Reilly.

In 1865, Mother M. Xavier Mehegan petitioned the Morris and Essex Railroad Co. to stop at the entrance to our grounds, as the Madison and the Morristown train stations were three and five miles distant, respectively. Having received a favorable response, the Sisters of Charity built a simple, little station and paid the depot master's salary. In 1870 Mother Xavier requested that more trains stop at our gates including those from upstate New York for the convenience of the Academy students who lived in that area and that freight be delivered to "our own depot." In 1876 the railroad erected a new station (pictured), which it named "Convent."





Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, and Nadine Brechner.



Sister Roberta Feil, SC, and friends.



Ron Robbins and Sister Judith Mertz, SC.

# Celebrate Charity!

The Sisters of Charity's 2022 Harvest Festival was an unforgettable evening of great food, great music, great company, and great honorees. A slide show of photos from St. Vincent de Paul Day set the tone for a gala that celebrated charity and honored two outstanding individuals.

The Caritas Award was presented to Ron Robbins, a leader in the technology industry and president of MainlineRTP. He selflessly uses his time, talent and treasure to further the mission of charity by providing educational opportunities to needy students and helping at-risk children. Through the years, Ron has been particularly dedicated to advancing the good work provided by Josephine's Place, the Sisters of Charity's sponsored ministry for women in Elizabeth, N. J.

Nadine Brechner, this year's Mehegan Award recipient, also has a special connection with the Sisters' mission of charity through one of our sponsored institutions. For Nadine, that institution has been Trinitas Regional Medical Center, one of the Sisters' sponsored hospitals. As Chief Development Officer/Vice President, Nadine raised more than \$107 million for hospital needs. She also spearheaded numerous healthcare initiatives to enable Trinitas to provide excellent, compassionate healthcare to people who are poor and vulnerable.

The smiles throughout the evening from Ron and Nadine reflected the joy that comes from helping others and advancing the mission of charity. Thanks to everyone who joined us to make this year's Harvest Festival such a success!



(From left) Sister Betty Holler, Claire Mullen, and Gerry Brahney.



Jack Ford, Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, and Sister Cecilia McManus, SC.

# SPRING LAKE LUNCHEON 2022

Friends of the Sisters of Charity came together in May for another delightful and memorable Spring Lake Luncheon. This year's guest speaker was Jack Ford, widely known journalist, attorney and author.

Jack shared stories about his early life and his mother's guiding influence. The values instilled in childhood became the foundation for Jack's professional success and his commitment to family, faith and service.

Jack's remarks highlighted a wonderful afternoon that included great gift baskets and a delicious lunch. We're already looking forward to our next Spring Lake Luncheon in 2023!



Doug Harris lines up the perfect putt



Kevin Bremer enjoying a day on the course

# GOLF OUTING 2022

What a perfect day for golf!

We couldn't have asked for a better day at Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club. Fortified by an incredible brunch, golfers hit the links in the spirit of fun and camaraderie. Although no one claimed the hole-in-one prize, everyone enjoyed the afternoon on the immaculate course.

Golf was followed by cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a sumptuous buffet dinner. The evening ended with a live auction that included terrific sports and vacation packages.

Thanks to all our golfers and dinner guests. You made this year's Golf Outing a great success and a fun day for all of us.

# 2022 JUBILEE

Congratulations to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth who have celebrated milestones in their religious life. If you recognize one of the Sisters and would like to send a correspondence to her, please mail it to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, 1000 North Main Street, Charleston, SC 29403. If you would like to make a donation in their honor, contact the Development Office at (803) 733-2222.

## 75 YEARS



Sister Mary  
Canavan, SC



Sister Regina Bernard  
McCartney, SC



Sister Mary  
Theresa Regan, SC



Sister Edna Francis  
Hersinger, SC



Sister Elizabeth Ann  
Noonan, SC

## 70 YEARS



Sister Ann Carmela  
Olive, SC



Sister Francis Cordis  
Bernardo, SC



Sister Claire  
Donnelly, SC



Sister Maria Cordis  
Lamendola, SC



Sister Dorothy  
Mary Mangan, SC

## 65 YEARS

## 60 YEARS



Sister Beverly  
Policastro, SC



Sister Lillian  
Sharrock, SC



Sister Jacquelyn  
Balasia, SC

## 55 YEARS



Sister Geraldine  
O'Brien, SC

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## 50 YEARS



Sister Lillian M.  
Silkowski, SC



Sister Margaret Mary  
Welch, SC



Sister Elizabeth  
Brennan, SC



Sister Barbara  
Gnecco, SC



Sister Maureen  
Malone, SC

## 65 YEARS



Sister Rita Catherine  
O'Farrell, SC



Sister Bernadette  
D. Crowley, SC



Sister E. Ann  
Fay, SC



Sister Bernice  
Jozwiak, SC



Sister Maureen  
Mahan, SC

## 60 YEARS

## 50 YEARS



Sister Mary Anne  
Rattigan, SC



Sister Deborah  
Humphreys, SC

## 35 YEARS



Sister Patricia  
Mennor, SC



Sister Mary Jane  
Stephan, SC

# Christmas Concert Fundraiser

Saturday, December 17, 2022

3:00 PM

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**Holy Family Chapel - Convent Station, NJ**

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Fr. Philip Sanders and Fr. Joseph Bertha.

