

# New Dimensions

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**Bottom left:** Sister Maria Magdalena Studer, SC  
**Bottom center:** Sister Clare Donnelly, SC **Bottom right:** Sister Beverly Ornes, SC, and Sister Maria Christina Hartman, SC

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# Welcome

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in this wonderful Autumn season. The changing colors of the trees, the crisp air, pumpkins on display and the smell of burning leaves bring back great memories of years past and call forth in me gratitude for the gifts that are mine. Nature is resplendent at this time of year.



We've had some memorable events since our last issue. In May we received word that the Villa at Florham Park would be closing and therefore we would need to transfer the 18 Sisters who were residents there to other facilities. Needless to say, it was a difficult time on many levels, but thanks to Cathy Haller-Franco and her staff in the Health and Lifestyle Transition Office it happened without much fanfare. All of our Sisters were placed and moved by June 10 - a miracle, for sure. Our Sisters are now at McAuley Hall in Watchung, St. Catherine's Health Center in Caldwell, as well as at St. Joseph's Rehab and Nursing Center in Cedar Grove. One Sister is at St. Joseph Home in Totowa; Sister Clare had been a long-time volunteer there and they were happy to welcome her.

This issue contains some wonderful articles:

We give thanks for the recipients of our Mother Xavier Award -given annually since 2015. This year we were able to present the award in person to June Favata, SC; Peggy Killough, SC, and Mary Nolan, the Leadership Team at St. Vincent Academy, Newark, who were the awardees in 2020, and to Peggy O'Neill, SC, for her work in El Salvador - Mary Morley, SC, and Joan Repka, SC. accepted the award for Sister Peggy who could not attend the ceremony.

We welcome Dr. Gary Crosby as the eighth President of Saint Elizabeth University - Dr. Crosby comes from Alabama and has already made his presence felt on the Campus. He was inaugurated on Oct. 23 with great celebration and joy.

Our Office of Sponsorship and Mission Services works with all of our ministries to support and strengthen administrations and staffs to carry out the Mission of Charity in their particular place. John Di Mucci has been a strong leader in this work and we are grateful to him.

I want to call your attention to the article on the Charity Speaks Archives Website where you will find stories of sisters from all Congregations of the Sisters of Charity Federation. You will be inspired!

As always, at this time of year, we honor our Sister Jubilarians who mark significant milestones this year and give thanks for their years of service in many places and through their diverse ministries.

Other news in this issue highlights our Seton Associates and the work of the Development Office.

As always, your support makes all the difference for us; you enable us to continue the Mission while caring for our elder and sick sisters. We are most grateful.

Peace,

*Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C.*

Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C.  
General Superior

# The **FUNCTION** of Sponsorship

by John DiMucci, Director of Sponsorship and Mission Services and Sister Noreen Neary SC, Archivist

## **WHAT IS A SPONSORED MINISTRY OR MISSION OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT ELIZABETH?**

Very often you will see or hear the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth talk about the "Mission Moving Forward." It's a commitment to and a continued acknowledgment and celebration of the Charism of Charity as handed down and entrusted to us from Saints Vincent and Louise, and Mother Seton and Mother Xavier.

How do the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth actually Move the Mission Forward? Here are four ways: 1) partnerships, 2) the ministries of individual Sisters and Associates, 3) long-term missions, and 4) sponsored ministries.



