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Year of Mercy

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”
(Luke 6:36).

Pope Francis has declared this year an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. As part of the jubilee year tradition, individuals, families and groups have made pilgrimages to holy sites in Jerusalem and to major basilicas in Rome. To encourage more people to participate, Pope Francis has delegated to all bishops the ability to designate their cathedral churches as well as other churches and shrines in their diocese as pilgrimage sites.

Bishop Donald Kettler, of the Diocese of St. Cloud, has named the Franciscan Sisters’ Sacred

Heart Chapel as a pilgrimage site. A “Holy Door” banner hangs over the entrance to the chapel’s gathering space; to the right, is Bishop Kettler’s decree, designating Sacred Heart Chapel as a pilgrimage site.

We welcome visitors (on pilgrimage) to our chapel throughout this Year of Mercy. A special booklet, *A Pilgrim’s Companion*, which includes prayer and reflection, guides you during your visit.

Deanna Boone receives Saint Francis Award

Deanna Boone, director of Community Relations, is the Saint Francis Award recipient for 2015. The nominations described her as “always lending a helping hand even when her own hands are overflowing because she believes it is better to give than receive.” Employed with the Franciscan Sisters since 2005, Deanna said, “I am humbled by this honor because I work with good, hard-working people every day. It is a pleasure to work for and with these Franciscan Sisters and my fellow employees who all share the same values.”

She added, “My wish would be that everyone could be as blessed as I have been to work in an environment where we daily use our talents for the betterment of the sisters and their ministries and where our personal spiritual growth is encouraged and affirmed.”



Deanna Boone and Sister Julien Dirkes

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Our Mission:

We, Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, are a community of women religious whose members are called to live the Gospel joyfully and to reverence the earth and all of God’s creation. In the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare, we embody a life of prayer, simple living and service to those in need. We are committed to nonviolence as we recognize the need for healing in ourselves and in our world. We seek to build communities of peace and justice wherever we are called to serve.

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Mission trip goes far beyond bricks and mortar



Pictured: FCV Rebecca Ferrera, neighbor boy, FCV Kyle Lamb, Cathy Rudolph, Pat Schlauderaff, Tom Rudolph, FCV Ranya Agcaoili, Caroline Linz, Roger Linz, Maribel, Sue Linz, Paul Schlauderaff, Sister Carol Schmit, FCV Isaac Vacheresse and Sister Mary Dumonceaux.

Franciscan Community Volunteers, sponsors and mentors traveled to San Rafael, Mexico, where Sisters Mary Dumonceaux and Pat Forster run the Franciscan Missionary Center, provide support for high school girls from the outlying villages of the parish and reach out to people living in poverty.

The group spent the week immersed in Franciscan spirituality along with building a home, building relationships and building community among one another. “The people of San Rafael opened their doors as well as their hearts to us. We went into their homes for food, devotions and fun. Although only a few people spoke English, communication was easy. It was always from our hearts. To realize poverty at its depth was overwhelming at times, yet the sense of

family and community makes us realize that there is spiritual and community poverty in the United States,” said Pat Schlauderaff, director of the FCV program.

Weier bench installed

Walk to the Franciscan Sisters’ cemetery and notice the new bench on the far right side as you enter the hallowed grounds. The bench is dedicated to *Followers of Francis & Clare*: Father Thomas, Sister Lenore, Sister Camillus, Sister Vianney, Sister Elizabeth and Sister Helen Weier. Of the 12 Weier siblings, six entered religious life.

Sister Vianney Weier said, “Sister Helen [a Poor Clare member who lives in Bloomington] and I are so grateful to our nieces and nephews. The timing of the installation was a wonderful Christmas gift. When the weather is warm, we look forward to sitting there and giving thanks to the sisters who have gone before us and to our family who honored us in such a meaningful way.”



Dear Friends,
 As you receive this issue of *Our Journey*, we may still be deep into winter or see the gradual movement towards spring. Change is the only thing that is constant, in creation and throughout our lifespan. Life often holds seemingly contradictory experiences—tragedy next to extraordinary acts of goodness, aging bodies but deeper personal peace, losses that open us to unexpected newness—all of which invite us to trust and hope. When we keep our heart and spirit open, we learn that each stage in our life invites us to listen for the call of God in this reality, at this time, in these circumstances.

As a community—and as we celebrate our 125th anniversary—we know God’s call very personally as we continue planning for a future when we are smaller and our members are older. As you can see from the timeline running across the bottom of this issue, we have always been involved in change as we adapted to the changing times and needs of the people we served. That is no different now. These days, we are looking at ways to right-size our ministries, buildings and properties, and to assure that we have the wherewithal to care for our sisters into the future. Our goal in doing this planning is to offer greater freedom and flexibility for our sisters to live out our Franciscan mission of witnessing to the Gospel by extending God’s goodness, compassion and love through our presence, prayer and daily action.

