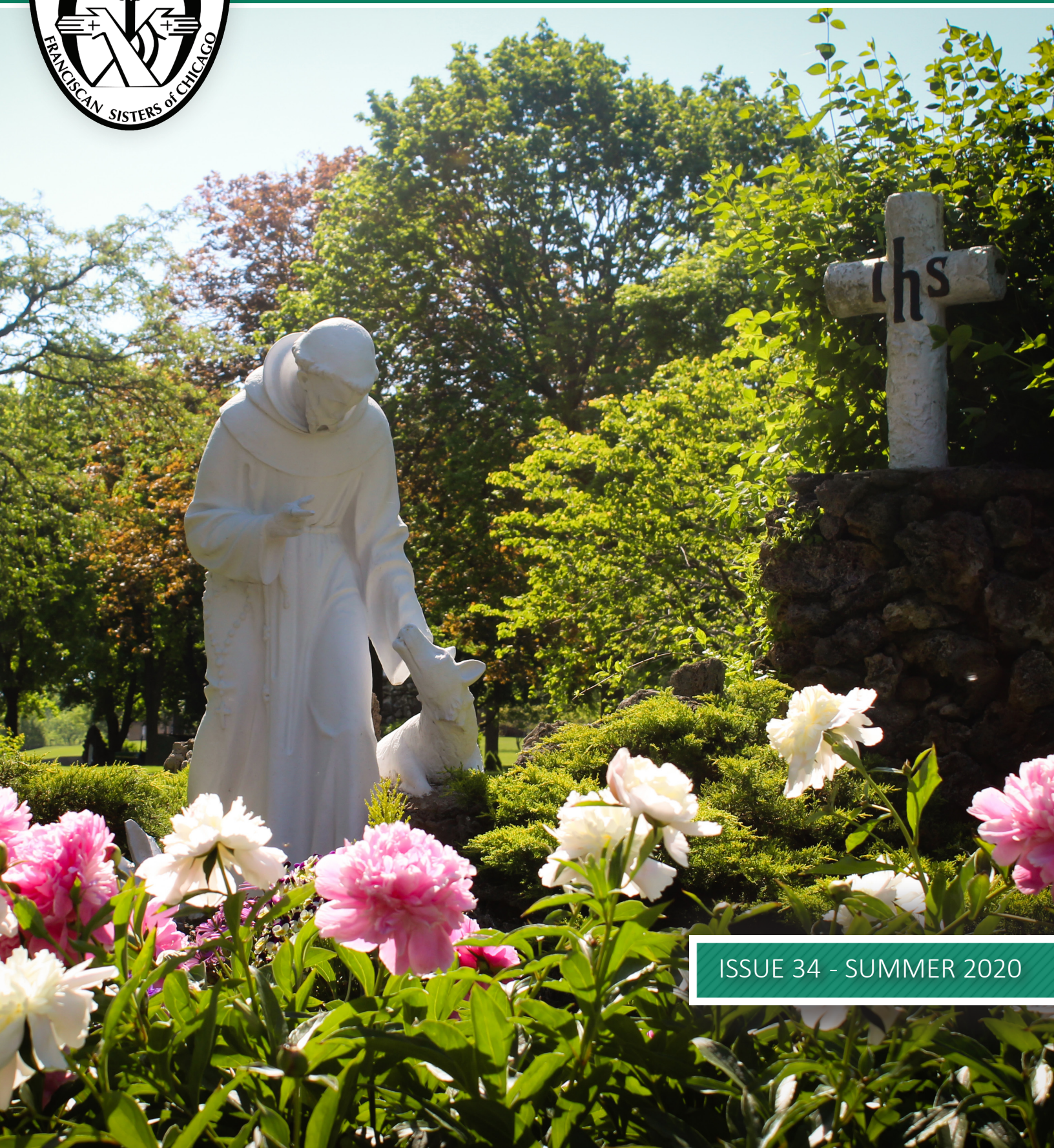




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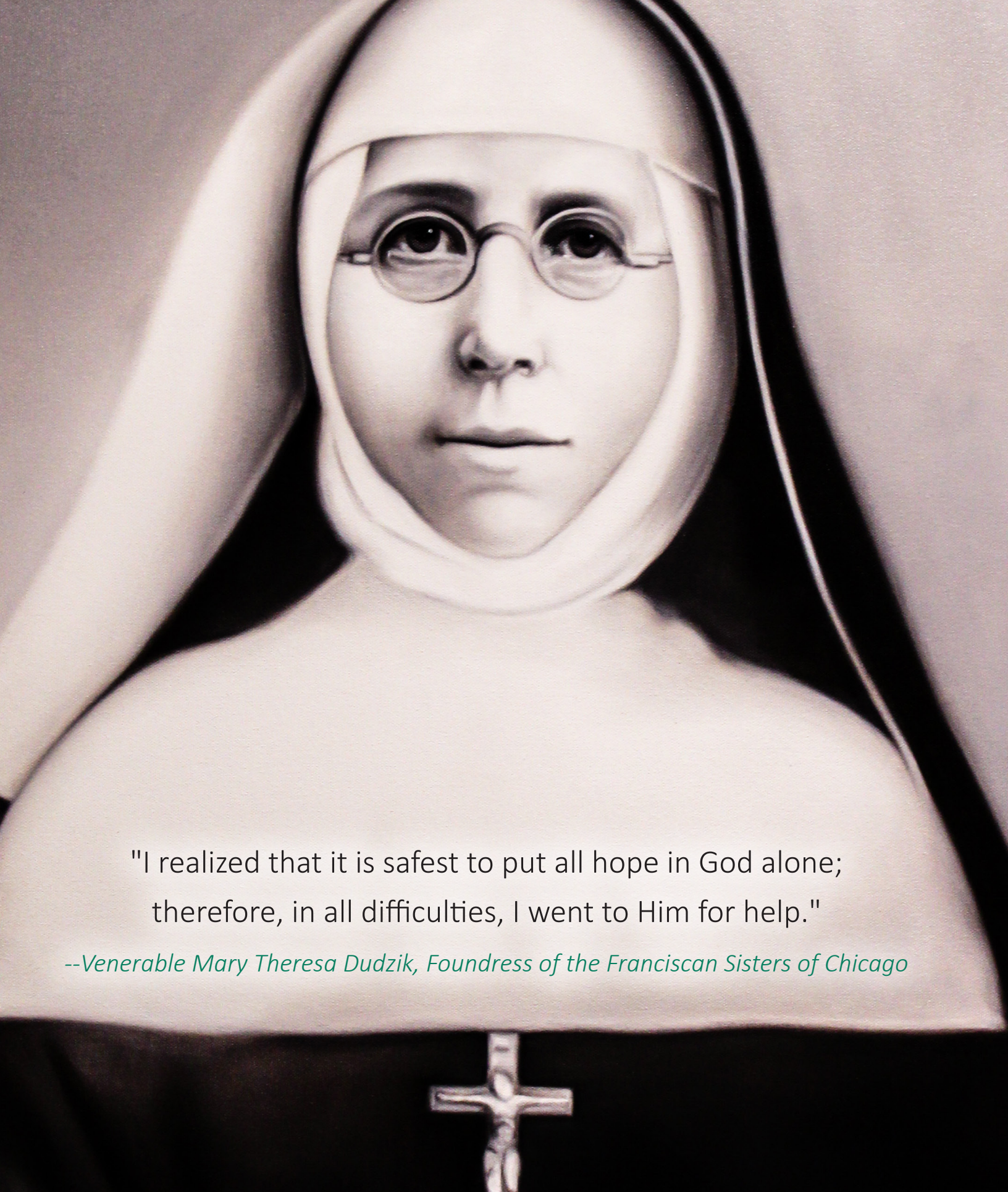
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"I realized that it is safest to put all hope in God alone;  
therefore, in all difficulties, I went to Him for help."