John DiMucci and Sister Noreen Neary, SC

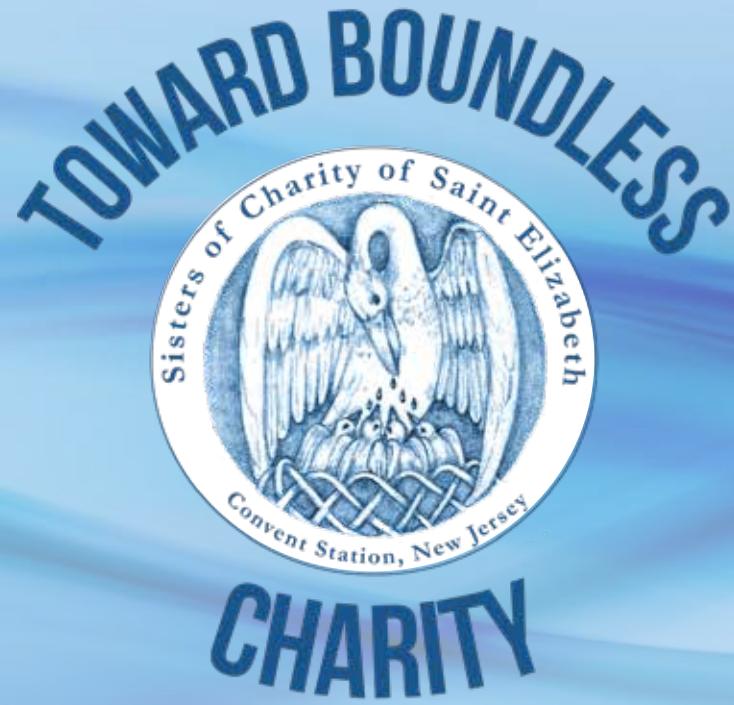
Through partnerships with organizations which share our values, we extend the Mission of Charity to communities and individuals we would not reach on our own. The Sisters, Seton Associates, and others working in individual ministries actively move the mission forward. This group would include

the Sisters who live in communities and work as volunteers and those who provide a presence and ministry of prayerful support. In our long-term Missions where Sisters have served for many years, staff, faculty and others embrace the mission and continue to integrate and live out the Charism of Charity and move the mission forward.

The final way the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth move the mission forward is through our sponsored ministries. Our sponsored ministries are institutions that were founded by the Congregation, and because of our relationship to them, remain official ministries of the Church and the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. There are seven independently sponsored ministries: Saint Joseph's Health, Trinitas Health, Good Samaritan Hospital/Westchester Medical Center Health Network, the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Saint Vincent Academy, Saint Elizabeth University, and Josephine's Place. Our sponsored ministries differ from the other spiritual and corporal works we support, such as Maris Stella Retreat & Conference Center, because we are directly responsible for the ongoing formation of these institutions, their staff and board members, especially in the areas of Catholic identity and ethos, mission and values, and the Vincentian- Setonian Charism of Charity. We also maintain oversight of certain aspects of corporate governance of the sponsored ministries that varies from ministry to ministry. For the Sisters of Charity, sponsorship is a ministry and a relationship to a particular ministry that allows them to flourish and carry out the mission of the Sisters of Charity.

## **WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SETON MINISTRIES, INC.?**

In January 2019 the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth established a new structure known as Seton Ministries, Inc. to ensure a strong, efficient continuation of the sponsorship of our separately incorporated ministries into the future: the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Good Samaritan Hospital (part of the Bon Secours Charity Health System), Josephine's Place, St. Joseph's Health, Saint Elizabeth University, Saint Vincent Academy, and Trinitas Health. While the Congregation remains the canonical sponsor of each of these ministries, Seton Ministries assists the leadership of the Congregation in the sponsorship of these ministries. Presently there are eight trustees of Seton Ministries: Sister Margaret Conlon, Sister Roseann Mazzeo, Sister Mary Morley, Sister Noreen Neary, James O'Hern, Joan Schildwachter, Sister Maureen Shaughnessy and Rev. James Worth.



## What is the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth Constitution – *Toward Boundless Charity?*

by Fr. Terrence Moran

Even though the tradition of the Sisters of Charity is almost as old as the American Republic itself, when they say “Constitution” they are probably not talking about the one ratified in 1787. They are talking about a document with the beautiful name Toward Boundless Charity. Like any group of people, members of religious congregations need commonly accepted guidelines to organize their life together, determine how leadership is chosen, outline how new members are received. These guidelines are found in a book called their “Constitution and Directory” – the Constitution containing the timeless inspiration for their lives and the Directory giving more detailed procedures that might change under new circumstances.