As we celebrate this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, we are called to have compassion for *all*—those easily within our reach and those with whom we have great difficulty and even revulsion (think ISIL, Al-Shabaab, Assad, the person who has hurt or betrayed you). May we be guided by the words of Pope Francis:

Jesus’ attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversation. “Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again.” Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God’s face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God’s patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. —*Angelus*, March 17, 2013

As you can see from the range of articles, our Franciscan Community is immersed in the needs of the world as women and men committed to creating loving and healing communities wherever we are. That calls for the energy, creativity and vitality of the young, the old and the many in-between.

This issue lists the many who have supported us throughout the year. We are humbled and deeply grateful for your generosity to us. Thank you for your love and your support. We are glad to be one with you in this great journey!

Peace and love,

Sister Beatrice Eichten Sister Rose Margaret Schneider
Sister Susan Knutson Sister Grace Skwira



Franciscan Leadership — Standing: Assistant Ministers Sisters Grace Skwira, Rose Margaret Schneider and Susan Knutson; seated: Community Minister Sister Beate Eichten.

Conversion of life

This is the second article in a series on the Franciscan values by Sister Elise Saggau



When Third Order Regular Franciscans re-wrote their Rule in 1982, they emphasized four fundamental qualities that characterize their way of life: *conversion, contemplation, poverty* and *minority*. In the last article of this series, we considered minority. This time, we turn our attention to conversion. From time immemorial, the Church has nurtured in its members a penitential character built on the understanding that one is never finished engaging in a radical “turning back towards God.” For Saint Francis, his first real understanding of this came when, as a young worldly man, he met a leper. He later testified:

The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, to begin doing penance in this way: for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body.¹

Thus Francis began to “do penance,” i.e., he began to respond seriously to God’s invitation to turn his life around. He engaged in penitential practices characteristic of his times, even though he tended to overdo things, as he himself admitted later in life. Even today, some of these ancient practices authentically support the Gospel way of life, which calls us to turn away from the values of a materialistic, greedy and, sometimes, cruel society. For example, today’s fascination with Eastern spiritualities leads many to a new appreciation for fasting and simple living. New understandings about health and environmental problems direct us to use the things of the earth sparingly and deny ourselves many legitimate luxuries and conveniences. Violence in our societies leads us to “dis-arm” ourselves, even to the point of refusing to have weapons in our homes or to take on military roles. All of these were penitential practices in Francis’s time.

However, focusing on external practices might miss the point. Penance is more than an experience of changed social attitudes. It must be understood as *metanoia*, i.e., turning one’s life around, going in a different direction. Christian spirituality requires significant engagement with practices that help one become less and less self-centered, self-indulgent and more and more other-centered. According to Bernard Lonergan, conversion is a

. . . radical transformation on which follows, on all levels of living, an interlocked series of changes and developments. What hitherto was unnoticed becomes vivid and present. What had been of no concern becomes a matter of high import. So great a change in one’s apprehensions and one’s values accompanies no less a change in oneself, in one’s relations to other persons, and in one’s relation to God.²

This is the kind of experience to which Saint Francis testifies in his *Testament* when he describes how bitterness was changed to sweetness for him when he embraced lepers.

Clearly Francis’s turning was the beginning of an experience on which followed “an inter-locked series of changes and developments.” Penance is a process rooted in a dynamic relational life. One never arrives at a finish line, but lives *daily* the life of turning, of renewing over and over the fundamental choice to be faithful. This was true for Francis; it is true for us. Contemporary penitents, we search for ways to express in our times what Francis and his followers expressed so well in theirs. Like them, we are invited to a heartfelt effort to live the Gospel every day, to surrender ourselves completely to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, to share in his life, passion, death, and resurrection in such a way that our very lives announce and celebrate God’s mercy in our own time and place.

¹From *The Testament of St. Francis*, 1-3, in *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*, I, ed. Armstrong, Hellmann, Short (New York: New City Press, 1999), 124.

²Bernard Lonergan, “Theology in Its New Context,” quoted in *Conversion: Perspectives on Personal and Social Transformation*, ed. Walter E. Conn (New York: Alba House, 1978), 13.

Altar Bread – a labor of love for 124 years

Deanna V. Boone

At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take this and eat it. This is my body.”

Since 1892, the Franciscan Sisters have baked and distributed altar breads which, once consecrated, become the Body of Christ. A holy ministry.

In those early days, sisters made unleavened wafers for 15 parishes using an altar bread oven that cost \$13.70, under poorly lit and poorly equipped circumstances. As Sister Eustachia (Frances) Walz said, “With God’s help, we accomplished what we were asked to do.”

Working with minimal equipment and in a sparse environment, the sisters mixed the batter with an ordinary kitchen mixer that often burned out because of the thick batter, poured it onto a waffle-like oven, baked, steamed, turned the cutter machine by hand, cut each host one by one and counted each, one by one. They made their own mailing boxes from old posters discarded by local stores; novices cut the cardboard, creased it with a screwdriver and folded the boxes into shape. “Sister Alma Barthel had said of the process, “A little masking tape, some ordinary flour paste and a little wallpaper quickly turns the box into an attractive package for carrying the hosts safely.” They steamed the brittle wafers by boiling water in soup cans and placing them in a box to soften the sheets.



“All of us,” Sister Anne said, “were fortunate to bake for the banquet of the Lord.” The altar bread ministry closed January 1, 2016. After 41 plus years, Sister Anne has only praise for the work. “It has been my privilege to work in this ministry, serving the people of God, including my Franciscan Sisters.”

The process wasn’t without mishaps, especially before the advent of electricity. Sister Esther Thelen was quoted as saying, “When I first started, it looked like I baked ginger breads. I burned so many.”

Providing hosts for the Eucharist was a ministry freely given. Until 1967, hosts were free to those who requested them, although donations were graciously accepted. Sister Anselma Billig, who did bookwork for the department, said, “When we first started making hosts, many of the parishes were very poor. This was

Congregation canonically established, March 1. Convent built and immediately housed Sisters, orphans and elderly.

33 additional orphans accepted for care.

New orphanage built in Little Falls; named St. Otto’s.

1891

1892

1893

1894

1895

St. Gabriel’s Hospital opened in convent building, Little Falls.

Congregation incorporated in State of Minnesota.

our contribution to them.”

Eventually they purchased an electric cutter, a stainless steel steamer and an automatic baker and installed a telephone and fluorescent lights. It wasn't until 1984 that the sisters enjoyed a central cooling system.

During the 1990s, sisters baked approximately 3.5 million altar breads annually, using 1,000 pounds of flour every five to six weeks, and mailed to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The flour, usually Robin Hood and Occident, was purchased from local Little Falls vendors—Schafer's Red Owl, Green's Red Owl, Super Value, IGA, Don's Food Pride and Parker's Food Pride.

“Odd-shaped scraps were brushed with garlic salt or ole or butter, baked at 400 or 500 degrees for a minute until the moisture was gone, then crumbled up, and they were better than potato chips,” Sister Giovanni Becker said in 1973.

The baking ended in 2005 due to the sisters' declining health and the transitioning of staff. However, Sister Anne Furnstahl continued the restructured ministry by purchasing ready-made wafers through the Cavanaugh Company in Rhode Island. For 10 years, she filled orders for 150 parishes, schools, convents, colleges, nursing homes and hospitals.

Sister Anne said, “As we baked and, later, packaged the wafers, we prayed for God's blessing on those who would receive grace as they received Jesus.” She also hosted 1,000 children and adults a year for tours when she reveled in the “excitement of the children watching the process” as part of their religious education.

At Mass, the priest says, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Believers respond, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

Their ministry's motto:
“A Labor of Love.”

- Sister Alma Barthel
- Sister Gertrude Beauvais
- Sister Giovanni Becker
- Sister Anselma Billig
- Sister Adella Blonigen
- Sister Josephine Brake
- Sister Genevieve Burke
- Sister Anne Furnstahl
- Sister Anita Hennek
- Sister Stigmata LePage
- Sister Germaine Michels
- Sister Esther Thelen
- Sister Eustachia (Frances) Walz
- Sister Rachel Zenzen



Sister Adella Blonigen in 1993. She worked in the department for 33 years. “The Eucharist is our life. It is central to our Franciscan life. God with us.”

St. Anthony Hospital established in Rock Island, Illinois.

1899

St. Francis Hospital established in Breckenridge.

1899

St. James Hospital established in Perham.

1902

St. Francis Nursing School opened in Breckenridge.

1908

St. Joseph Hospital and Nursing Home established in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

1914

Franciscan Community welcomed African American sisters

Elizabeth Rydeen

Sister Callista Robinson's parents were from Jackson, Miss. Her mother, though not Catholic, attended a high school run by the Holy Ghost Sisters. From that positive experience, she wanted to raise her children in the Catholic faith, which she did and later converted to Catholicism herself as well.

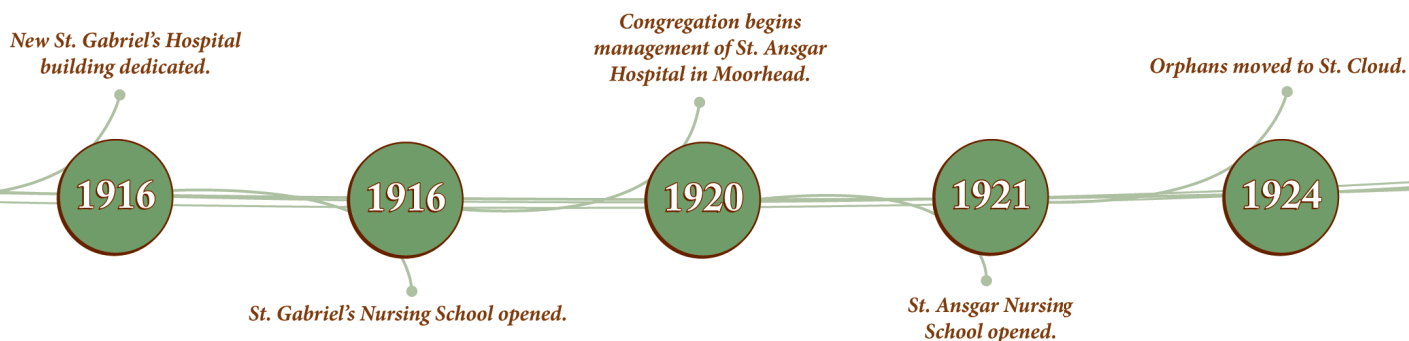
Sister Callista attended Catholic schools in Chicago and found herself drawn to religious life. A local priest wrote to a number of communities saying that he knew several African American young women interested in becoming sisters. The underlying question in 1958: Would they be welcome? History showed that racism and discrimination in religious communities mirrored that of mainstream America, especially during the Civil Rights Era. The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls was one of the communities that received an inquiry. Sister Thomasine, who was the mother superior at the time, made arrangements to meet with the three high school seniors at a vocation gathering in Chicago. It was Sister Thomasine's kindness and sincere concern that inspired the young women to join the convent in Little Falls.

The three were among a class of some 20 postulants who were all making their way in a new culture that was religious life. All their classmates were from rural communities in Minnesota; by contrast, they were from urban Chicago. All postulants were, for the most part, silent during the day, and the brief time during recreation at night, when they could

converse, didn't allow them to really get to know one another. Classmate Sister Susan Knutson said, "We knew that their skin and their hair were different, but we were all new to the convent. We were all treated the same and didn't have any concept of what segregation really meant or what was happening in the South."

Of the three sisters from Chicago, Sister Callista is the only one who remained in religious life. Corinne Comus (Sister Crispin) and Adriean Young (Sister Michaelina), both nurses, left the community in the '70s after Vatican II. All told, the Franciscan Sisters welcomed seven African American women into the community. All but Sister Callista left the convent and moved on to other things.

After first vows, Sister Callista served as a switchboard operator and receptionist for over a decade. She received a bachelor of arts degree and began teaching at Harambee Community School in Milwaukee in 1975. After teaching and serving as principal and administrator at several different schools, as well as obtaining a master's degree along the way, she moved into adult education in 2001. Today she serves as the coordinator of the Brother Booker Ashe Lay Ministry Program and assistant administrator at the Adult Learning Center. Sister Callista is committed to faith formation of African American Catholics and is well known as a role model for the African American community. She chairs the



Black Religious and Clergy of Wisconsin and is a member of the National Black Sisters' Conference currently serving as president.

About race relations and the current climate, Sister Callista has much to say, "Black mothers are training their sons to be careful, to comply. We cannot deny blatant racism." She challenges us to be aware, to be informed of what is happening. "Racism comes when institutions have certain values for one group over another. It's the basis of much of what's going on in our country."

Sister Callista was part of a group of 70 individuals from the Joint Conference, consisting of members from the National Black Sisters' Conference, National Black Clergy Caucus, National Association of Black Catholic Deacons and National Black Catholic Seminarians Association, who were allowed

into Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston after the mass shooting where nine people were killed. She describes the feeling as eerie . . . to look at the pews, visualizing what had happened there. A worship service had been prepared, other spontaneous prayers "just came." As they left the church, she felt those who died were martyrs. "Black people forgive. An example has been set. In spite of anger and injustices, there's a sense of forgiveness that's prevalent in the African American community," Sister Callista said.

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Sister Callista Robinson (front row center) currently ministers to the African American Catholic community in Milwaukee. Photo: 1950, courtesy of the Franciscan Sisters Archives.

Sisters begin management of Marquette University Hospital, Milwaukee.

1924

St. Francis High School opened in convent building.

1925

St. Otto's Orphanage building becomes St. Otto's Home for the Aged.

1926

St. Ansgar Nursing Home established in Moorhead.

1928

Sisters' headdress simplified.

1930

Home visits key to Franciscan Sister's approach to Latino ministry

Kristi Anderson, *The Visitor*

Franciscan Sister Aurora Tovar is a long way from her home parish of San Rafael in the Diocese of Linares, Mexico, where she worked as a lay leader and catechist and where she first met the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls. But the ministry she does here in Minnesota is very much the same.

In 2003, the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls established a presence in the villages of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, a very poor and rural area stretching across a vast expanse. They founded the Franciscan Missionary Center to train lay leaders to help with pastoral ministry. As part of their outreach, the sisters visited homes of the local people and Aurora went with them.

“When I accompanied the sisters visiting the families at the different villages, I observed their work and commitment to the most needy of God’s love, like St. Francis of Assisi,” she said. “The Franciscan sisters listened and became part of their family life. They sat at the table with the families to listen and share about their life experiences.”

These encounters helped develop Aurora’s call to consecrated life, inspiring her to enter the Franciscan sisters’ novitiate in 2008 and make her first profession in 2010. “St. Francis taught that evangelization was not just to teach about the theology of our faith,” she

said. “He went out and asked the people about their well-being, looking to establish a relationship with the people through words or just a friendly smile.”

Sister Aurora used this philosophy and her background as a catechist and psychologist to develop a Hispanic outreach program called “Families Count,” or “Las Familias Cuentan,” that she is implementing in Latino communities in Melrose, Long Prairie and Pelican Rapids.

“I am able to share their bread, pray together and listen to them,” she said. “It gives me the possibility to see the family dynamics that help me to understand them much better in their new context and

experiences. All families are gifted and talented. Our Latino families are very strong and faithful families.”

The program has three components: prayer, formation and action. Each session begins with prayer and moves to topics that help attendees recognize what it means to be a family, what their roles are in the family and how to communicate with each other and as a part of a community of faith. “I get to know who the Latino families are,” Sister Aurora said. “And, personally, it helps me to contemplate God in all the gifts that he gives to all of us. I learn to be in solidarity with them from their own realities. What I have learned from this experience is to see how families are

... we could all just breathe a little easier with the complement she brought to the ongoing efforts we priests seek to provide.

– Father Mitchell Bechtold

New building for St. Francis High School opened.

1931

1931

Sisters begin management of St. Anthony Hospital, Milwaukee.

St. John's Catechetical School established in Foley.

1933

Nursing School in Moorhead closed.

1934

St. Henry Catechetical School established in Foley.

1937



Sister Aurora, far left, with the Martinez family from Pelican Rapids. “We need to continue praying together in solidarity for each other and opening spaces for sharing our ministerial experiences.”

looking for ways to continue growing in their faith and spiritual life.”

Mayuli Bales, director of Multicultural Ministries for the Diocese of St. Cloud, is excited about the program Sister Aurora has created and supports her work in Hispanic ministry.

“The domestic church is the family,” Bales said. “We see the strong need of a family pastoral approach to ministry in all of our communities. We have a belief that if we can nurture all of our nuclear families, it is going to be easier to build their faith education and call them to take responsibility for their own well-being. We have the capacity to do this using the talents and gifts of Sister Aurora.”

Father Mitchell Bechtold, parochial vicar of

the Melrose area parishes, also recognizes the impact of Sister Aurora’s efforts. “Having Hermana [Sister] Aurora here in Melrose hearkened back to that era when Melrose enjoyed the benefits of having religious sisters in residence with them through their everyday experiences,” he said. “Her faithful efforts were met with the generous hospitality of the Hispanic community.”

“Hermana’s efforts sought to provide parents with wholesome resources, counsel and encouragement needed to help them live into their vocational roles as Catholic parents and spouses. The Catholic Church has long identified the home as the domestic church. It’s no small responsibility to be at the head of such a household,” he said.

Sister Aurora’s positive voice of encouragement, her gentle demeanor, yet confident approach to the faith, from the voice of a female religious, is the “necessary complement to the priestly support the communities receive. . . . She was as a left lung to our Melrose body: we could all just breathe a little easier with the complement she brought to the ongoing efforts we priests seek to provide.”

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St. Anthony Catechetical School established in Browns Valley and Holy Trinity Catechetical School in Royalton.

Our Lady of Victory Catechetical School established in Fergus Falls.

Sacred Heart Catechetical School established in Flensburg.

1938

1939

1939

1941

1941

St. Andrew Catechetical School established in Elk River.

St. Mary’s Hospital established in Wahpeton, N.D.

Patient No. 52 remembered

Sister Cordy Korkowski, director of Donor Relations

The New Year, 2016, ushered in an exciting time for the Franciscan Sisters. Planning committees have met for over a year to unfold the celebration of our 125 years. Our hearts are filled with joy in reflecting how the Gospel has been our focus over these many decades. The spirit of our founder Saint Francis has truly taken root in our lives. You, as our readers, donors and friends, are an integral part of these precious years.

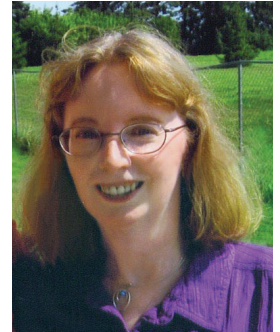
As I reflected on the 125-year history of the Franciscan Sisters, I remembered a conversation I had with Ann Sand from St. Joseph, Minn., this past year. I had contacted her to thank her for her faithful gifts, wondering what prompted her to select the Franciscan Sisters for her charitable donations. Her response unfolded an intriguing story.

In studying her family history, Ann discovered that her great grandfather's sister, Theresia Sand, was cared for by the Franciscan Sisters for the last two years of her life, dating back to 1902. Born March 23, 1868, Theresia was the sixth child of Paul and Katharina Sand. When she was about 10 or 11, she fell off a barn roof on their family farm and suffered a brain injury. She lived with her father until he died in 1900. Struggling to care for their sister, Theresia's siblings contacted the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls in 1902 and asked if they would take her in. She was listed as the 52nd patient since the hospital opened its doors in 1891. A written note recorded that the sisters would receive \$400 for life care. She lived

at St. Gabriel's Hospital for two years, dying of typhoid February 9, 1904. Relatives were notified, but as nothing was heard from them, the Franciscan Sisters helped prepare for her final service. The Little Falls Transcript recorded that "The funeral of Miss T. Sand, who died on Tuesday, was held from the convent chapel and the remains were laid to rest in the German Catholic cemetery."

Ann said that when she discovered Theresia's story, she felt bad that no family member was with her for her funeral. She said, "Donating every year to the Franciscan Sisters allows me to give more meaning to her life. My gifts keep Theresia's memory alive." Ann is grateful for the Franciscan Sisters who, in 1902, stretched out in compassion to care for Theresia. This story surely relates back to our early beginnings and speaks to the valor, dedication and deep commitment of our pioneer sisters.

For Ann Sand and all donors, our thanks is overflowing and our gratitude runs deep. When we Franciscan Sisters review all the generous donations received in the last year, there are no words to truly express our sincere, heartfelt appreciation.



Ann Sand is grateful for the care and compassion extended to her great, great aunt Theresia Sand.

Sisters staff St. Mary's Elementary School in Morris.

1943

New St. Francis Convent, Sacred Heart Chapel, and addition to St. Francis High School opened.

Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Alexandria dedicated.

1944

Sisters begin service at the Bishop's Residence in St. Cloud.

St. Nicholas Elementary School established in St. Nicholas.

1945

1947



Mayor Signs Proclamation

Franciscan Sisters gathered to witness Mayor Greg Zylka sign the proclamation declaring the start of the sisters' 125th anniversary on March 1. The document tells the story of their work in health care, education, caring for the environment, pastoral and spiritual ministries, and their commitment to serving Little Falls and its people.

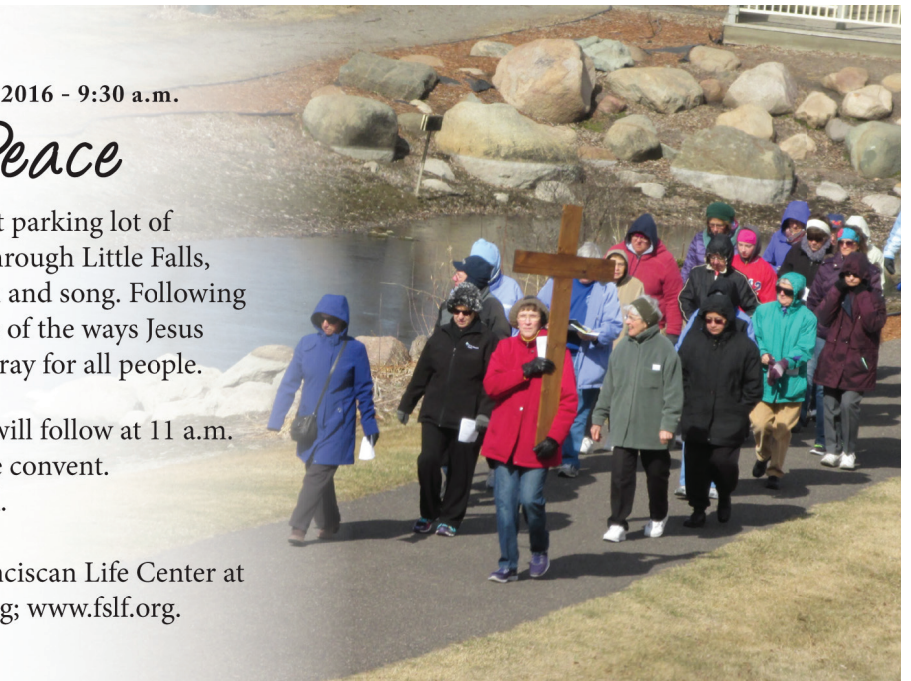
Putting into print 125 years of history in one document underscores the many needs addressed by the 455 living and deceased sisters.

Good Friday March 25, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. Silent Walk for Peace

The walk begins with prayer in the west parking lot of St. Francis Center and then proceeds through Little Falls, stopping at various places for reflection and song. Following the cross is a graphic reminder of some of the ways Jesus still suffers today and the necessity to pray for all people.

Outdoor/Indoor Stations of the Cross will follow at 11 a.m.
Outdoors: gather on the east side of the convent.
Indoors: gather in Sacred Heart Chapel.

For more information, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320)632-0668 or franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.



Sisters take management of St. Raphael Hospital in Parkers Prairie.

1949

St. Joseph Elementary School established in Waite Park.

1949

1949

Congregation sponsors Polish refugees.

St. Michael Hospital established in Sauk Centre.

1950

1950

House on Summit Avenue in St. Paul purchased as House of Studies.

From the Office of Development: Thank you!

Franciscans celebrate! I suspect no one would debate that fact. The Sisters celebrate and give thanks at every turn. In all things, be grateful—and they are, especially visible at Christmas when the donor lists on the prayer board grow long and the ornaments fill the chapel trees.

You may remember the photo on this year's Christmas Appeal with Sister Anne Furnstahl ringing the bells. There's a cute story about how the bells came to be part of the tradition—which is clearly another reason to celebrate human creativity.

Sister Joel Bieniek was at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud for a celebration and, during this event, a tree of bells was part of the procession. She really enjoyed the sound and the look. For her Golden Jubilee, she wanted to celebrate with bells, too, so she asked carpenters Tony Wozniak and Tom Solitras to make a bell tree from a mop stick and bells from the missions.

That bell tree has now been used for 27 years for Mass celebrations.

Bells are the perfect metaphor for our singing praise for your gifts so generously given. For these gifts and for your relationship with us, we thank you and remember you each day in prayer.

Blessings,

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Not just another mission trip

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Last November, I traveled with six others to a small community in Haiti called Yvon. This “mission trip” could have been simply another visit to an impoverished country, but it became a life-changing experience. I’ve been to other countries touched by extreme poverty, and I’ve experienced dire poverty much closer to home. A couple things were different this time.

For one, our emphasis was on establishing a partnership with the people of Yvon. This meant that we would stand in relationship with them, listen to them, pray with/for them, and respond to their needs. For us, it also meant continuing to foster this relationship.

The second thing I realized is how totally dependent we were on our Haitian friends. Without them, we could not have met our most basic needs—we depended on them for food and water. They provided bedding, fixed our sandals and carried our luggage. They cared for us with so much kindness, at times it felt like they were evangelizing us—and in a profound spiritual sense, they were.



“When we walk for a time in the world of the marginalized, we begin to see things more clearly—we begin to see reality as it is experienced by the majority of people on our planet.”

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Scholarships winners announced

Based on teacher recommendations and auditions, five exceptional students at St. Francis Music Center were awarded the Sister Judine Cassidy Scholarship. Pictured from left: Bobbi French (instructor), Victoria Gottwalt, Bailey Lochner, Sarah Leisenheimer and Valerie Tenold in the front. (Not pictured: Bailey Stalmer.) The Sister Judine Cassidy Scholarship is one of five scholarships awarded each year to qualified students.

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Franciscan spirituality program studies Incarnation, moves on to the Trinity

The first cohort in the Engaging Franciscan Spirituality program continues to meet each month. They have completed the sections on the Incarnation and are now learning about the Franciscan perspective on the Trinity.

