Dear All,

In this edition of NEW Dimensions we explore the many ways that the Sisters of Charity and Seton Associates connect with people in various aspects of their lives and, in turn, how these connect further with others. Connecting with others in meaningful ways is essential in helping to build the Kingdom of God, a community of love, here on Earth. Among the many articles this month are those focusing on our sisters who serve in Pastoral Ministries in various areas of the country and at the new inter-congregational diocesan Neighborhood Center for Women in Passaic. You will hear about our growing focus on ecology and kinship from the congregational Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity. You will learn more about the commitment and works of our Seton Associates and how they carry the charism of Charity into their lives. In addition, articles will highlight the lives of our 2013 Jubilarians, as well as sponsorship and development events and programs.

Over these past several years, through science and the evolution of the global community, we have come to understand that all creation is connected. Whether intentional or casual, everything we do---how we think about what we do, our decisions, our communications, how we treat others---reverberates far and wide. One of our most important efforts as members of the world-wide Company of Charity is to serve God through collaboration with others who seek to make life more human, more just, and more full of love.

Thank you for joining us again this month. Be assured of our thoughts and prayers for you and those you love.

Many blessings,

Sister Rosemary Moynihan - General Superior

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On the cover:


Back row (l to r) Lifetime Seton Associates: Katherine Cirlincione, Maria Breakey, Joan Schildwachter, Maria Cianci, Natalie Baranowski, and Rosemary Carroll, Director of Seton Associates.

Photo taken in Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, N.J.
Connecting Through Parish Ministry

The principal end for which God has called and assembled the Sisters of Charity is to honor Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Source and Model of all Charity, by rendering Him every temporal and spiritual service in their power, in the persons of the poor, either sick, prisoners, insane, or those who through shame would conceal their necessities.

Regulations for the Society of the Sisters of Charity in the Diocese of Newark, 1859

Sisters who serve in parish ministry connect with people in the church environment each and every day. The seven sisters who share their stories below are working in parish ministries, and in one way or another, are all working toward embodying the same mission stated above.

Sister Rose Marie O’Brien
Holy Trinity Church, Fort Lee, N.J.

It’s with much gratitude that I have this honor of sharing the experiences I’ve been given by God as a Sister of Charity gifted with the charism of St. Vincent and Mother Seton. The parish is a vibrant and concrete image of the Body of Christ through which He is visible in a variety of human endeavors, needs and relationships. The Sisters of Charity are empowered by God to bring His loving, healing care to this environment of faith. For this reason, the privileged opportunities are vast. The manner in which lives are lived out from the perspective of faith within the parish creates significant differences from the secular society.

This faith-perspective is evident through the willingness of the community to gather for the celebration of the Lord’s presence in word and sacrament, enabling the witness of His love through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These traditional works best describe the total love expressed within the parish community of faith.

As a Sister of Charity, I have had every opportunity to be involved in the lives of others, whether they are in need of service or whether they are offering that service. These opportunities for relationships are many, from the preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of infants to the celebration of the Liturgy of Resurrection, to dealing with many human concerns of people of every age, culture and experience.

Each day, I gratefully give thanks to God for His gifts of ministry: educational, catechetical, catechumenal. Thanks be to God!

Sister Emily Walsh
Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, N.J.

I am involved in practically every area of parish life. I visit the homebound, and those in nursing homes—there are three in Hackensack and five others in surrounding towns. The hospitals in Hackensack, Teaneck, Englewood, Westwood, and Ridgewood keep me busy, too. I try to be present at as many deathbeds as possible. I will also help the family prepare the funeral and liturgy.

Preparing Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for services and Masses and being a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are important parts of my ministry as well.

We have a steady stream of folks for our food pantry—the many in need of food! Folks from all over Bergen County seem to land at our door. We are always prepared to help the homeless.
In my ministry I have direct contact with the homebound and the hospitalized, mostly elderly people, ordinarily visited weekly by a Eucharistic Minister. These parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Maywood, N.J. have lived full lives and are now managing various stages of health as well as they possibly can in nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, their own homes or in local area hospitals. I visit and support them spiritually and socially while their physical needs are taken care of by caregivers. This contact enhances the connectedness the person feels to his/her parish family.