From their foundation in 1859 until the 1960's, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth followed Constitutions based on those given by St. Vincent de Paul to the first Daughters of Charity in 17th century France and adapted by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to American culture and conditions. They were

often quite detailed. For example, a sister, leaving the convent must always have a sister companion or, at least, “an exemplary woman or prudent girl.”

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) called upon religious communities to revise their Constitutions to reflect more closely the Gospels and the spirit of the founders. For the first time sisters talked together, in meetings that sometimes seemed endless, to share deeply about what it meant to be a Sister of Charity in the contemporary world. These conversations resulted in a new Constitution Toward Boundless Charity that was finally approved by the Vatican in 2006. As General Superior, Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, wrote in her letter introducing the finally approved Constitution: these are more “than simply words on a page. They capture the contour and arc of our lives, giving flesh to the passion we share...There is an energy in the title of our documents...that reminds us we are always on the way, never fully arrived.”

# Some of Our Most Liked #TBT Posts

We are grateful to Sister Noreen Neary, SC, Archivist, who creates these posts for every #ThrowBackThursday to share on our social media pages. If you are not following us, please do so on Facebook @SistersofCharityofSaintElizabeth and on Instagram @sisters\_of\_charity.



On October 1, 1951 Julie Scanlan traveled from Boston to enter the Sisters of Charity. On June 15, 1952, her father - a streetcar conductor - received this Father's Day card from Julie, now Sister Marie Patricia. Sister Marie Patricia wrote a five stanza poem for her father, which ended this way: And sometime I'll meet him up there/In that land up in the sky/And we'll take a ride in his streetcar/Just Jesus, my Daddy and I. Sister Julie was reunited with her Dad on April 13, 2020.

In June 1991, the first shipment of Havoc in Hunan arrived at Convent. Written by Sister M. Carita Pendergast, SC (second from right), it recounted the experiences of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in Western Hunan, China from 1924 to 1951. Celebrating with Sister Carita are Sister Hildegarde Marie Mahoney, Sister Cathleen Mary Maloney, Sister Elizabeth McLoughlin, Miss Mary Jane Waldron, and Sister Maureen Shaughnessy.



Recently we received an email from the granddaughter of Apolonia Zaborowska, who emigrated in 1910 from what is now Poland. Unable to contact her cousin/sponsor when she arrived at Ellis Island, eighteen-year-old Apolonia faced deportation. Apolonia's granddaughter explained that a social worker put her in touch with a Sister of Charity in Jersey City, who found the girl a situation with a Polish family who needed help caring for their children. Apolonia learned English and began a happy life in the U.S.A. We don't know which Sister aided the young woman, but it certainly could have been Sister Mary Christopher Buckley, pictured in 1966, who was missioned at Saint Michael School in Jersey City from 1908 to 1971. Founded by an Irish immigrant, the Sisters of Charity continue to aid those persons - both documented and undocumented - who seek a better life in our country.

In its 50+ years of providing rest, recreation and retreats to the Sisters of Charity and our family and friends, Maris Stella has operated through the generosity of many people, including an annual cadre of volunteers. In August 1984, Sister Anne Philip Beggans, the administrator, and her faithful volunteers posed for a photograph. From left to right, they are Sisters M. Rosarii Downes (kneeling), Immaculata Mary Maroney, Audrey Boettcher, Theo Furniss, Abigail Douglass, Anne Gerard Reilly, Patricia McCarthy, Rose William Pirone, James Bridget Donnelly, Anne Philip, and Patricia Margaret O'Neill (kneeling). Each of these wonderful sisters has since gone home to God. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!





# OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

by Wendy Relation, Director of Development

The Sisters of Charity's 2021 Harvest Festival was a night to remember! After celebrating with a virtual event in 2020, this year's in-person gala was more festive than ever.

Over 200 friends of the Sisters of Charity gathered at The Madison Hotel on October 28 to honor two individuals whose lives exemplify the mission of charity.

Anne O'Neill Kellers, a longtime educator and friend to the Sisters of Charity, received the Mehegan Award. This award is named for Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan, who founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1859.