# Prayer for Peace

by Sister Maureen Corcoran, SC

On Sunday, June 26, nearly 200 people gathered in Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station, N.J., to pray for peace in Ukraine. It was a coming together of the Latin (Roman) and Ruthenian (Byzantine) Churches.

Rooted in the Byzantine Rite, the Paraklesis is a prayer of supplication and consolation for the living. Father Joseph Bertha, the present pastor of St. John the Baptist Byzantine church in Bayonne, N.J. (the parish to which Blessed Miriam

Teresa and her family belonged) presided at the prayer service and Father Philip Sanders, pastor of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish in Bayonne, assisted him.

The prayer was chanted in English, led by a cantor, and concluded with a blessing with oil given to each individual. Following the prayer people gathered in the Academy of Saint Elizabeth's Study Hall and enjoyed refreshments and conversations with one another as they perused materials about Blessed Miriam Teresa.



From left - Maria Barben, Judy Olshalsky, John Balzano, Julia Williams, and Joe DeChiaro.

## Office of **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

by John Balzano, CFO/COO

**F**irst and foremost, the Financial Services Office has a fiduciary responsibility for acting in the best interest of the Sisters of Charity to ensure that their assets - property, cash, and investments - are safeguarded and secure. The congregation is quite different today than it was 50 years ago, when we had many more sisters in the Congregation, (approximately 1000 compared to 175 now) and therefore many more Sisters working to fund operations in support of our Mission. So, what worked in 1972 might not work today given our change in demographics.

It starts with a basic financial philosophy; many companies today have growth philosophies or increasing shareholder value philosophies. The Sisters of Charity philosophy is one of sustainability. How can we make sure that we have enough resources to continue our Mission in perpetuity?

We have incorporated a few simple principles in support of our sustainability philosophy:

**Balanced Budget:** Our operational budget or expenses must be funded with a source of revenue; in essence, that's a balanced budget. Limit your activities to driving the Mission.

**Kaizen:** Japanese word that translates as "good change" or

continuous, never-ending improvement. Through this process we have become more efficient and cost effective.

**Debt:** Low to zero debt. Funding debt (especially as interest rates rise) can be costly and is often an ineffective use of resources.

Because we have fewer numbers and therefore less revenue, our dependence on donations is more important than at any other time in our 163-year history. As we are an aging Congregation, it should not be surprising that most of our expenditures go toward long-term care and other health care costs. Of course, many of our other expenditures are focused on solidifying and supporting the Mission. Therefore, we believe it's our obligation to utilize all donor support in the appropriate manner for which it was intended. That is the primary focus of the Financial Services Office - to make sure dollars are utilized as promised in support of our Mission.

More specifically, the role of the CFO/COO primarily includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following responsibilities:

- 1) Sustainability: Develop strategies in support of our commitment to sustainability.





From left - Maria Barben and Judy Olshalsky.

- 2) Oversight: Acting in an oversight capacity for all operations.
- 3) Transparency: Act as a co-pilot to Leadership and ensure it has transparency to all critical issues.
- 4) Strategic Planning: Long-term perspective, three-to-five-years, and 30 years and beyond timeframes.

I have been employed by the Sisters of Charity since February 2015. Prior to joining the Sisters of Charity, I held numerous CFO positions in both profit and non-profit businesses.

Finally, there has been one common thread in all my CFO positions, that of a Co-Pilot to the CEO and Leadership Teams to ensure there was a solid path forward to the future and to ensure that Integrity and Trust were the guiding principles.

Our office staff includes two full-time employees and two part-time employees, some with longevity and some newer to their positions.

Julia Williams, comptroller, has been with the Sisters of Charity full-time for 34 years. Julia makes sure that the sisters' financial overall obligation meets expectations daily. She says, "I will never forget that December day when I came to Convent Station for my interview. Coming from the City of Newark to this magical place was breathtaking and it still is today. If I were a writer, I would write a book titled, *How Working at Convent Station Changed My Life!*" Julia and her husband, Earl, have two daughters and three handsome grandsons. In her spare time, she enjoys jigsaw puzzles, crafts, knitting, crocheting, and most of all, traveling.

For a little over a year, Maria Barben has been employed full-time as the payroll and accounts payable



Julia Williams and Joe DeChiaro.

administrator. Maria processes bi-weekly payroll, handles taxes and assists with accounts payable. Maria was born in Cuba and came to the United States with her parents and sister when she was 5 years old and is a graduate of St. Peter's College. She is married and has three daughters. To relax, Maria enjoys small arts and crafts projects and reading good books. Her favorite author is Mitch Albom.

Our two part-time employees, Joseph DeChiaro and Judy Olshalsky, are integral to our office staff as well. Joe has been the finance manager for the past five years. His responsibilities include accounting for ministry, patrimony, plant and retirement funds. Joe is married, has two daughters, and loves to spend time at the shore, biking, reading and walking.