*--Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik, Foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago*



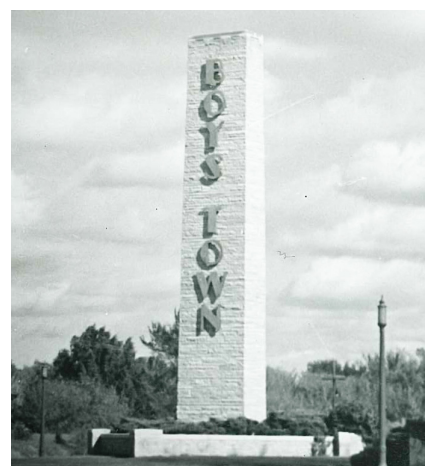


# THE SISTERS AT BOYS TOWN



*Father Edward J. Flanagan*

One of the longest ministries the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago served was at Boys Town, Nebraska. Established in 1917 by the famous Father Edward Flanagan, Boys Town was a home and school for neglected and underprivileged boys. Over the years Boys Town grew into an enormous charitable community that helped thousands of young men (and later young women and families as well). The community became even more famous in the 1938 movie, *Boys Town*, which starred actors Mickey Rooney and Spencer Tracy (who won an Oscar for his portrayal of Father Flanagan).



*The famous Boys Town sign*

In 1940, Father Flanagan wrote to Mother M. Antonina Osinski (General Superior of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago) requesting Sisters to help work in the Domestic Department at Boys Town, Nebraska. After meeting with Father Flanagan and seeing all the good work Boys Town was doing for the young men, Mother M. Antonina decided to join the ministry at Boys Town and supply Sisters to work there. The Sisters initially staffed the dining room, kitchen, laundry, sewing and housekeeping departments. As the population grew, they moved from domestic work to office work and were involved in bookkeeping, payroll, and running the business office. Later the Sisters were called upon to serve in teaching positions and infirmary and nursing work. Over the years, nearly 75 Sisters would serve at Boys Town between 1940 and 1976. When the Sisters finally left in 1976, the Dowd Memorial Chapel Bulletin wrote a beautiful tribute to them and their indispensable contributions: "They were the heart and soul of the Boys Town community."

One young girl, whose father worked at Boys Town in the 1940's, was so inspired by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, she later joined their community. Sister Kathleen Melia entered religious life in 1956 and has been a Franciscan Sister of Chicago for 64 years. For this issue of Crossroads, Sister Kathleen has written a wonderful piece on her life as a child at Boys Town.



# I WAS A GIRL IN BOYS TOWN

by Sister Kathleen Melia, OSF



*Sister Kathleen Melia*

Three colors come to mind when I think of my days as a child in the famous Boys Town, Nebraska: white, green, and brown, or more accurately, khaki. Pure white was the snow that visited us so often in fall, winter, and spring and rose in towering drifts as snowplows moved it off roads and sidewalks. Green was the vast expanse of grass just beyond the little apartment building where we lived. Khaki was the color of my Dad's crispy-ironed uniform he wore to work every day as the chief engineer of Boys Town.

My mother, father, little brother, and I took up residency in Boys Town in 1941. The one-story apartment building housed several families who had ties with Boys Town one way or another. We children of employees had a school of our own and regardless of our ages, we were all in one room with one teacher: Sister Mary Agnes Zywiec. She was a master at giving us all age-appropriate lessons while making each of us feel very special and loved.

Our school was in a then deserted post office building and had an area in the back which was cordoned off by a flimsy set of sheets. Pulling the sheets back, I quickly discovered the absolutely beautiful train set and tracks that apparently were just stored there. So, if Kathleen went missing, she was probably pulling the shiny cars along the long rows of tracks.

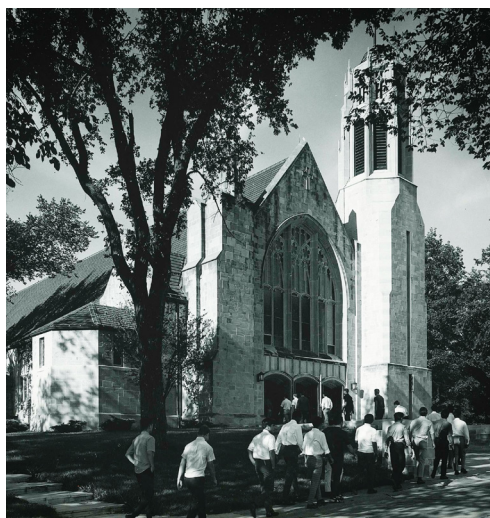
Sister Agnes was one of the many Franciscan Sisters of Chicago who worked at Boys Town. They worked in the dormitories of the grade school boys, in the infirmary, in the kitchen, and in the chapel. They worked in billing and payroll. Their convent was about a block from where we lived and so we children would stroll over to visit them when they sat outside for their recreation. Not one ever shooed us away. I also would stand on the sidewalk just outside their chapel and listen to them pray and sing.

It seemed to me that the Sisters lived a very happy life of prayer, service, and fun. Some drove cars even as their wide veils seemed to be a valid hindrance. Sr. Electa Rytel and Sr. Simon Glowacki would put on roller skates and zoom down the very smooth sidewalk just outside their convent. It occurred to me that someday I might follow Sr. Agnes into the convent.



*Some of the Sisters that worked at Boys Town pose for a photograph. (From left) Sr. M. Placidia Rzonca, Sr. M. Simon Glowacki, Sr. M. Electa Rytel, Sr. M. Fidelia Armatys, and (kneeling) Sr. M. Genevieve Swiatowiec. (Row 2) Sr. M. Agnes Zywiec, Sr. M. Leontia Swiech, and Sr. M. Gracianna Fibich.*





*Dowd Memorial Chapel at Boys Town*

My Mom and Dad were very religious and set a wonderful example for my brother and me. Mass on Sunday morning was quite an experience with the famed Boys Town choir filling the large Dowd Memorial Chapel with the sound of a hundred melodious angels. I remember feeling the pews vibrate from the boys' beautiful voices. People came from all over to attend Mass at Boys Town.

### **Rescued by Father Flanagan: The Takahashi Family**

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States vented some of its anger and paranoia on Japanese-Americans by uprooting them from their homes and jobs and placing them in confinement amid dismal squalor.

Father Flanagan was asked by another priest to rescue Toshio Takahashi, his wife, and their children living in an internment camp in California and possibly give Mr. Takahashi a job at Boys Town. The Takahashi family eventually moved in just down the street from us and the children and I became classmates and best friends.

Mr. Takahashi was a skilled landscaper and gardener and there was plenty for him to do in Boys Town because of the many different kinds of trees, acres of grass, fields of alfalfa, gardens, bushes, and all kinds of shrubbery. But I remember best Mr. Takahashi's large personal garden of gladiolas which he planted just outside his house. His gladiolas were a gorgeous splash of color and he beamed with pride when my family, or anyone, would come to see his flowers.



*Pictured above are Sister Kathleen Melia, Sister M. Agnes Zywiec, and Winkie Takahashi at a 1991 reunion of the children of Boys Town employees. The reunion was held at Boys Town itself and was attended by seven former students of Sr. Agnes.*

I am still very much in touch with the Takahashis' oldest daughter, Marilyn, who lives with her husband in California. Marilyn, who had the endearing nickname "Winkie," was a couple of grades ahead of me in the same classroom with Sr. Agnes. She is one of the most talented women on the planet and I'm proud to have her as a friend for 75 years and counting.

### **Father Flanagan, A Man who Helped Boys Become Men**

Boys Town, Nebraska, was founded by Father Edward Joseph Flanagan in 1917. Father's dream was to give boys a second chance at life. At the time my family lived there, Boys Town was home to about 1,000 boys of grade school and high school ages. One well-known story encapsulates the mission of Boys Town. A boy was carrying his little brother on his back as they made their way up the long driveway to find Father Flanagan. When Father



saw them, he remarked how tired the older boy must be and how he was sweating in the Nebraska heat. But the boy said, "He ain't heavy, Father, he's my brother."

Father Flanagan was a frequent visitor to our little classroom and I remember the Christmas gifts he would personally deliver to Sr. Agnes and her students. Though we didn't really appreciate the magnitude of this priest's life, we knew he was someone important and admired.

Father Flanagan hired my Dad to be the chief engineer of Boys Town. Every day, my Dad would don his khakis and wade into the tasks of the day which could range from stopping a leaky faucet, to making sure the water tower was operating properly, to putting out a fire, to rounding up a cow that had wandered off the Boys Town farm. My Dad was so proud when Fr. Flanagan would call him by his first name, Earl, and ask him to drive him to Omaha for something. Who would guess that we all were in the presence of someone who is now up for sainthood?

One day, in 1948, the terrible news reached Boys Town that Fr. Flanagan had suffered a heart attack while visiting Berlin, Germany, and did not survive. I was standing outside with my parents days later when Father's body was brought in a black hearse to the Chapel. The boys lined the long driveway and were openly weeping. Then everything became so still. The only sound was the low groan of the hearse as it moved slowly past us.



*Fr. Edward J. Flanagan poses with the school children of Boys Town's employees at a Christmas party. Marilyn Takahashi is at Father's left, partly obscured. Kathleen Melia is in the center holding a Christmas gift (circa 1946).*



*Pictured above are Sister Kathleen with her parents, Earl and May, on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee.*

With the passing of Fr. Flanagan, my father started looking for another job. He started up his own plant that made insulation for houses and it meant that we would be leaving not only Boys Town, but Nebraska as well. We moved to Pueblo, Colorado, where I was happy to begin the fifth grade in a "normal" school setting. I was 10 years old in 1949. The Sisters of Loretto were my teachers in grade school in Pueblo and I had the Sisters of Charity in high school. But I never forgot the wonderful Franciscans of Boys Town.

Father Edward J. Flanagan is interred in the Dowd Memorial Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Boys Town, Nebraska. At this site in 2012, he was given the title "Servant of God," the first of three titles bestowed before canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church.



## More Snippets of Life at Boys Town – years 1941 to 1949

When my Dad mashed his big toe at work, I remember Sr. Innocentia coming over to our apartment with steaks and salads. She didn't come in, just handed the food to my Mom and said she hoped it would help our family out while my Dad mended. I did not know her as Sr. Innocentia because everyone called her Sister Superior.

My Dad told me about how he helped Sr. Anthanasia in the kitchen open up hundreds of canned tomatoes after the boys sealed their paring knives into the jars and then dutifully placed them on the shelves.

One day, my Dad had to move some lockers in a dormitory and out fell dozens of empty wallets. When boys got permission, or even if they didn't, they would visit Omaha and some were apparently very good at picking pockets.



*A group of Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and Father Flanagan pose in front of a Christmas tree at Boys Town (early 1940's).*



*Franciscan Circle is a street in Boys Town, Nebraska, named after the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.*

Sr. Bertille was Fr. Flanagan's personal cook and caretaker of his residence. She seemed perfect for the job as she occasionally granted tours of Father's home to us children accompanied by our teacher, Sr. Agnes.

One word that was used a lot in Boys Town was AWOL. Billy went AWOL. Tom is AWOL. He's being punished because he went AWOL. I may not have known exactly what AWOL stood for, but I did understand that a boy had gone off the property and was AWAY WITHOUT LEAVE.

I still can picture little Sr. Electa getting up on a stool to yell at a very tall red-faced high school boy who was goofing off in the theater where a movie was about to be shown.

Babe Ruth, Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, and other celebrities visited Boys Town but the boys were the object of their visit and we were just distant onlookers.

One day, a classmate and I were invited into the convent by a Sister who was outside washing windows. We were so thrilled to see the Sisters' dining room and chapel. An extra surprise was a cage in one of the parlors where two yellow canaries sang their little hearts out. We couldn't wait to tell our friends at school that we got to see the inside of the Sisters' convent.



My mother and I visited the Dowd Memorial Chapel one day in the afternoon, and a lone Sister was praying with her arms outstretched. I was in awe. She looked like an angel. I learned much later in life that she was saying her “cross prayers” after she finished the Stations of the Cross.

Sometimes the boys threw rocks at the big street lights in Boys Town, easily shattering them. My Dad had enough of that and designed an unbreakable street lamp that he eventually got a patent for and the broken lamp problem in Boys Town was solved. His lamps were also purchased by other cities for their streets and bridges. Individual homeowners bought the smaller-sized lamps for their yards or to affix to their porches. When I got older, I soldered the iron rings together that fit at the top and bottom of the light. We sold hundreds of these street lights before new technology took over.

In conclusion, my memories of Boys Town are mostly pleasant but I somehow knew this idyllic “city of little men” was a place I was just passing through, like the boys who lived there. My real world started when we moved to Colorado into our own home, and my new school was everything I dreamed a school should be.

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## A LIST OF FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHICAGO WHO SERVED AT BOYS TOWN, NEBRASKA, 1940 - 1976

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Sister M. Albertine Schab  
Sister M. Ambrose Tworek  
Sister M. Andrea Puchalski  
Sister M. Angelica Siedl  
Sister Ann Rose Mroz  
Sister M. Aquinas Rogosinski  
Sister M. Antoniana Stanczak  
Sister M. Arsenia Krolkowski  
Sister M. Athanasia Murzyn  
Sister M. Bernardine Ostrega  
Sister M. Bertille Geffert  
Sister M. Bogumila Swiech  
Sister M. Bronisia Kapusnik  
Sister M. Callista Gach  
Sister M. Canisia Niemiec  
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Sister M. Carol Rychlicki  
Sister M. Celine Madaj  
Sister M. Chester Dziarnowski  
Sister M. Clarissa Kolupka  
Sister M. DeChantal Mazuryk  
Sister M. Delphine Brzozowski  
Sister M. Doloretta Radzienda

Sister M. Donald Urban  
Sister M. Electa Rytel  
Sister M. Epiphany Gorski  
Sister M. Equitia Nawracaj  
Sister M. Ernesta Blazonczyk  
Sister M. Eugenia Detlaf  
Sister M. Febronia Morzuch  
Sister M. Felixa Jorz  
Sister M. Fidelia Armatys  
Sister Frances Szczur  
Sister M. Georgeann Kinel  
Sister M. Genevieve Swiatowiec  
Sister M. Gonzaga Raniszewski  
Sister M. Graciana Fibich  
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Sister M. Leonilla Stogowski  
Sister M. Leontia Swiech  
Sister M. Martha Bywalec

Sister Martha Joan Sempolski  
Sister Marianne Kaplan  
Sister M. Nepomucene Kulesza  
Sister M. Norbert Haas  
Sister M. Olga Kulik  
Sister M. Olivia Pacek  
Sister M. Paschaline Dudek  
Sister M. Paul Kirschbaum  
Sister M. Placidia Rzonca  
Sister M. Praesentia Grzybowski  
Sister M. Pulcheria Mikolajczyk  
Sister M. Raphael Bogalecka  
Sister M. Redempta Demski  
Sister M. Richard Duszynski  
Sister M. Rosaria Frodyma  
Sister M. Sebastia Podraza  
Sister M. Simon Glowacki  
Sister M. Simplicita Mruczkowski  
Sister M. Susanna Pietrzycki  
Sister M. Theophane Rakowski  
Sister M. Theresilla Ignaczak  
Sister M. Theresine Wojciechowicz  
Sister M. Virginia Minta



# THE HISTORY OF MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK'S SAINTLY CAUSE



*Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik*

Since the 10th Century, the Catholic Church has felt that its duty is to search and find “wonderful workers of God,” individuals referred to as saints. The Vatican defines a saint as a person who lived a virtuous life, offered their life for others, and who is worthy of imitation or was martyred for his or her faith. In order for the individual to be named a saint, they must be canonized. Canonization is a declaration by the Pope that the virtuous individual is in heaven and can receive the full honors of the Catholic Church and the official title of “Saint.”

Canonization is quite a long, complicated and arduous process. First, the individual’s life is examined and documented by the local Church authorities. Time is needed to examine the individual’s life, writings, and accomplishments. During this time, the local archdiocese declares the individual a “Servant of God” as the individual’s “cause” (the process of beatification

and canonization) is thoroughly examined. When this report is completed, it is presented to the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in the Vatican. If the person is determined to have lived a virtuous heroic life, then the person is declared “Venerable.” If the individual is not a martyr, then miracles that happened as a result of praying to the individual (intercessions) must be reviewed and investigated. If these miracles are accepted, then the individual’s status is raised to “Blessed.” To elevate to the level of “Saint,” one more miracle must happen and be confirmed, and then canonization is declared.

Since the early years of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, efforts have been made to elevate foundress Mother M. Theresa Dudzik to sainthood. The cause for her beatification and canonization is still actively being pursued. The Sisters hope and pray that Venerable Mary Theresa will be recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church and serve as a model for all Christians. Many thanks to Sister Anne Marie Knawa, whose book, *As God Shall Ordain* (a history of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago) served as a source and guide for this article and also thanks to Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie whose presentations on Mother M. Theresa’s cause also served as very valuable sources of information.



*This painting of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik is hanging at the headquarters of Franciscan Ministries in Lemont, IL.*



# HISTORY OF THE CAUSE



*An early photo of Josephine Dudzik.*

**(1860 – 1918)** Mother M. Theresa was born Josephine Dudzik on August 30, 1860, in the village of Płocicz in western Poland. The Dudzik family immigrated to America in 1881 and settled in Chicago on the northwest side in the vicinity of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. After an economic downturn in Chicago in 1893, Josephine observed the horrible conditions of the aged, poor and orphaned in her neighborhood and was inspired to help them. She came to their aid spiritually and physically, even sheltering some in her own family home. Upon the advice of her pastor, Josephine formed a religious community to help her aid the elderly and those in need. Thus, on December 8, 1894, the congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda was born (later the Sisters changed the name to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago). Josephine took the religious name Sister Mary Theresa. In the coming years, the congregation grew as the Sisters expanded into child and elder care and education, and more women joined them. Sister M. Theresa passed away on September 20, 1918.

**(1928)** Mother M. Aloysia Holysz became the superior general. The Sisters created and distributed leaflets with the biographies of both Mother M. Theresa Dudzik and Mother M. Anna Wysinski (one of the four pioneer Sisters who helped start the congregation) to families and friends. The purpose was to have people inform the congregation of any prayers granted through the intercession of either Mother M. Theresa or Mother M. Anna.