The Caritas Award, named for the motto of the Sisters of Charity, was presented to Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart. Father John, as he is known to parishioners, is the beloved Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Mary in Morristown and the Assumption family came out in force to join in the celebration.

As in past years, Harvest Festival guests took to the dance floor and reveled in the music of Tim McLoone and the Shirleys. The addition of a photo booth this year was a great hit. Guests were delighted to create special memories as they posed with fun costume pieces and props.

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Harvest Festival such a successful event!





The first band of missionaries to Bolivia leave Convent Station.. From left: Sisters Mary Ellen Verdon (formerly Sister Julia Michael), Grace Lavina Reilly, Mary Frederick Holbrow and Anne James Connolly

# Charity Speaks:

New Web Site Features Oral Histories of Federation Sisters

**S**isters of Charity Federation archivists have compiled and organized oral histories of sisters into an interactive, searchable online digital archives. The new website is [www.scfederationarchives.org](http://www.scfederationarchives.org).

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth is one of nine members of the Sisters of Charity Federation that have made available a collection of oral histories of our sisters. These range from sisters missioned in Bergen and Hudson counties to those in Bolivia and China and include the works of sisters whose service to God's people spanned the 20th Century.

Casey Bowser, archivist for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, Pa., describes Charity Speaks as a "collaborative, international, and inter-congregational project to promote the oral history legacy of Catholic sisters in the Vincentian-Setonian tradition through the establishment of a public, digital collections database."

"These sisters' stories represent the breadth and depth of

the legacy that is waiting to be uncovered in women religious archives. Women religious have lived deep, spiritual, fulfilling, and historic lives," said Bowser. "The stories contained within these records encompass more than just religious life; they provide a unique window into womanhood, Catholic family life, 20th century social and political issues, regional and institutional histories, and much more."

Development of the website is ongoing. Charity Speaks, the oral history exhibit, is a prominent feature, and there are plans for more digital materials to be added as they become available.

The Sisters of Charity Federation of North America is a voluntary membership association of 14 congregations of vowed Catholic women religious that number 2,180 sisters. Impelled by Christ's love and joined together in the mission of charity, the Federation responds to the needs of people living in poverty and on the margins. For more information, visit [www.sistersofcharityfederation.org](http://www.sistersofcharityfederation.org).



We are grateful to welcome the Seton Associates for 2021. (from top left) Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, General Superior; Shannon Hoffman, Co-Director, Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement and a new Seton Associate; new Seton Associates Kimberly Borin, Sister Helen Bearisto, r.c.; Melissa Dlugos; Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC, Co-Director, and new Associate M. Paula Correia.

# SETON ASSOCIATE Commitment Ceremony

by Maryellen Whritenour

The Seton Associates were established in 1990 as a lay affiliate group, supporting the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. They serve in parishes, hospitals, soup kitchens, shelters, and schools providing additional kindnesses and charity to everyone they encounter. The Associates stand with the Sisters of Charity to bring justice and charity to the poor and marginalized of today's society. In addition to serving those in need, the women and men who make up the Associates seek a deeper understanding of the Charism of Charity, through study and prayer.

Upon completion of the discernment and formation program five new Associates pledged their commitment to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth at the Seton Associates Commitment Ceremony. The ceremony took place on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 during a liturgy held in Holy Family Chapel.



The Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony for new Associates and Lifetime Commitment members was held privately last year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Five new Associates and one lifetime Commitment Associate were able to join us, and we celebrate them as well. (top row): Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, and Megan Knight. (front row): Linda Amitrano, John Cutola, Claudette Scutari, Susanne Palombo, Rev. Anthony Randazzo, and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC.

# 2021 JUBI

Congratulations to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth who have celebrated milestones in their religious life. We invite you to join us in celebrating these milestones. 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 W. Main Street, Toledo, OH 43604. If you would like to make a donation in their honor, contact the Development Office at 419.226.2222.