My ministry helps me to reflect the mission of the Sisters of Charity by rendering service directly to the sick. Through it, the work of the church is carried out by keeping people in contact with their larger church community.

I am able to assist those who are struggling with financial needs through a Good Samaritan program that we work with in St. Mark’s Parish in Sea Girt, N.J. I meet people with many difficulties who seek food or a bill to be paid. I can help them with some gift cards for the supermarket or get them assistance from our parish. I try to know the resources available for people and also find out about current funds available to provide them with some hope. I always like to be able to refer people to someone who might be able to provide them with what they need. I am the coordinator for the sick in our parish. I am responsible for all the ministers who bring Communion, and visit the homebound, hospitals and assisted-living facilities. We bring Communion to more than 300 people a week.

Recently, I celebrated my golden jubilee. I have spent some time reflecting on life. I have been deeply touched by the many parishioners who have written me notes, thanking me for being there in their time of need, whether they were sick or a family member was, whether they lost a loved one and I prepared the funeral liturgy, or whether it was just being there at their time of loss through the bereavement group.

To me, ministry is all about “holding God’s People” in your heart. And if you love people, they know it and you are bringing to them what they need the most in their pain and joy — God.

Sister Elizabeth Cahill
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, N.J.

Sister Margaret Tierney
St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish, Spring Lake, N.J.

Sister Maria Magdalena Studer
St. Berard Parish, Navajo, N.M.

Connecting Through Parish Ministry
Sister Maureen Joseph Kirwan
Saint Joseph Parish, Pensacola, FLA.

In September, I will have been a Sister of Charity for 60 years. I have spent 50 years working within a parish and dealing with people of every race and color. I learned about myself and others. I learned that if we believe what we say we believe, and live accordingly, the world will be as Almighty God intended. However, we all know that is not the case. The example must be given by His believers in each and every parish.

I have been working in Saint Joseph parish in Pensacola for the past 46 years and have met wonderful people, many of whom were former students. Originally, before integration, it was a parish for black and Creole people. Now it has become a totally integrated parish. This is because it is a welcoming group of people who truly follow the Law of Love. The people reach out and welcome the newcomers, regardless of the color of their skin. They reach out to the poor and homeless by creating a soup kitchen, a caring & sharing room, and a clinic for the uninsured. Those who reach out are all volunteers. We are not perfect, but at least we try.

Sister Patricia Godri
St. Anne Catholic Church, Carthage, MISS.

I am a Lay Ecclesial Minister. My position includes all the work of an ordained pastor except for the actual celebration of the sacraments. I work directly with the poor of Leake County, Miss., in our parish community and in the local civic community, as well as with prisoners at Leake County Correctional Facility. We have a Food Pantry in our church building where the local poor come for canned and boxed food items. Our Nearly New Shop, filled with donated clothing from all over the United States, provides gently used clothing at bargain prices for everyone who visits. We provide translation services for the Hispanic community here, with the police, doctors, courts, lawyers, and immigration personnel.

The prisoners are visited weekly when they participate in a prayer service and enjoy some social interactions with other inmates. I also have provided care, food and shelter for more than 500 dogs over the last seven years. With the help of Mississippi State University Veterinarian School and the Homeward Bound Program, the canines have found loving homes in the northeast. I thank God for my strength to provide these services for God’s people and other creatures.
Why Convent Station?

by Sister Noreen Neary

The Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity was transferred in 1860 from Newark to what would be called in future years “Convent Station.” The Sisters of Charity purchased 63 acres of land and a wooden structure, that still stands near the Park Avenue entrance, from James Roosevelt Bayley, nephew of Mother Seton and first Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark. From 1856 to 1860, that wooden building, which dates back to the early years of the 19th century, had been occupied by Seton Hall College and Seminary. The land purchased by the sisters included a narrow strip that extended over the hill to the tracks of the Morris and Essex Railroad, a branch of the Erie Lackawanna Railroad.

Because the nearest train station was nearly three miles away in Madison, Mother M. Xavier Mehegan, Mother General and foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, petitioned the railroad company to make a stop at convent grounds; in 1867, she had received a favorable response. This was an advantage to the students of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth (founded in 1860), as well as to the sisters. In return, the sisters built a simple little station on the north side of the tracks and paid the salary of the stationmaster.