Front row: Sister Rose Mae Rausch, Kathy Pflueger, Debora Galvez, Sister Elise Saggau; Second row: Lori Johnson, Sister Michelle L'Allier, Sandy Scholz, Brianda Cediell; Third Row: Maureen Spanier, Geri Dietz, JoAnn Dahl, Wendy Parks, Rita Feddema; Fourth Row: Pat Schlauderaff, Garry Dahl; Fifth row: Paul Schlauderaff, Rick Dietz, Sister Gloria Haider, Nancy McCoy.

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Gift Planning	299,369.71
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Total	\$1,005,571.66

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I ministered with Sister Ann Sherman on a Native American reservation. Sister Ann and I became friends, and she inspired me to join the Catholic faith. We also knew Sister Juanita Mauer, who is godmother to our son. Both sisters loved their ministry. We will always remember the Franciscan Sisters.

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Sister Donna donates 100th pint

As a child, Sister Donna Ebner remembers her parents giving blood and thought she could follow in their footsteps. She gave her first blood donation on October 17, 1966. And here she is 49 years later giving her 100th pint. She's kept track by the cards the Red Cross gives noting the date and the donor's blood pressure. Each donation helps three people. So, over the years, her blood has helped 300 people. Thank you, Sister Donna!



Laudato Si' & Earth Bingo

B	I	N	G	O
Animals	Animals	Care	Clean	Earth
Energy	Environment	Fuel	Global Warming	Habitat
Home	Litter	Free Space	Ocean	Oxygen
People	Plants	Preserve	Protect	Recycle
Reduce	Resource	Reuse	Soil	Water

The full game can be downloaded from www.fslf.org.

Sister Ade Kroll asks: “What is Pope Francis asking us to do in his *Laudato Si'*? How are we challenging ourselves to care for our home, Planet Earth?”

An enthusiastic soul with a highly creative spirit, Sister Ade has a long, loving relationship with nature and all of God's creatures. The pope's encyclical spoke directly to her heart, so she created this educational tool to help people find their own Earth Actions. Oftentimes we enjoy learning, yet sometimes we don't follow through with an honest-to-goodness action from what we learn. Let's play Earth Bingo to take the next step.

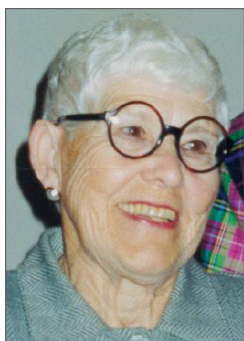
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In loving memory



Franciscan Associate Rita Kovar, 93, passed away September 21, 2015. A Franciscan Associate for 13 years, she was also a wife and mother and grandmother to 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She loved volunteering and serving in the name of Jesus. She cared for her parents and later volunteered at the Little Sisters of the Poor Cancer Home. Rita was well known for providing the sick and homebound with solace and comfort. In addition, she loved the spiritual companionship of the Franciscan Sisters who gave her great support.

Franciscan Sisters Celebrate 125th Anniversary

Since 1891, the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, have stayed true to Gospel living, serving those on the margins and respecting all of creation. In this 125th year since their founding, they are committed to remaining true to their roots.

This quasiquintennial year opened March 1, corresponding to the community's actual founding day, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Donald Kettler.

"We want to keep things simple, in like fashion with how we live and minister," said Sister Bea Eichten, community minister. "So, we are incorporating this milestone anniversary into everything that we typically do: donor events, St. Francis Music Center concerts, Franciscan Associate commitment service, Jubilees, food fundraisers, reunions and Green Fair Folk Festival."

In addition, "We have planned several events to truly celebrate our lives as a Franciscan Community and to which we invite the public to join us," she added.

Social ministry teams will gather on Sunday, April 10, to celebrate their work and to learn from others in the field; the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud is hosting *Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas!* from April 30-May 2, with donations going to the Franciscan Sisters; St. Francis Convent will host an open house on Saturday, July 9, with musicians from St. Francis Music Center, indoor and outdoor tours of the convent and campus grounds, displays and videos which tell the stories of 125 years; and a liturgical performance by renowned musicians David Haas, Marty Haugen and Michael Joncas on Friday, September 30.

Sister Bea said, "As we so often sing, 'All Are Welcome in This Place,' we invite others to join us during this joyous year."

Key events in 2016

April 10

Social Justice Event
1-4 p.m.

April 30-May 2

"Late Nite Catechism"
Paramount Theatre, St. Cloud

July 9

FSLF Open House: tours,
music, displays, hospitality
1-4 p.m.

September 30

Concert: 7 p.m.
Michael Joncas, David Haas and
Marty Haugen
\$25/person.

October 4

Feast of St. Francis Mass

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