## 75 YEARS



Sister M.  
Angelica Doris, SC



Sister M. Nicoletta  
Gargana, SC



Sister Ursula Marie  
Kendig, SC



Sister Kathleen  
Koerner, SC



Sister Margaret  
Annina Confoy, SC



Sister Mary Walter  
Dwyer, SC



Sister Marie  
Gilligan, SC



Sister Thomas  
Salerno

## 70 YEARS



Sister Maeve  
McDermott, SC



Sister Maria  
Magdalena Studer, SC



Sister Marie C.  
Tansey, SC



Sister Rose Marie  
O'Brien, SC



Sister Margaret Ann  
O'Neill, SC



Sister Virginia  
Thomas, SC



Sister Ethel  
Beneville, SC



Sister June  
Burns

## 60 YEARS



Sister Mary  
Corrigan, SC



Sister June  
Favata, SC



Sister Patricia  
Godri, SC



Sister June  
Morrissey, SC



Sister Rosemary  
Smith, SC



Sister Marilyn  
Thie, SC



Sister Carol  
Williams, SC

# LARIANS

We celebrate these 44 faithful women for continuing the mission of Christ in the world for 2,785 cumulative years.  
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## 70 YEARS



Sister Thomas Mary  
O'Boyle, SC



Sister Marian Therese  
Boudreau, SC



Sister Teresa Regina  
Confroy, SC



Sister Joan  
Digan, SC



Sister Joan  
Walters, SC



Sister Elena Francis  
Arminio, SC



Sister Anita Richard  
Heilenday, SC



Sister Marie Irma  
Kessler, SC

## 65 YEARS

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Sister Eileen  
Eager, SC



Sister Maureen  
Mylott, SC



Sister Jean Ann  
Trainor, SC



Sister Rosemarie  
DiCenso, SC



Sister Kathleen  
Mirenda, SC

## 55 YEARS

## 45 YEARS

## 30 YEARS

## 25 YEARS



Sister Merris  
Larkin, SC



Sister Joyce  
O'Shea, SC



Sister Noreen  
Holly, SC



Sister Agatha  
Mathangani, SC



Sister Sharon  
Sage, SC

# ALL HANDS **TO THE TASK**

by Sister Deborah Humphreys, SC

**S**pring 2021. It had been a long year, learning vocabulary to describe the new, but not quite normal, vocabulary of "pandemia." However, the burst of energy and activity that started to take shape in June reminded the sisters, the Leadership Team, the Seton Associates, and our friends of what we can do when called upon to meet a need...and to do it in Sister of Charity style.

In May we received the news that The Villa at Florham Park would be closing in late June and that our sister-residents would need to be relocated. Sister Maureen Shaughnessy and her Councilors arranged for the placement of those 18 sisters in Catholic residences that would provide for their daily care and would meet their spiritual needs. Some of our sisters joined others who live at St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehab Center in Cedar Grove, while St. Catherine of Sienna Healthcare Center in Caldwell welcomed five sisters. McAuley Hall Health Center in Watchung became the new home of six sisters, and, at her request, one sister moved to St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa.



Sister Margaret Annina Confoy, now a resident of Caldwell, credits Joan McManus for organizing her move and thanks Mariana Cassidy for getting her settled. Sister Margaret Annina is able to continue her physical therapy and exercise routine within the Center. She appreciates being able to attend daily Mass and noted that the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated with a special prayer service. Sister Margaret Annina stays in contact with our sisters and others, always brightening their day with her telephone calls.



Because she had been a volunteer there for many years, Sister Clare Mary Roden feels right at home in Totowa, her move aided by Sister Ellen Clifford. She appreciates how Sister Loretta, the Little Sister of the Poor in charge of her floor, goes out of her way to ease the life of the residents. In particular, Sister Clare Mary is grateful to have the opportunity to share community and to worship with the Little Sisters of the Poor.



Because Sister Mary Clark had lived at The Villa for a number of years, there was much “pitching” to be done, but Sister Mary Dwyer – who had been missioned with her in Pensacola, Fla., and Newark – made sure that no winning scratch-off lottery tickets were thrown away inadvertently as others sorted, pitched and packed.