In 1870, Mother M. Xavier wrote to the Honorable T. F. Randolph, governor of New Jersey and former president of the board of the railroad. She asked that he further her request that more trains stop at “Convent Station,” including the Oswego Express and the Binghamton Mail trains, and that freight be delivered at “our own depot.” The request concerning the Oswego and Binghamton trains was related to the fact that students at the Academy came from upstate New York, as well as from towns and cities along the Lackawanna route.

The railroad in 1876 erected a new station, which it named “Convent,” on the present site, some distance to the southwest of the original depot. Thanks to further land purchases since 1860, the Sisters of Charity now owned a broad piece of land, fronting the railroad tracks in Morris Township.

(This article was taken from Sister Hildegarde Marie Mahoney’s research (1982) on the relationship among the congregation, the railroad and the post office at Convent.)
A Charity Connection:

Sisters of Charity Volunteer at New Center

When the doors of the Neighborhood Center for Women in Passaic, N.J., opened in September 2013, Sister Ann Marie Paul, Sister of Christian Charity and Director of the Center, was searching for volunteers to teach some classes to the women who began to visit. Four Sisters of Charity jumped in to help: Sister Mary Culhane and Sister Ursula Carr to teach English as a Second Language, Sister Catherine Drury to teach computer and Sister Patricia Reynolds to teach quilting. Sisters Marion Scranton and Eleanor Zampese, who work at St. Mary’s Hospital in Passaic, and Sister Joan Repka, a Councilor on the leadership team of the Sisters of Charity, also played an integral part in the success of the program according to Sister Ann Marie. She stated, “We couldn’t have done it without the Sisters of Charity. They have played a great part in our success. It has truly been a Charity Connection.”

The Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women exists to empower women by providing a place where they can meet each other in a peaceful and safe environment, express their needs and discover community resources to fulfill those needs, and strengthen themselves and their families through educational growth. Since opening the doors, they have had over 300 visits from women and over 80 visits from children.

The Center is a collaborative effort between the religious communities of the diocese and the Diocese of Paterson. They also collaborate closely with St. Mary’s Hospital, which is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Charity. Funding comes from donations to “Partners In Faith,” the Capital and Endowment Campaign of the Diocese of Paterson, from contributions by religious communities, and from donations by other individuals. The Center is located in the former rectory of St. Nicholas Church, 153 Washington Place.

Visit their blog at womenscenterpassaic.blogspot.com, call Sister Ann Marie (973) 470-0844 or email her at sam@patersondiocese.org.
During the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Mass and Commitment Ceremony in Holy Family Chapel on February 11, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth welcomed seven new Seton Associates to walk alongside them in mission and ministry.

Seton Associates, founded in 1990, are lay women and men who embrace and live the Sisters’ charism of charity. They serve in various ministries throughout the region.


In a Mass and Commitment Ceremony on February 19 in Amory, Miss., eight Seton Associates made Lifetime Commitments and four became Seton Associates. All 12 are sponsored by Sisters Marie Gilligan and Kathleen Quigley. The new Seton Associates are Vicky Carter, Linda Holden, Tressia Lane and Melissa David Sierra. Those who made Lifetime Commitments included: Nancy Camp, Jean Pinkley, Carlos Ann Sanders, Mary Elinor “Minnie” Scott, Paula Starks, Peggy Stevenson, Ann Stockton and Christie Wilson. All live in Amory.
2013 JUBILARIANS

Congratulations to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth who have celebrated milestones in their religious life. We celebrate these 62 faithful women for continuing the mission of Christ in the world for 3,705 cumulative years.