Judy has been employed here for nearly a year and assists Maria with accounts payable.

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

# DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022



## Memorial Gifts in Lieu of Flowers

*A fitting tribute. A lasting legacy.*

When a loved one dies, family members often designate a charity to receive memorial gifts in lieu of flowers. Will you consider honoring your loved one through gifts to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth?

By designating the Sisters of Charity to receive memorial gifts, you show that you care about the Sisters who devote their lives to education, healthcare, or other ministries.

Perhaps a Sister had a lasting impact on the life of your mother, father, husband, wife or sibling.

Memorial gifts to the Sisters of Charity help to ensure that the mission of charity will go forward to impact many more lives in the future. It's easy to designate the Sisters of Charity to receive memorial gifts.

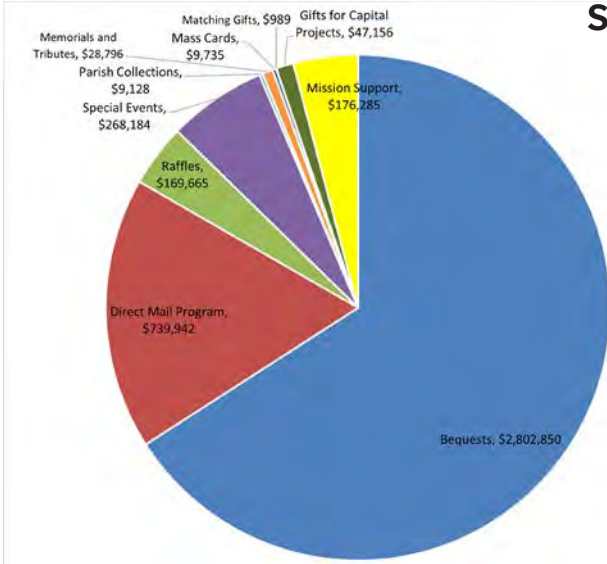
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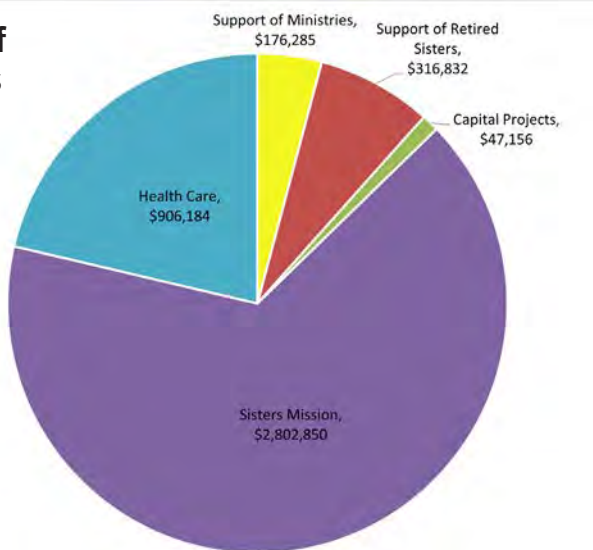
Thanks for all the many ways you help to further the mission of Boundless Charity!

Source of Funds



Bequests	\$2,802,850
Direct Mail Program	\$739,942
Raffles	\$166,242
Special Events	\$268,184
Parish Collections	\$9,128
Memorials and Tributes	\$28,796
Mass Cards	\$9,735
Matching Gifts	\$989
Gifts for Capital Projects	\$47,156
Mission Support	\$176,285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,249,307</b>

Use of Funds



Support of Ministries	\$176,285
Support of Retired Sisters	\$316,832
Capital Projects	\$47,156
Sisters Mission	\$2,802,850
Health Care	\$906,184
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,249,307</b>

# IN MEMORIAM

Please visit In Loving Memory on SCNJ.org for obituaries, reflections and links to funeral Masses.



Sister Jane Cavanaugh, SC  
(Sister Eugene Marie)  
MAY 18, 2022



Sister Grace Reape, SC  
(Sister Anne John)  
MAY 19, 2022



Sister Elena Francis  
Arminio, SC  
JULY 6, 2022



Sister M. Nicoletta  
Gargana, SC  
JULY 10, 2022



Sister Ursula Mary  
Kendig, SC  
JULY 11, 2022



Sister Mary  
Clark, SC  
July 20, 2022



Sister Mary Celine  
Laskey, SC  
JULY 25, 2022



Sister Janet Lehmann, SC  
(Sister Therese Maria)  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



Sister Barbara Connell, SC  
(Sister Mary Regis)  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022



Sister Margaret  
Annina Confoy, SC  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022



Sister Mary Walter  
Dwyer, SC  
NOVEMBER 5, 2022

## SETON ASSOCIATES:

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## Christmas Concert Fundraiser

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ



## Winter 50/50 Raffle

Thursday, March 2, 2023



## 15th Annual Golf Outing

May 1, 2023

Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club  
Livingston, NJ