In mid-June Sister Anne Cunningham was the last Sister of Charity to leave the Villa, aided by Sister Judy Mertz and the indefatigable Sister Beverly Ornes. What had seemed a nearly overwhelming task in May went smoothly, thanks to the generosity and goodness of so many sisters, Seton Associates and friends. In addition to all who assisted the sisters in their moves, the Sisters of Charity are so grateful to those who have welcomed them into their new homes.



## SAINT ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT

**J**oin us in welcoming Gary B. Crosby, Ph.D., as the eighth president of Saint Elizabeth University (SEU), having assumed that role on July 1. He is the first African-American and first male president in the University's 122-year history.

Recognized for his student-centered, mission-oriented and transformational leadership, Dr. Crosby brings more than 20 years of innovative and progressive administrative experience in higher education. He joins SEU from Alabama A&M University (AAMU), where he was directly involved in university-wide strategic planning, management and advancement through the leadership

of key operations like enrollment management (admissions and recruitment, financial aid and registrar), student support services, diversity and inclusion, student activities and leadership development.



Gary B. Crosby, Ph.D

While at AAMU, he also played a significant role in strengthening student outcomes in humanities, STEM and business disciplines through external partnerships; chaired AAMU’s COVID-19 task force, led initiatives to significantly diversify revenue, and redesigned the overall student experience.

A native of Hattiesburg, Miss., Dr. Crosby holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from The University of Southern Mississippi. He also holds a master’s degree in political science and a doctorate in urban and regional planning from Jackson State University.

In addition, he is a 2019-2020 American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at Rutgers University-Newark, holds a certificate in Educational Management from Harvard University and is a 2016 Protégé of the Millennium Initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

The inauguration celebration was held on Oct. 21. The celebration honored the 122-year commitment to rigorous scholarship and dedication to social justice while setting forth Dr. Crosby’s vision of “Forward Together in Excellence.”



Msgr. Martin McDonnell, Rev. Brian Sullivan, Msgr. John Hart  
and Rev. Thomas Fallone.



Arlene Allen, Joe Beggans, Kathie Beggans, Linda Menut  
and Charles Menut.



Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, Msgr. Tom Nydegger, and  
Bishop Michael Saporito.



Sister Pat Beaumont, SC, and  
Sister Maureen Corcoran, SC.

2021 GOLF OUTING

# BACK ON THE LINKS AGAIN

After months of social distancing and virtual events, it was great to come together to enjoy a late spring day on the golf course. Eager to reunite their foursomes and catch up on an extra year's worth of news, our golfers arrived at Shackamaxon Country Club.

Fortified with a delicious brunch, golfers climbed into their carts and were determined to meet the challenges of the fairways and greens. Although there were no holes-in-one, there was plenty to boast about during the cocktail hour and dinner that capped off the day. Prizes were awarded to recognize merit on the course as well as the "most honest" (alas, highest scoring) foursome.

Thanks to everyone who came out to golf or who joined us for the dinner. A year without seeing you made this year's Golf Outing even more special!



Fr. Terrence Moran, Mary Gannon, Sister Margaret Killough, SC, Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, Mary Nolan, and Sister June Favata, SC.



Fr. Terrence Moran, Sisters Marilyn Thie, SC, Mary Morley, SC, Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, Joan Repka, SC, and Mary Canavan, SC.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOREES

of The Mother Xavier Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity Award

Fr. Terrence Moran, Director PJEI Office

**T**he Mother Xavier Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity Award, initiated in the 100th anniversary year of Mother Xavier's death, honors a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Seton Associate, and/or a partner in mission who exemplifies the "conviction that a life of charity requires a faith that does justice," (Toward Boundless Charity, C20).

The recipient demonstrates a notable commitment to the values of peace, justice and ecological integrity and the

Vincentian focus on systemic change of unjust structures. We awarded two awards this year since last year's was prevented by COVID. Congratulations to 2020 honoree Sister Margaret "Peggy" O'Neill, SC, (not able to attend the ceremony) recognized for her many years of peace and justice building in El Salvador and to the 2021 honorees Sister June Favata, SC, Sister Margaret Killough, SC, and Ms. Mary Nolan, honored for their years of empowering young women at St. Vincent Academy, Newark, NJ.

## Jeanne E. HEIMBOLD BOEHLIES



The Sisters of Charity have been a constant in Jeanne Boehles's life for almost as long as she can remember.

"My connection with the Sisters of Charity began when I was preparing for my First Holy Communion, many years ago," she says. "The Sisters had a convent and were stationed at Star of the Sea in Long Branch. Sister Anna Perpetua and Sister Cecilia Frances would come to our church to teach catechism and prepare us for the various sacraments."

Later, Jeanne met up with those two sisters again when she attended high school at Star of the Sea Academy.

"It was only natural that I'd follow up at the College of Saint Elizabeth for my college experience. Those two sisters in particular, but all of the Sisters of Charity, have a very special and warm place in my heart."

Jeanne remained close to the Sisters of Charity following her college graduation, continuing through her nearly 40 year career as a teacher and her marriage to Joseph Boehles, who passed away in 1999. She taught elementary students primarily in Rumson, N.J., and also taught in an American school in Libya for nearly six years. Now retired from teaching, she spends much of her time volunteering for various committees in Monmouth Beach.

Jeanne faithfully supports the Sisters' fundraising events. Beyond this ongoing support, she chose to make a lasting gift by naming the Sisters of Charity in her will.

"It's to say thank-you for the many kindnesses they have extended to me as one of their students and for their role-model dedication to Almighty God and their mission. God bless you, Sisters."

## Father JOSEPH R. MCMAHON



Father Joseph McMahon, now a retired priest, has always loved to talk to people. He is happy to share why he decided to name the Sisters of Charity in his will: "The Sisters had a huge influence on my life. I thank them every day for my vocation!"

Father McMahon was taught by the Sisters of Charity at Holy Cross School in Harrison, N.J., for eight years before his family moved to Delaware. He recalls his teachers with admiration and affection.

"My kindergarten teacher, Sister Alice Patricia, is a memory of sweetness and goodness. And my fifth grade teacher, Sister Francis Joseph, remains to this day the kindest person I ever met."

He laughs when he recalls Sister Mary Walter, his sixth grade teacher.

"I still remember the penance she gave me for talking," but he then adds, "I so greatly admired her for her commitment to social justice."

Outside of school, young Joe faithfully provided a special service for the Sisters—going to the corner store every Sunday afternoon to get the Sisters four pints of Hershey's ice cream! (He won't say whether these extra errands earned him any special favors back in the classroom!)

After he entered the priesthood, Father McMahon continued to stay in touch with the Sisters of Charity. He served first as Vice Chancellor and then Chancellor of the Wilmington Diocese before ministering as pastor in two large parishes.

To Father McMahon, the Sisters are "a tangible model of charity" whose impact cannot be measured. He encourages others to consider a bequest to the Sisters, just as he did, as a way to say thank you to the Sisters who made such a difference in young lives.



Coleen Ognissanti and Mariana Cassidy.



Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, and Father Alphonse Stephenson.



Claire Mennenoeh, Sue-Ellen Wright, Pat De Louis, Margaret Sherlock and Anna Sherlock.



Mary Horn, Joseph Gonnella, Michael Horn, Gerri Horn and Spencer Horn.

# *The Return of Our* SPRING LAKE LUNCHEON

by Wendy Relation, Director of Development

Over 230 friends of the Sisters of Charity reconnected at the Spring Lake Golf Club after our 2020 Luncheon was cancelled. It was all smiles as guests happily greeted one another with renewed appreciation for the gift of being together. They generously bought chances for gift raffles and strategized over where to place their tickets.

The special guest of the day was Father Alphonse Stephenson, known by many as founder and director of the

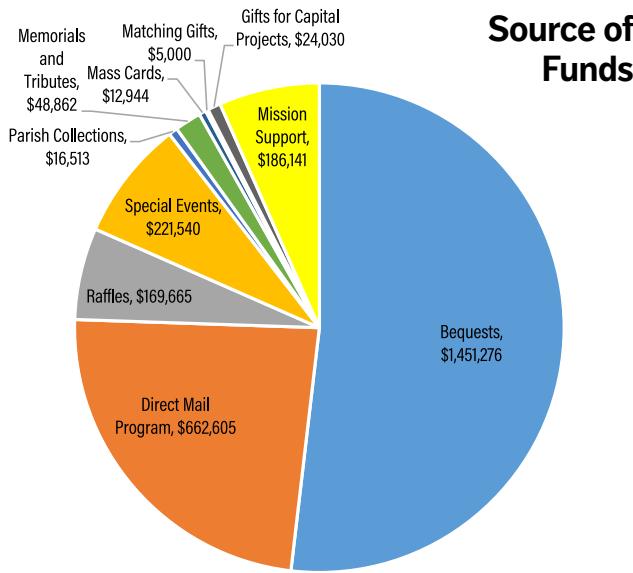
Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. With humor and music, Father Alphonse talked about the instances of grace that made such a difference in the course of his life. He urged guests to always "follow the man with the water jar."

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Spring Lake Luncheon so special. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

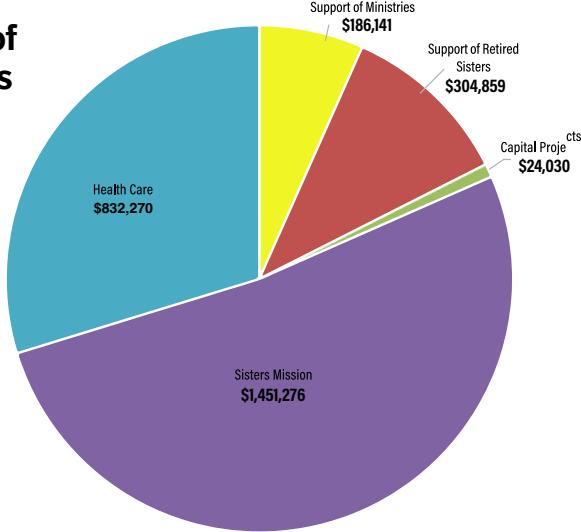
# DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021



Bequests	\$1,451,276
Direct Mail Program	\$662,605
Raffles	\$169,665
Special Events	\$221,540
Parish Collections	\$16,513
Memorials and Tributes	\$48,862
Mass Cards	\$12,944
Matching Gifts	\$5,000
Gifts for Capital Projects	\$24,030
Mission Support	\$186,141
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,798,576</b>

## Use of Funds



Support of Ministries	\$186,141
Support of Retired Sisters	\$304,859
Capital Projects	\$24,030
Sisters Mission	\$1,451,276
Health Care	\$832,270
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,798,576</b>



### Prayer for Canonization

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls.

We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Prayer for Favors

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your own glory and the sanctification of souls, glorify Your servant Blessed Miriam Teresa, by granting to us the graces which we humbly ask through her intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

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# IN MEMORIAM

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Sister Regina Rose  
Palkovics, SC  
APRIL 24, 2021



Sister Mary  
Elizabeth Dacey, SC  
MAY 7, 2021



Sister Catherine Vincent, SC  
(Sister Vincent Maura)  
MAY 20, 2021



Sister Joseph  
Marian Hudson, SC  
JUNE 3, 2021



Sister Joseph  
Nelida Richard, SC  
AUGUST 5, 2021



Sister (Camilla) Rita Walsh, SC  
(Sister Anna David)  
AUGUST 14, 2021



Sister Barbara Garland, SC  
(Sister Mary Hugh)  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



Sister Gabriel  
Mary Donahue, SC  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

## SETON ASSOCIATES:

Hetty Corrigan – March 27, 2021 • Catherine Devine Epp – June 26, 2021

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A sepia-toned photograph showing a woman with short, curly hair, wearing a patterned blouse, sitting at a desk and helping a young girl with her homework. The girl is looking down at her work. In the background, there's a computer monitor and some papers on the desk.

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