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, Communications Office, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476 or e-mail it to escharity@scnj.org. If you would like to make a donation in their honor, contact the Development Office at srcharity@scnj.org or 973-290-5480.
60 YEARS

Sister Joan Wickers  Sister Audrey Moloughney  Sister Rose Marie Padovano  Sister Maureen Dunne  Sister Maria Christina Hartman  Sister Evelyn Lebiedz  Sister Margaret Nulty

Sister Ann Michele Texido  Sister Agnes Gregory Craig  Sister Margaret Mary Shorten  Sister Teresa Marian Case  Sister Mary Jane Timmermans  Sister Ellen Margaret Staiger  Sister Jean Ruppel

Sister Ann Pressler  Sister Mary Patricia Moroney  Sister Dorothy Impens  Sister Mary Elizabeth Davies

Sister Frances Demarest  Sister Roberta Marguerite Feil  Sister Anita Constance  Sister Maureen Sullivan  Sister Margaret Tierney
55 YEARS

Sister Jane Frances Brady
Sister Eileen M. Clifford
Sister Ann Matthew Lorusso
Sister Regis Keane
Sister Dolores Walsh
Sister Catherine Drury

Sister Lorena Reilly
Sister Helen Moores
Sister Marion Scranton
Sister Ellen Farrell

Sister Mary Fallon
Sister Angela Marie Colaneri
Sister Patricia Butler

Sister Kathleen Quigley
Sister Alice Neef
Sister Mary Pauline Hogan
Happy Anniversaries!
by Sister Noreen Neary

Saint Peter's parish in Belleville, N.J., celebrated its 175th anniversary with a liturgy celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, on November 17. He blessed a plaque that will be affixed to the “new” convent where the Sisters of Charity resided from 1950 to 2005. The parish acknowledged the hundreds of sisters who had taught in the school and worked in the parish during the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. In addition to Sister Rosemary Moynihan and her Council, 11 Sisters of Charity who had served God’s people at Saint Peter’s parish were invited to join in prayer at the Anniversary Mass.

Looking toward its second century, Sacred Heart School in Jersey City held its 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration at the Casino in the Park on November 3. Mimi McDonald-Hartnett, the Kunish family and the parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (Wyckoff, N.J.) were honored together with the Sisters of Charity. This family-oriented school that operates under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark and the Sisters of Charity is committed to its belief that “each child is a gift and each child is gifted,” Sister Frances Salemi, principal, is joined by Sisters of Charity on the staff, as well as by sisters who volunteer in the school and serve on its advisory board.

In the late 1980s Saint Catharine School, Glen Rock, N.J., and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Ridgewood, N.J., were combined to form Saint Catharine’s Interparochial School. It was renamed the Academy of Our Lady in honor of our Blessed Mother in 1999. The community of the Academy of Our Lady has forgotten neither its roots nor the works of the many good Sisters of Charity who served in the two schools. In mid-October the Academy of Our Lady celebrated the 90th anniversary of Mount Carmel School and the 60th anniversary of Saint Catharine School, and invited Sisters of Charity who had taught in those schools to be guests at the anniversary liturgy and dinner. Fourteen Sisters of Charity joined in the celebration, representing all who lived and ministered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel from 1923 to 2005 and at Saint Catharine from 1953 to 1983.

Josephine’s Place celebrated its 10th anniversary on October 1. Josephine’s Place, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, is located in Elizabeth, N.J. Created to be a space for women, Josephine’s Place reflects the needs of the women as they articulate them. It is a place where they feel safe, are respected, and form community with one another. With the assistance of Sister Judith Mertz, director of Josephine’s Place, the staff, all of the wonderful volunteers and the women themselves, some of the women of Josephine’s Place have become U.S. citizens, learned computer skills, learned English as a second language and have gained knowledge and education in a variety of other areas.
Charity Connects with Earth

by Fr. Terrence J. Moran

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Connecting Mission and Ministry

by Sister Barbara Conroy and Sister Patricia Mennor

Foundations of Catholic Healthcare Leadership is one of the programs presented by the Office of Sponsorship and Mission Services. This program is a collaboration among the congregation’s Sponsorship Office, the College of Saint Elizabeth, and the Center for Ministry Leadership, Bon Secours Health System. This introduction to the foundation of Catholic health ministry helps leaders – both management and governance – to more effectively carry out their responsibilities as organizational leaders. This two-day program consists of integrated, interactive presentations and activities that address three areas of leadership with information, experiential opportunities, dialogue, reflection, and other resources for learning. The presenters focus on the “real world” impact of the theological, ethical and sponsorship concepts addressed.

Participants in the Foundations program have especially appreciated their ability to apply the professional values and obligations associated with the role of leadership in healthcare, and the fundamental social values underlying the Catholic healthcare services to management issues.