*Mother M. Antonina Osinski*

**(1935)** Mother M. Antonina Osinski became the general superior of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and began the process of declaring Mother M. Theresa the foundress. With the help of Sister M. Gonzaga Raniszewski, her secretary, they gathered information to develop the history of the congregation. The first attempts to present the saintly cause of Mother M. Theresa to Church authorities began in 1935, but because of World War II, little progress was made.

**(1940)** Mother M. Mechtilde Zynda was elected superior general. During this significant General Chapter, Sister M. Theresa Dudzik was officially given the title of “Mother” and was officially recognized as the foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.



*Mother M. Aloysia Holysz*



*Mother M. Mechtilde Zynda*





*Mother M. Jerome Dadej*

**(1946 – 1950)** Mother M. Jerome Dadej was elected superior general in 1946. At a general council meeting in 1949, she suggested that the cause of Mother M. Theresa be revived. In order to officially open the cause of sainthood, permission must be granted by the local archdiocese. Mother M. Jerome then met with Samuel Cardinal Stritch, the Archbishop of Chicago, and presented him with a copy of Mother M. Theresa's journal writings, also known as *The Chronicle*. Unfortunately, he was called to other duties in Rome. Thus the efforts to open the cause were delayed for a few years.

**(1958)** Mother M. Beatrice Rybacki was elected the congregation's seventh superior general. During this time, the Reverend Henry Malak became a very enthusiastic supporter of the cause for Mother M. Theresa and aided the Sisters in their efforts. He suggested that any Sisters who had contact with Mother M. Theresa provide an oral testimony about their time with her. This resulted in over 116 depositions from Sisters, eyewitnesses, and the relatives of Mother M. Theresa.

**(1960)** The Sisters commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother M. Theresa with a Mass. It was then decided by the Sisters to offer a special Mass each month dedicated to Mother M. Theresa's saintly cause. This tradition continues to this day.



*Mother M. Beatrice Rybacki*



*Father Henry Malak*

**(1961)** Father Henry Malak published Mother M. Theresa's biography, *Apostolka Milosierdzia z Chicago (The Apostle of Mercy of Chicago)* and this was translated into English by Sister M. Hugoline Czaplinski. This biography increased the exposure of Mother M. Theresa's cause and some newspapers wrote articles about her and her life.

**(1962)** The League of Mother M. Theresa was formed in 1962 by Sister M. Venantia Rec and Sister Jeanette Golojuch. Many people joined the League to help promote the cause. During this time, Father Malak edited and published a quarterly newsletter on the canonization efforts called *The Apostle of Mercy of Chicago Bulletin*. All members of the League received copies to read and distribute. Father Malak also composed a hymn for the cause, which was translated into English by Sister M. Theophane Rakowski. This hymn is still sung at the monthly Beatification Mass.

**(1963)** Mother M. Beatrice, Sister M. Venantia, and Father Malak met with Albert Cardinal Meyer, the new Archbishop of Chicago, in September of 1963. After this meeting, the cause of Mother M. Theresa was formally opened and Father Malak was appointed the postulator. A postulator is one who helps lead and promote the cause of sainthood. With his appointment to the role of postulator, Father Malak took residence in the former novitiate house in Lemont and, with the help of Sister M. Venantia, established a Mother M. Theresa Museum in the house and collected memorabilia and artifacts from the early days of the congregation.



**(1968)** Father Malak edited and published Mother M. Theresa's journal writings, known as *The Chronicle*, complete with footnotes and illustrations in Polish. This book was translated into English by Sister M. Hugoline Czaplinski and was distributed to all the Sisters.



Mother M. Hugoline  
Czaplinski

**(1970)** Mother M. Hugoline Czaplinski was elected the next superior general. During this time, the Reverend Michael Machejek was appointed the postulator in Rome for the cause. The postulator in Rome assists with sainthood and makes sure the proper steps are followed as it pertains to the Vatican. Mother M. Theresa was then officially entered into the Books of the Sacred Congregation for the Cause of Saints.

**(1972)** The remains of Mother M. Theresa were exhumed from their resting place at St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Niles, Illinois, on October 13, 1972, as part of the sainthood process. Her mortal remains were examined by church authorities and doctors. Mother M. Theresa's casket and other items found within the gravesite were also inspected. Afterwards, a special Mass was held and Sisters and guests were allowed to pray at Mother M. Theresa's casket. Her remains were reinterred in a granite sarcophagus in the motherhouse chapel in Lemont, IL.



(Above) These photos show the exhumation process with the cemetery workers who exhumed Mother M. Theresa's gravesite. In the photo on the far right, Bishop Alfred L. Abramowicz, examined the soil from the grave with Mother M. Hugoline Czaplinski. (Below) After Mother M. Theresa was exhumed, a Mass was celebrated in her honor. The photo in the middle is of the crucifix that was attached to the Franciscan Crown, the Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary, worn by Mother M. Theresa. It is traditionally worn as a part of the Franciscan garb and is suspended from the Franciscan cord encircling the waist.





**(1972-73)** In 1972, a young man named Jerry Lisiecki was severely injured in the Illinois Central train crash and as a result was in a coma. Doctors said Jerry would most likely remain in a coma for the rest of his life. Jerry's mother visited Mother M. Theresa's sarcophagus in 1973 and took leaves from a poinsettia plant that was on top of the sarcophagus. She placed them on Jerry's five senses and prayed a nine day novena. On the ninth day, Jerry woke up. This alleged miracle was then submitted to the Vatican for investigation.



*Sister Martha Joan Sempolski*

**(1978 - 1982)** Sister Martha Joan

Sempolski was elected superior general of the congregation. She went to Rome and met with church dignitaries to discuss the necessary

steps in advancing the cause. Thus, in 1979, John Cardinal Cody, archbishop of Chicago, officially opened the Cognitive Process for the Cause of Beatification. The testimonies given from 1970 through 1981 on Mother M. Theresa's life and her heroic virtue were published in a document called *Positio Super Scriptis* for the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in Rome in 1982. With this being published, she was declared a 'Servant of God', the preliminary step in the canonization process. A person who is declared a 'Servant of God' is a person whose works are being investigated in consideration for official recognition by the Pope and the Catholic Church as a saint in Heaven.



*Roseanne Clifford, Sister Venantia Rec, Jerry Lisiecki, and Sister M. Alvernia Groszek*

**(1994)** Mother M. Theresa Dudzik was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II in 1994. Being declared Venerable is the first step in the cause for canonization. This means that the Vatican has determined that Mother M. Theresa lived a life of heroic virtue and sought to improve her spirituality consistently throughout her life.

**(2001 - 2004)** Doctor Avv. Andrea Ambrosi was appointed the Postulator in Rome for the cause of Mother M. Theresa in 2001. During this time, the miracle of Jerry Lisiecki was reviewed at the local Church level during a trial as doctors gave testimony about the possible miracle. By 2004, the proceedings for the saintly cause of Mother M. Theresa were closed by the Archdiocese of Chicago. The testimonies were then sent to the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in Rome for review. Unfortunately, the miracle was not officially accepted and Mother M. Theresa remained Venerable.

**(2012)** Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie went on the local Chicago radio show "The Winds of Change" hosted by the Rev. Anthony Bus, C. R., pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, to tell the life story of Mother M. Theresa and promote her saintly cause.



*Sr. Jeanne Marie Toriskie*





*This statue of Mother M. Theresa Dudzik was created by artist Stefan Niedorozo and stands in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chicago.*

**(2017)** As part of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, a statue of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik by artist Stefan Niedorozo was unveiled. The statue was blessed by Cardinal Blaise Cupich at the conclusion of the anniversary Mass. Her image now graces the interior of the parish church to which she once belonged.

**(2017 – 2018)** In preparation for the 100th anniversary of the death of Mother M. Theresa, Sister Jeanne Marie authored a monthly reflection guide and history of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago that were made available for download on the Sisters' website.

**(Current)** Efforts continue to spread the news of Mother M. Theresa's life and holiness so that more people will seek her intercession, in the hopes that these intercessions could lead to miracles that would be recognized by the Vatican. The Sisters continue to pursue Mother M. Theresa's cause through the monthly beatification Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel in Lemont, the daily recitation of the beatification prayer, presentations, and tours of her shrine and Heritage Hall located at their Motherhouse. There is also a monthly beatification Mass at her former home parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka on Chicago's Northwest side. The League/Guild of Mother M. Theresa still offers yearly memberships. There is hope that Mother M. Theresa will one day receive the title of "Blessed" and eventually be declared a saint. Mother M. Theresa's journal writings, *The Chronicle*, and also Father Malak's biography of her, *The Apostle of Mercy of Chicago*, will both be offered for sale on Amazon.com this year.

*Heavenly Father, You inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is Your will, may she be declared Blessed for Your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor, and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# MADONNA FOUNDATION NEWS

Highlights Throughout the Year

The Madonna Foundation, sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, continues the tradition the Sisters began at Madonna High School in 1949. Established in 2001, the Foundation has provided more than 1,400 awards totaling \$3,200,000 in scholarship support, along with dynamic college readiness programming. To all our supporters and donors who help us create the next generation of accomplished and compassionate leaders, we say thank you.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the stay-at-home order presented challenges for both the program and for our scholars. The ACT prep classes were moved to an online platform and the final college campus visit of the school year was conducted as a virtual visit. Although school doors were closed, our scholars continued their classes through e-learning and online resources. At home within their communities, scholars showed their resilience and generosity of spirit by helping their families and reaching out to friends and neighbors in need. We are proud of our scholars who went above and beyond to help others during this crisis.

## Our Scholars and Our 2020 Graduates

Seventeen freshmen were selected for the 2019-2020 school year. We also welcomed back fifteen sophomores, fifteen juniors and thirteen seniors. All thirteen Madonna seniors graduated this spring and will attend college in the fall. Their hard work and dedication resulted in multiple acceptances and scholarship offers from colleges and universities coast to coast. The aggregate total of scholarship offers was more than \$6,200,000.



*Here are this year's (left) freshman, sophomore, junior and (right) senior Madonna Scholars.*

## Congratulations to this year's Madonna Scholar graduates!

**Monica Antunez**

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Dominican University





*For some of the career day events, the Madonna Scholars visited NBC 5 News, Entercom Chicago, and Andersen Tax.*

## Career Day Events

To gain an understanding of potential career paths and an exposure to a variety of professional environments, Madonna Scholars visited NBC 5 News Studio; Entercom Chicago, a division of the national network of over 235 radio stations across the country; Andersen Tax, and HSE - Huntington Bank in Chicago. Scholars had a behind-the-scenes tour of NBC 5 and tested their skills as news anchors and weather reporters, learned about Chicago radio from the on-air personalities, and were exposed to careers in the accounting and investment banking fields. We are grateful to our career day hosts: Zoraida Sambolin, MHS alumnae '83 and news anchor at NBC 5; Mitch Rosen, operations director at Entercom; Rosa DeLuna-Frede, MHS alumnae '91 and managing partner at Andersen Tax, and Tom Dannenberg, president at HSE – Huntington Bank Chicago. On February 28, the Women Everywhere organization invited the Madonna scholars to participate in their career day event at the Cook County Court House. It was great exposure to a variety of careers in law. We are so grateful for the opportunities.

## College Visits

The Madonna Scholars visited the campuses of St. Xavier University and Loyola University. In addition to learning about the admissions process, they experienced the unique environment of each school through leadership workshops, presentations for first-generation and minority students and conversations with professors and student leaders. Our third college visit to Illinois State University scheduled for April was cancelled due to the pandemic. However, our students had the opportunity to participate in a virtual ISU college tour. This interactive tour allowed the students and parents to ask questions of the faculty, staff, and student leaders at ISU. We encourage scholars' parents to participate in helping them understand college preparedness.



*The Madonna Scholars visited Loyola University in Chicago.*

## Academic Enrichment

In partnership with the Student Counsel (a college admissions coaching service), the Madonna Foundation provided ACT test preparation and individualized study throughout the year for our scholars. Year-long prep classes and online instruction helped them increase their ACT scores, opening more doors to college acceptances.

To further scholar interests in STEAM, the Madonna Foundation formed a new community partnership with Automated Business Designs. Founder Terri Roeslmeier, MHS Alumna '74, and Mary, her colleague, presented to our students at Our Lady of Tepeyac, Mother McAuley and Trinity High Schools. Scholars had the opportunity to participate in an interactive program, interfacing with ABD's database in real time to expose them to careers in software design and coding. We are so grateful for this new partnership!

### Service and Spiritual Retreats

To instill and foster the spirit of giving back, Scholars participated in a number of service projects, including a missioning retreat and volunteer opportunity at Misericordia Home in Chicago, which provides care and services to persons with developmental disabilities. In December, the students hosted Christmas parties for the residents at two of the Franciscan Ministries senior living communities, St. Joseph Village and Mother Teresa Home. In April, Madonna Scholars created beautiful hand-made thank you cards and wrote words of encouragement for our dedicated staff of heroes working in all of our senior living communities, ensuring our residents' care and safety during the pandemic.

### Trivia Night Event

The second annual Trivia Night welcomed over 175 guests on February 29 at Resurrection High School. Alumnae and friends gathered with Madonna Scholar families for the friendly competition. While enjoying food and drinks and meeting old friends, teams tested their trivia knowledge to benefit the Madonna Foundation. Save the date (February 27, 2021) for next year's Trivia Night and get your team together. Thank you, Resurrection High School, for hosting and the MHS Alumnae planning committee for creating this fun-filled night.



*Automated Business Designs Founder, Terri Roeslmeier and her colleague Mary, met with the Madonna Scholars and discussed careers in software design.*



*Sister Doloria Kosiek and Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie met with the Madonna Scholars at Mother Theresa Home in Lemont.*



*Madonna High School alumnae were some of the many guests who enjoyed the Trivia Night event.*

### Learn about the Madonna Foundation and ways you can support the Foundation

Visit our website at [www.madonnascholars.org](http://www.madonnascholars.org) and follow us on Facebook at Madonnianpride. For more information on any charitable giving opportunities or if you are a Madonna Scholar alumna or Madonna High School alumna, we would love to hear from you. Contact Betsy Garbrecht by phone at (331) 318- 5170 or via email at [egarbrecht@franciscanministries.org](mailto:egarbrecht@franciscanministries.org).



# ST. JUDE HOUSE LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER COVID-CANCELLED, RESPONDS WITH VIRTUAL VARIETY SHOW

St. Jude House in Crown Point, Indiana, drummed up an evening of entertainment for a good cause with its annual signature fundraiser, but this year, viewers tuned in from the comfort of their own homes. On Friday, April 24, the family violence prevention center and shelter hosted Stand Up for St. Jude House Comedy Night & Virtual Variety Show Driven by Toyota of Merrillville via Facebook Live. The variety show was hosted and produced on Local 219's Facebook page '@LOCAL219.'



*The show was broadcast live from Faith Church in Cedar Lake, Indiana.*

St. Jude House Director of Development Buffy Adams explained that back in April, with a stay-at-home order in place and social distancing measures limiting gatherings to 10 people or fewer due to COVID-19, the annual comedy show was left in limbo. "Is it still going to happen? Is it possible to have a big group of people together by the end of May or June? When we realized there was just no way that was going to happen, we had to come up with an alternative."

After a meeting in late March with the St. Jude House Development Committee, comprised of 24 local business people, it was decided to take the show online and invite people to participate from home. Adams said the group brainstormed and questioned what could be done right now that meets the needs of the community. It was decided to take the show beyond comedy by putting together an entertaining and virtual variety show. This would be something the community would certainly look forward to.



*Robin Rock from 93.9 LITE FM was an amazing emcee and drew additional awareness to the Variety Show. Notice a familiar name in the recognition screen crawl?*

Emceed by Robin Rock, of 93.9 LITE FM, the show featured musical acts such as Chicago Dueling Pianos, a reptile show from Traveling World of Reptiles, Larry Wirtz the illusionist, and many local music acts. Prize giveaways were also plentiful throughout the night, with more than 500 people entering to win. More than three-dozen winners were announced during the show, with prizes ranging from autographed memorabilia to restaurant gift certificates, golf foursomes, and the three grand prizes: Sea World tickets from the Dawn Brancheau Foundation, a suite experience at a Blackhawks or Bulls Game from Times Media and a \$1,000 shopping spree from Strack & Van Til Grocery Store.

St. Jude House Director, Ryan Elinkowski, said while the virtual show spread joy and fun in these uncertain times, an impactful three-minute video, featuring a former St. Jude House client-turned-survivor, reminded viewers of the important mission behind the fun event. Elinkowski also thanked the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and Don Burrell for their support of and dedication to St. Jude House.

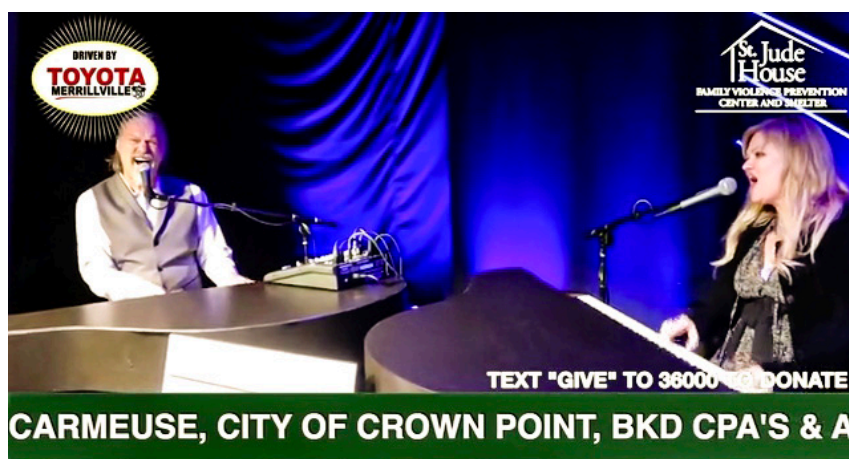
The virtual event drew more than a dozen corporate sponsors who purchased advertising space during the show. Annual Community Partners received name recognition on a news-like crawl across the bottom of the screen and in rotating signage behind Emcee Robin Rock. All community partners and sponsors were recognized and thanked in three separate full-page Sunday advertisements in Northwest Indiana's largest daily newspaper, The Times.

The increase in corporate support is no surprise. "The fact of the matter is more and more businesses are starting to realize that domestic violence is an issue that includes its employees, clients, customers and vendors in some capacity," Elinkowski said. "The weeks of shelter-in-place orders only compounded abuse as families were isolated in their homes with an abuser who is more volatile and stressed than usual."

Nearly one in four women and one in seven men have reported severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lives, Adams said. Though this year's program was one of fun and laughter, the cause for which the money was raised, is very serious. Awareness of domestic violence is crucial. Offering safe havens to victims is crucial. The pandemic of 2020 has really highlighted the public health emergency of domestic violence. St. Jude house stands as one beacon of hope in a stormy world.

Alan Myszkowski, owner and executive producer of Local 219, happily noted that this year's variety show featured a mixture of live segments and prerecorded video which gave the event a professionally-produced, television-show quality. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment which produced many laughs, smiles, and fun at a time when it was most needed.

The show was broadcast live from Faith Church in Cedar Lake. Midway through the show, Elinkowski and Adams received word from a first-time anonymous donor offering a \$25,000 match challenge. The viewing audience responded and donated nearly \$9,000 during the show by texting the word GIVE to 36000. The texting option to donate remains open for the next 12 months, thanks to the generous support of Close By Text Marketing.



*Chicago Dueling Pianos had viewers dancing in their living rooms as they played songs by request.*

**For more information about St. Jude House, making a donation, or becoming a corporate community partner, please contact Buffy Adams at [bdadams@stjudehouse.org](mailto:bdadams@stjudehouse.org).**



# FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHICAGO

# EULOGIES



Eulogies are prepared by Sister M. Bernadette Bajusik, General Minister. The Sisters are presented in order in which they died. A memorial has been established for each Sister in the Legacy Fund and gifts can be made in their memory at any time. Often those close to our Sisters remember their death and death anniversaries with a memorial gift. When a Legacy Fund gift is received soon after a Sister dies, we respond with a personal note of thanks and enclose the Sister's prayer card that includes her picture. All gifts are promptly acknowledged. Please join us in prayer for our departed Sisters and for all those who loved them.



## In Loving Memory of Sister M. Josetta Kuczmariski

Born: May 27, 1924

Entered Religious Life: July 26, 1944

Born into Eternal Life: February 26, 2020

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12)*

Mary Kuczmariski was born in Conway, Massachusetts, on May 27, 1924, and baptized a few weeks later on the 15th of June at St. Stanislaus Church. It was years later on October 24, 1935 that Mary received the sacrament of Confirmation and added Ann to her name. Mary was the youngest of six children of Damazy and Anna Kuczmariski, immigrants from Poland. She had one sister and four brothers.

Mary, who learned of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago through a cousin, entered the convent on July 26, 1944, at the age of twenty. She became a postulant on February 2, 1945, and entered the novitiate on August 15, 1945, receiving the name Sister Mary Josetta. Two years later, Sister made her First Profession of vows on August 12, 1947, and her Final Profession on August 12, 1952.

Sister M. Josetta began her 52 years of service in the field of education in 1944. She taught at a variety of places: twice at St. John Cantius in East Chicago, IN, Five Holy Martyrs, St. Florian, and St. Pancratius in Chicago, IL, twice at Sts. Philip and James, St. Casimir and St. Leo the Great in Cleveland, OH and St. Anthony of Padua, in Parma, OH. While at the various schools, Sister was an assistant principal, Eucharistic Minister, lector, local minister, local secretary, local treasurer and driver. For six years Sister served as the Director of Sisters in Temporary Vows. She also belonged to the Sisters Senate in Cleveland, OH for nine years and was the Liturgical Commission Right to Life and Mission Coordinator for two years. While Sister was teaching she completed her Bachelor of Science in Education degree at St. John College in Cleveland, Ohio in 1963.



*Sister M. Josetta Kuczmarski teaches students at SS. Philip and James in Cleveland Ohio in 1982.*

In 1998, after many years of teaching in the primary grades, Sister M. Josetta moved into a pre-retirement phase of her life. At Mount Alverna Village (MAV) in Parma, Ohio she served as a ward clerk aide. Sister was popular among the MAV staff because of her kindness and gentleness. One of the notable traits of Sister M. Josetta was that she was a gentle and gracious woman. Many referred to her as a "sweetheart." In 2013, Sister M. Josetta was the recipient of the Franciscan Weaver Award, an award presented to a Sister who serves others generously and whose very being is rooted in the Gospel message.

In 2015, as her health began to decline, Sister was transferred to the Infirmary of Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont. During those five years Sister's health gradually continued to decline as her earthly life slowly ebbed out of her body. In the 75th year of religious life and at the age of 95, Sister M. Josetta peacefully entered into eternal life at 3:10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, to be with Jesus whom she loved and served with all her heart.





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

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**Adeline Galuszka**

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## LEGACY FUND

Using the envelope included with this issue of Crossroads is the easiest way to contribute to any of the Sisters' funds and it makes it especially easy to direct a gift to the Legacy Fund. There are several categories to which a Legacy gift can be directed — the two most popular are Memorials (for deceased loved ones) and Tributes (in honor of living individuals or groups). Some donors make regular gifts to this fund on anniversaries as in the case of memorials, birthdays, marriages, and our Jubilarians. General, undesignated gifts may be made to this fund as well as donations for one's own special intention. The Legacy Fund is the Sisters' Endowment, which they continue to grow by reinvesting the income from the fund. A gift to the Legacy Fund also continues to grow in perpetuity. Ultimately a portion of this fund will be used to help those who entrust their needs to the Sisters, including their own infirm and aged Sisters.

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*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

*Amen.*

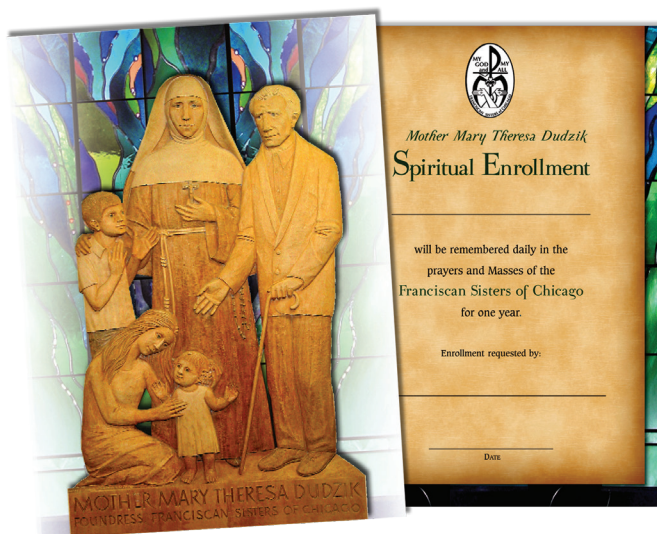


# MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK SPIRITUAL ENROLLMENT

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2019 - JUNE 1ST, 2020

The Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik Spiritual Enrollment Program provides an opportunity for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to share their prayer with others in a special way. A monthly Mass is celebrated for all those enrolled, living or deceased. The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago remember everyone who is enrolled in their prayers.

The Spiritual Enrollment card with a matching mailing envelope is exquisitely designed and easy to use. It may be used to celebrate any occasion or remember a loved one. Please be sure to complete the section requesting the donor's name and address so that the Spiritual Enrollment Book has the donor's name as well as the name of the person being enrolled. A one-year enrollment is \$15. To obtain the enrollment packet, please contact Vicki Olsen at (630) 243-3556.



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Paolo & Catherine Bugayong

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**Miroslaw Soka-Topor**

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and Tristina Vega**

Enrolled by Vega Family

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