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The Office of Sponsorship and Mission Services is conducting a yearlong Leadership Development Program for individuals associated with Josephine’s Place. Josephine’s Place, located in Elizabeth, N.J., is a space for women sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. Participants include members of the advisory board and those in leadership positions and/or those with potential leadership capabilities in the organization. This program has as its goal the exploration of topics like Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth mission/charism, sponsorship, roles of advisory boards and governance, Church and Church teachings, ethics and ethical decision making, leadership and personal call/spirituality. It utilizes elements of adult learning that include experiential, reflective and developmental activities delivered through various formats. Participants are expected to understand, articulate and personally integrate the foundational values and teachings of the Catholic Church and the Catholic faith, become more fully immersed in the mission and charism of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, and to further develop leadership, governance and sponsorship competencies. The program meets for a full day, four times over a 12-month timeframe; all of the sessions are held in quiet, comfortable venues. Included in the first session is an immersion experience at the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth Motherhouse with a focus on our founders: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Louise de Marillac and Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan, and Mother Josephine Marie O’Brien, a Sister of Charity who led the congregation through the challenging times of post-Vatican II renewal, and the namesake of Josephine’s Place. This session also includes a tour of Holy Family Chapel, the Motherhouse grounds, and the cemetery.

At this point in time, the participants have completed the first two sessions. It is evident by comments shared on the evaluations that participants have found it an enriching experience.

“Hearing the evolution of the Sisters of Charity as well as comparing the overarching mission to the day-to-day activities and struggles of Josephine’s Place re-energizes what we do at Josephine’s Place and puts it in perspective.”

“Learning about the involvement of the Sisters of Charity and their mission helped clarify the purpose of my mission.”

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Awards & Announcements

Sister Emily Walsh was honored by the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce for her 50 years of care, concern and advocacy for the people of Hackensack, particularly through her ministry in Holy Trinity Parish and Hackensack University Medical Center. She was presented with citations from dignitaries from the state, Bergen County, city and parish.

Sister Barbara Aires was the recipient of the 2013 Legacy Award presented by the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR). This award was created to honor those whose work has provided a strong moral foundation and an enduring record of demonstrated influence on corporate policies. Sister Barbara was honored for her faith in the concept of corporate responsibility and her commitment to seeing it manifest in the decision-making of the people at the helms of the world's most influential companies.

At a Mass in September, Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair, N.J., honored Sister Maureen Crowley for her 35 years of service.

Sister Maeve McDermott was named “A Legend of Hudson County” by the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce at the 6th Annual Legends Ball at Saint Peter’s University. Sister Maeve was recognized for her many years of service at Jersey City schools — Saint Michael’s, All Saints, and Saint Patrick’s — and for her positive impact on the quality of life for so many children and families.

At the Volunteer Management Center’s celebration of its 40th Anniversary of Service in Morris County, on December 5, Sister Maria Brigita Fitzsimmons was honored as one of the Stellar Volunteers. She was presented with a plaque noting her years at Saint Vincent's Nursing Home. As was noted in the presentation, “Since 2003 Sister Brigita has been a visible presence every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, commuting more than an hour to soothe the frail, sick and aging.”

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) identified Sister Marion Farrell as a top performer of her Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), St. Anne Villa. The ACHCA believes that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence, so the purpose of the Eli Pack Facility Leadership Award is to recognize skilled nursing facilities for achieving excellence well beyond the five-star rating system.

In August, at the annual Diocese of Paterson’s principals meeting, Sister Joseph Nelida Richard was recognized for her 25 years of service as principal in the Diocese of Paterson. Sister Joseph Nelida was principal in Saint Nicholas School, Passaic, N.J., from 1985 to 2006 and now holds that post at Saint Clare School, Clifton.

William A. McDonald, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Healthcare System, was the recipient of the prestigious 2014 Faith in Paterson award. The Faith in Paterson award is presented to a person or business who has demonstrated an exceptional investment in the Greater Paterson economy through development, programs and other initiatives. St. Joseph’s Healthcare System is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.

If you know of a sister or an associate who was honored or recognized in any way, please pass it on to Donna Sartor at dsartor@scnj.org or 973-290-5345. Thank you.
On October 24, 2013, almost 200 guests came together for a wonderful celebration at the Short Hills Hilton. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a sumptuous buffet and dancing.

The Sisters of Charity were delighted to present the Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation with the Caritas Award in recognition of the extraordinary ongoing partnership between the Foundation and the Sisters of Charity. Mehegan Awards were presented to Dr. Ernest E. Federici and Dr. William McHugh in honor of each physician’s dedication to gospel values and service to others. Congratulations!
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- **Bequests**: Designated for ministry, St. Anne Villa, retirement or plant funds.
- **Direct Mail Program**: Includes donations solicited via mail requests, 50/50 tickets, and non-ticket gifts.
- **Other Unsolicited Gifts**: Includes memorials, tributes, matching gifts and other gifts.
- **Parish Collections**: Helps support ministries and provide care for the elderly & retired sisters.
- **Special Events**: Includes the Harvest Festival, Spring Lake Luncheon and Golf Outing.
- **Mass Cards**: Includes Masses offered at St. Anne Villa or a private oratory.
- **Window Campaign**: Windows Replacement Project for the Motherhouse.

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**SISTERS OF CHARITY**

**WINDOWS REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Thank you to our many friends who have completed their pledges to the Windows Replacement Project. The new windows have been such a blessing these cold winter days! We still need additional help to reach our Windows goal.

**Thanks for your support!**

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Venerable Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich

Venerable Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich’s message to all people speaks of the importance of our connection to God. Union with God – Father, Son and Spirit – is the ultimate goal for all of us. Union with God is lived out in loving and serving all other people. If all people could make that connection we would indeed have heaven on earth.

The Church has recognized the importance of this message of Venerable Sister Miriam Teresa and will raise her to the ranks of Blessed. The Beatification Ceremony will be held at Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark, N.J., on October 4, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Tickets to the liturgy will be available on a first come first served basis by writing to: The Sister Miriam Teresa League, Invitation Committee, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, N.J. 07961-0476. Please include your name, address and number of tickets requested.

In Memoriam

Please visit “Remember Our Deceased Sisters in Your Prayers” at www.SCNJ.org for reflections on the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth who died between September 1, 2013 and March 1, 2014. May our Sisters enjoy the fruits of their labor as well as peace with their God.

Sister Rosemary Campbell
September 17

Sister Anne Rosalie Gordon
September 24

Sister Therese Anthony Gallihar
October 9

Sister Audrey Boettcher
October 30

Sister Regina Martin Keane
December 25

Sister Mariella James Matthis
January 5

Sister Mary Vincetta Scanlon
February 12
We invite you to partner with us in any of the following ways:

Consider becoming a sister
Contact our Vocations Office
vocations@scnj.org • 973-290-5331

Consider becoming a Seton Associate
These are our lay affiliates who live a life of charity in ministry to others.
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Participate with financial support
Gifts may be designated for Ministry/General Support, Retired/Infirm Sisters or for specific ministries. For more information, please contact the Development Office at 973-290-5409/5454 or srcharity@scnj.org. Online donations may be made through www.SCNJ.org.

Request prayer support
Send a request online by selecting Prayer Requests from our website home page menu.

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SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT ELIZABETH
2014 General Assembly Direction Statement

We, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, at this crossroad in time, choose to move forward together in faith, with courage to change.

Drawn by Christ’s vision of a world that is healed, reconciled and fulfilled, we open ourselves to the God who is Love and who calls us to be channels of this transforming power.

Caritas ... The Mission

In each generation, the Sisters of Charity have found ways to incarnate Charity in our world. Invigorated by our renewed sense of mission, we take up the task anew.

Responding to the needs of our times and to the energizing power of Caritas, we commit ourselves to:

- Deepen our understanding of the Charism of Charity and its power to invigorate our work in carrying out the Mission
- Reflect and dialogue together on our call to live a life of integrated contemplation and action, and on the substantive issues of the times.
Upcoming Events

Spring Lake Luncheon
Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club
Monday, June 9, 2014
With Guest Presenter - Father Leo Patalinghug
Chef and Author of “Grace Before Meals”

7th Annual Golf Outing
Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, N.J.
Monday, June 16, 2014

Spring 50/50 Raffle
Drawing takes place on
Wednesday, April 30, 2014
There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners