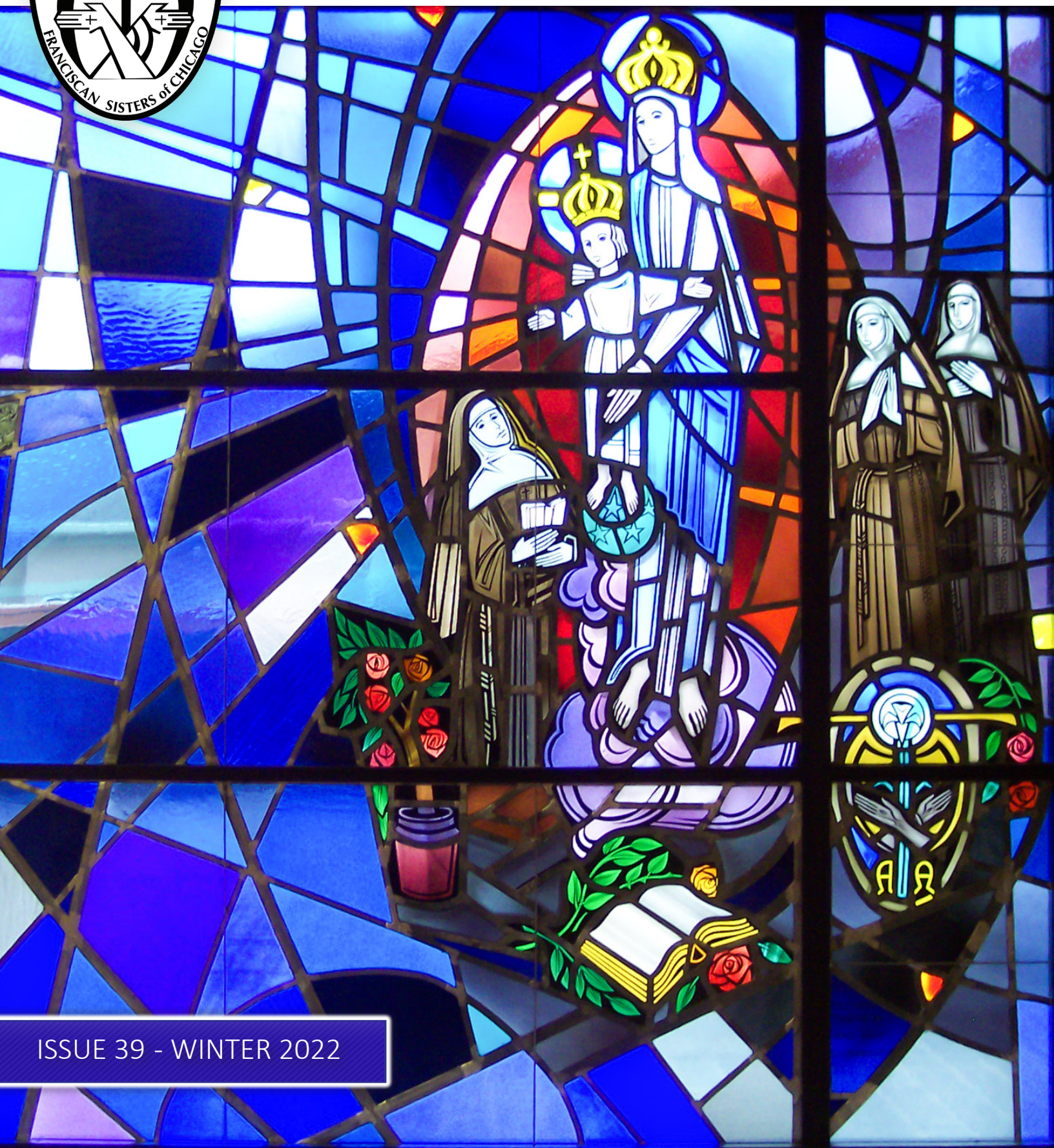




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The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago gather around the new President and CEO of Franciscan Ministries, Regina Umanskiy, and offer God's blessings.

Welcome

REGINA UMANSKIY, NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO OF FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES

A Commissioning Celebration was held on September 20

On Tuesday, September 20, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago held a commissioning ceremony and celebration for Regina Umanskiy, who was recently hired as President and CEO of Franciscan Ministries. Regina recently succeeded Judy Amiano, who retired earlier this year. Franciscan Ministries (originally named the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation) was established in 1988 by the Sisters to help support, manage, and operate all facilities sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, and also to assist them in extending their charitable mission in health care, social services, pastoral care, and education. Regina will oversee all aspects of Franciscan Ministries, including Franciscan Communities, Franciscan Advisory Services, and the philanthropic efforts of the Madonna Foundation and St. Jude House.



Regina Umanskiy thanks everyone at the end of the ceremony.

The celebration began with a luncheon in Marian Hall where many Sisters attended along with leadership from Franciscan Ministries. After the luncheon, everyone gathered in the Sacred Heart Chapel in Our Lady of Victory Convent for the commissioning ceremony for Regina. This beautiful ceremony was a celebration of the values



Sister M Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister, greets the attendees of the ceremony.



Sister Emilie Marie Lesniak played music at the ceremony while Father Robert Lucas, C.M. served as the Celebrant.



Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie served as lector.

and commitment that the Sisters established and held since their founding in 1894, by foundress Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik. September 20 is a special day of remembrance and prayer as it is the day Mother Mary Theresa passed into eternal life in 1918.

The ceremony began with Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, and Regina leading the procession into the chapel as everyone sang the entrance hymn, “All Our Welcome,” played by Sister Emilie Marie Lesniak. Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie served as lector, Sister Helene Galuszka read the intercessions, and Father Robert Lucas, C.M. was the celebrant and homilist.

After the homily, Sister M. Bernadette continued the ceremony by reading the service of commissioning as Regina faced the chapel audience and listened: “Throughout salvation history, the call of the Holy Spirit has been heard and responded to. As people of faith, our mission is that of Jesus himself. It is the summons of the personal Christ, personally known and personally loved that has brought us into his Church. He says to each of us, by our name, as he said to Philip, Peter, James, John and the rest, ‘Come, follow me.’ And just as they responded, so must we. When you meet him person to person, ‘deep calls unto deep,’ and the spontaneous reply is, ‘Yes, Lord, I am coming.’ As Christians, we are called to portray in our daily life our experience of God. We are gifted people called to give freely of that which we have been freely given. I now call upon you, Regina Umanskiy, to publicly respond

to your call to share in the mission of Jesus Christ with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago as President and CEO of this Ministry to serve God's people with the following: Respect (Reflect God in everything we do), Dedication (Passionately carry forward this ministry entrusted to us), Stewardship (Responsibly use the gift of our resources), and Joy (Give from our hearts)."

Regina then read her certificate of service to everyone: "I, Regina Umanskiy, freely accept the responsibilities and duties of sharing in the mission of Jesus with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and the Franciscan Ministries in my role as President and CEO. In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and the Charism of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, I undertake the responsibility for providing leadership and support to Franciscan Ministries. I will celebrate life and serve with joy and uphold the core values of Respect, Dedication, Stewardship, and Joy. I will strive to achieve a greater understanding of the needs of those we serve and of our associates and will support and work with Franciscan Ministries so that the mission of Jesus will be maintained and extended. I promise this because of my own integrity and my desire to serve God's people in a manner consistent with the Mission of Jesus and the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago."

Sister M. Bernadette then blessed the Franciscan Tau pin and pinned it on Regina. "Remember, Regina, the words of Jesus that will give you the strength, courage, and grace to fulfill this call: 'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.' We now bless the "I Chose You" pin. Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon this pin. As Regina wears it, may she be enfolded in God's love, brightened by God's joy, and calmed by God's unbroken peace. Amen."



Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik and Regina Umanskiy during the commissioning ceremony.



Regina placed a bouquet of roses on Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik's sarcophagus in the chapel.



Marcus Shaw, Executive Director at St. Joseph Village in Chicago, places a candle in the special candle holder during the ceremony.



After the reception, leadership from Franciscan Ministries gathered together and posed for a photo in Our Lady of Victory Convent. Regina's daughter Tina also attended the ceremony and reception.

Regina responded with her acceptance of the pin. “I believe and trust in that promise of Jesus for each of us and I pray: All powerful and ever-living God, I ask you to direct your love that is within me, that all the talents bestowed on me may be generously given in service to those in need. Teach me to hear with my ears and listen with my heart as shown by Jesus, your Son. I ask this in His name, Amen.” The Sisters then gathered around Regina to extend their hands for the blessing. After the blessing, Regina walked with a bouquet of roses and placed it on the sarcophagus of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik to pay tribute to her on this special day.

Every Executive Director from each senior community and ministry walked to the front with a lit candle, greeted Regina, and placed the candle in the special candle holder to represent their community and ministry. The ceremony ended with the hymn, “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You.” Afterwards the Sisters and leadership from Franciscan Ministries attended a reception in Marian Hall. The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago welcome Regina and wish her God’s blessings in her new position as President and CEO.



This special candle holder held candles that represented every community and ministry sponsored by the Sisters.

AN INTERVIEW WITH REGINA UMANSKIY

This past summer Regina Umanskiy was selected as President and CEO of Franciscan Ministries, replacing Judy Amiano, who retired earlier in the year. She recently sat down for an interview to discuss her background, her aspirations, and her new role at Franciscan Ministries. “The Sisters and I are honored to welcome Regina Umanskiy to lead our sponsored ministries,” said Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. “Besides her wealth of knowledge, Regina brings the gifts of compassion and deep respect for others and the ministry of senior living. We welcome her with open arms, as she joins us in continuing the 128-year legacy and the charism of our Foundress Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik.” Regina will oversee all aspects of Franciscan Ministries including Franciscan Communities, Franciscan Advisory Services, and the philanthropic efforts of Madonna Foundation and St. Jude House. Thank you to Regina for participating in this interview.



*Regina Umanskiy, President
and CEO of Franciscan
Ministries*

You are originally from the Soviet Union. What was life like there growing up as a child?

I was born and raised in Moscow, Russia, in the former Soviet Union. Moscow, being the capital, had all the features of a major worldly city such as magnificent architecture, theaters, and museums. I enjoyed the culture that my parents and friends exposed me to. As I grew older, it became obvious there was a lack of freedom in the Soviet Union. There was no freedom of speech, and travel was limited in and outside the country. I wanted to make a difference in the world and did not see a future there for me or my family.

Who were your biggest influences as a child?

My parents had the biggest influence on me. My mother was an OB-GYN surgeon and a strong-willed professional. She taught me how to deal with adversity, stay humble, and treasure what one had at any given moment. My father was an economist. He taught me kindness, always expressed unconditional love, and accepted me for who I am. Also, most of the women on both sides of my family were physicians. My grandmother was a cardiologist and I had one aunt who was an endocrinologist and another who was a neonatologist.

When did you come to the United States and what was the journey like for you and your family?

In 1993, my husband and I (along with my parents) immigrated to the United States. It was a difficult journey. The first disappointment we faced was when I realized that I would not be able to pursue my medical career with my husband, who was also studying medicine. I had completed 4 years out of a 6-year-medical program and with our first child on the way and looking at medical schools in America, I realized I would have had to start my education over from the second year of college. Thus, it was not feasible for me to fulfill my dream. After some soul searching, I reevaluated my aspirations and priorities and found peace in the “Bloom where you are planted” approach.

You then studied nursing at Ursuline College. What drew you to work in this field and later in senior care?

Since I came from a family of strong female physicians, I always wanted to work in healthcare because I wanted to help people heal and feel better. Ursuline College is a private Catholic liberal arts college in Ohio that was founded by the Ursuline Sisters. It is actually one of the oldest colleges for women in the United States and the first Catholic women's college in Ohio. They also have one of the best nursing programs in the state of Ohio. Not only does the college offer leadership training for women, they provide an excellent well-rounded education. Leading Franciscan Ministries is one of the ways for me to give back in gratitude for receiving guidance and leadership development from the Ursuline Sisters.

Senior care became a new field of interest for me. European countries traditionally did not have retirement communities. Life expectancy is much higher in the United States and the elderly living here have more social programs and financial resources to ensure they are taken care of during their challenging years of frailty. I felt that I could make more of a difference by improving the quality of care for senior living residents who need support and offer comfort to the adult children, providing reassurance that their loved ones are in good hands.

Discuss your extensive experience in senior care and how it has evolved over the years.

I started my career in senior care as the Director of Nursing at a skilled nursing and rehab center and then later on became the Director of Independent and Assisted Living and a Nursing Home Administrator. As my career progressed, I became the Executive Director at one of the largest Continuum of Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) that offered all levels of care, including independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation. I have always been drawn to the development side of the industry and wanted to be part of designing and opening new communities. Therefore, I became the Assistant Vice President of Operations for Communities Integration. Then after obtaining my MBA degree from the University of Notre Dame, I was promoted to Vice President of Operations and Integrated Solutions where I oversaw several of the largest CCRCs and also worked on company-wide initiatives.

Where do you see the senior care industry heading and how is it improving?

I believe that as an industry, we became more creative and agile during the COVID pandemic. We also put a lot of focus on resilience and stress management that we have not extensively talked about in the past. I think that recognition of burnout and need for mental health support are improvements that I will continue to embrace for our associates to maintain a good work/life balance.

What are your goals for the future for Franciscan Ministries?

My main goal is to fulfill our mission, "Celebrate Life and Serve with Joy" and embrace our values of respect, dedication, stewardship, and joy. I plan to operationalize our mission and values through the "Living Joyfully" programs that have proven to be successful at the senior living communities of Franciscan Ministries. Studying this

program touched me personally and made me feel more grateful. These programs increase awareness of the small things that matter in life, and add encouragement to do things that one is passionate about. I also plan to work with our leadership team to focus on keeping the initiatives of the "Essential Elements" of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago at the forefront of what we do, such as: collaborate with others and build relationships and also live the Franciscan spirit of peace and joy. My other goals are to expand philanthropic initiatives, enhance technology, continue to bring top talent to deliver the highest quality of care for our residents, and grow business by offering various resources through Franciscan Advisory Services.

You and your husband have three daughters. Tell us about your family.

My husband Konstantin is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago. He has been my inspiration to pursue my professional dreams. He supported me as I obtained my MBA at Notre Dame and took care of our youngest daughter while I worked full time and attended school. We have three children. Tina is our oldest daughter and excels at her career at Google. She is an exceptional athlete who completed the Iron Man Triathlon this past September. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Marketing at Northwestern University in Chicago. Leah is our middle daughter and completed her Bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago where she studied Economics and Fundamentals. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Political Science at NYU. Ilana is our youngest daughter and a sophomore at the University of Chicago Laboratory School. She is an artist and a sailor. She takes classes at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She enjoys sailing at the Columbia Yacht Club and is on the varsity team at her high school.



Regina with her family after receiving her MBA from the University of Notre Dame.



Regina with her three daughters.

Discuss how Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, the foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, inspires you.

As Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik wanted to make a difference in the world, I had similar aspirations. Becoming President and CEO of Franciscan Ministries gives me the opportunity to lead the culture of "Living Joyfully" and embrace the charism that Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik envisioned with helping women, children, and the elderly. During the commissioning ceremony I placed a bouquet of roses on her sarcophagus in the chapel and it was a special moment for me as I felt very connected to her. I was thrilled that my oldest daughter Tina could join the ceremony and share my happiness during such an important moment in my life. Also, the blessings offered by the Sisters brought so many emotions and feelings of unity and support. It reinforced my commitment to honor the Franciscan Ministries' mission to "Celebrate Life and Serve with Joy".

ANOTHER DNA SURPRISE

Written by Sister Kathleen Melia and published in the March 19, 2022, issue of the *Chicago Tribune*

Susan Burritt of Chicago had a wonderful letter in the *Chicago Tribune* about how she discovered her Irish heritage through a DNA test. Her letter followed up David McGrath's op-ed (March 5) when he humorously revealed that through a DNA test, he and his very Irish family weren't Irish at all.

Since my adoption by Irish (but American-born) parents in 1941, I have always thought of myself as Irish. I think I have the looks. I have the name Kathleen, an Irish name if there ever was one. My last name Melia comes from either O'Melia or O'Malley. My dad was so proud to be Irish, he sometimes spoke with a homemade Irish brogue. So, for 83 years, I've been Irish, right? Wrong.



Sister Kathleen Melia

My nephew, who studies our family history, recently interested me in an Ancestry DNA test which I completed a few months ago. It turns out I'm only 4% Irish and 51% Eastern European. In addition, my nephew has found that both sets of my birth grandparents and my birth father have last names that are easily recognizable as Polish.



Sister Kathleen Melia with her parents.

So this "Irish" girl at the age of 17, entered a Polish order of nuns in Chicago and has been with them for the past 66 years. At the beginning of my convent life, we prayed in Polish and I embraced that challenge enthusiastically. The Polish traditions at the high feasts of the Catholic Church were awe-inspiring. Learning Polish Christmas carols was a delight. Singing the haunting Lamentations in Polish during Lent was very moving. And, of course, being introduced to Polish food and desserts was just one more way of embracing Polish culture in a most pleasant way.

Living and working with my Polish nuns, plus living in Chicago with a large population of Polish people, brought me into a new world of ethnicity. I learned how to pronounce Polish last names. I learned our foundress, Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik, was a Polish immigrant living in the St. Stanislaus Kostka parish. I delighted in learning new Polish words. We sang beautiful songs and Christmas carols in Polish. I learned much about Poland and the Polish people who helped build Chicago and who still are a vital part of our great city and suburbs. I see the deep faith of the Polish people who still fill their churches, work hard, and live law-abiding lives. And, of course, I treasure the 4% Irish ethnicity that is also mine.



A NEW DESIGN FOR HERITAGE HALL

Phase one of the upgrade of Heritage Hall is now complete and on display.

On the first floor of Our Lady of Victory Convent is a room dedicated to the extensive history and legacy of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. This room is called Heritage Hall and it documents the start of the Congregation, the life of its foundress, Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik, and pays tribute to all those who served as Franciscan Sisters of Chicago in the many ministries the Sisters sponsored for over 125 years.

The “history of the history” of the Sisters

When the first Motherhouse was built in Lemont in 1963, the Sisters converted the Walker Mansion that had served as the novitiate house on the convent grounds, into the Mother Theresa Museum. Here various historical artifacts, photographs, and heirlooms from the early days of the congregation were displayed. Sister M. Venantia Rec was named the director of the museum. As time went on, more space was needed and the museum was moved into the Motherhouse where it officially became known as Heritage Hall.



(Left to Right) Sister M. Venantia Rec, Sister Anne Marie Knawa, Sister M. Jude Kruszewski, and Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie

Heritage Hall was developed by Sister Anne Marie Knawa, the Sisters' historian and author of 'As God Shall Ordain,' the historical chronicle of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She was assisted by Sister M. Jude Kruszewski. Together they worked on updating and improving the various exhibits and displays for the museum. The original Heritage Hall was dedicated on December 8, 1992, on the anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. In 2002, a new convent was built and Heritage Hall was relocated to the new convent. Sister Anne Marie was once again tasked with supervising not only the transfer of the historical items, but also the expansion of various sections. Thus, the new and improved Heritage Hall was opened on May 20, 2003, in the current Our Lady of Victory Convent. It has continued to serve as a place of reflection and remembrance of all the Sisters from years past and the wonderful work they did.

In 2019, the Sisters hired Matrex, a Chicago-based display and exhibit company, to work on developing and building updates to the final section of Heritage Hall. This section focused on the development of Franciscan Ministries (formerly FSCSC), the corporation the Sisters created in 1988 to manage the many senior living communities and ministries the Sisters sponsor. This section documents the last 30 years of the Congregation with a complete new design and updated images and information.

In 2021, work began on upgrading the rest of Heritage Hall by giving the entire room and the various displays a new design and look. Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie was placed in charge of coordinating the project. Matrex was once again tasked with redesigning the various information panels. This included a new color theme and incorporating a more modern design. Old photos from the Sisters' archives were reevaluated and improved with many new additions. Captions and historical information were also rewritten and updated. The walls were repainted with bright new colors that match each section design, thus giving each display its own color theme.

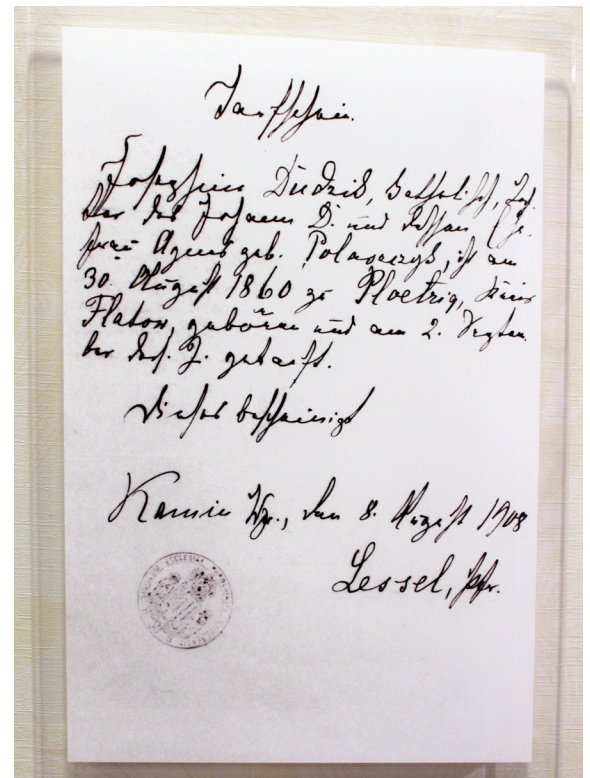


Matrex created this beautiful three-dimensional copy of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago's logo which was designed by Sister M. Sponsa Bajorek.

Upon entering Heritage Hall, visitors will see a colorful new front panel with a welcoming message around the Sisters' logo which was cast as a beautiful three-dimensional object. The message reads: "Welcome to Heritage Hall – the history of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. As you walk through this hall, you see abundant evidence of God's loving providence in the life of our foundress, Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, and in the foundation and growth of our Congregation. Each Sister has brought her own unique pattern of gifts and abilities to this Congregation. God has received this diversity and woven it together to create a charismatic ministry larger than ourselves. United in our selfless service to others throughout our memorable past, within our present reality, and into our future, we continue to incarnate the words of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik: We continued working to attain the goal for which we had banded together."

The first section: Land of Birth

The first section explores the early life of Josephine Dudzik, who later became Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, the foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Her story begins with her birth in Plocicz, Poland, in 1860. Here one can view photos of Josephine with her family, her childhood home, her baptismal certificate and font, and her parish church. One can also see photos of Josephine's vocational school where she learned sewing, needlework, and tailoring. These skills would become an essential form of income for her and the Congregation she would later start. A large map of Poland and surrounding countries is displayed illustrating the political turmoil that led to her family's immigration to America in the late nineteenth century. Other items on display include Polish prayer and spirituality books that Josephine would have used for prayer.



Josephine Dudzik's baptismal certificate is on display in this section of Heritage Hall.



The first section: Land of Birth.

The second section: The Foundation of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago

The second section covers the period when Josephine and her family moved to America and settled in Chicago near St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. This exhibit illustrates 19th century Chicago and the conditions that many immigrants faced when they came to America. America was in a recession and many people lived in poverty. Josephine was greatly affected by the poverty she witnessed and her heart went out to the poor suffering around her. She began to care for them, even using her own home as shelter. During this time, Chicago suffered from the calamity of the Great Chicago Fire that destroyed most of the city. A container of ashes from the famous fire is on display. These ashes were discovered when the Sisters sponsored a senior living community in Chicago and a layer of ashes was found on the construction site where the community was being built.

Josephine's story continues as one learns how she started the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda (the Congregation's original name) under the guidance of her spiritual mentor, the Reverend Vincent Barzynski, pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Here one can view photos of him as well as Josephine's first house and an image of St. Kunegunda (Kinga). A container of salt from St. Kunegunda's legendary salt mine in

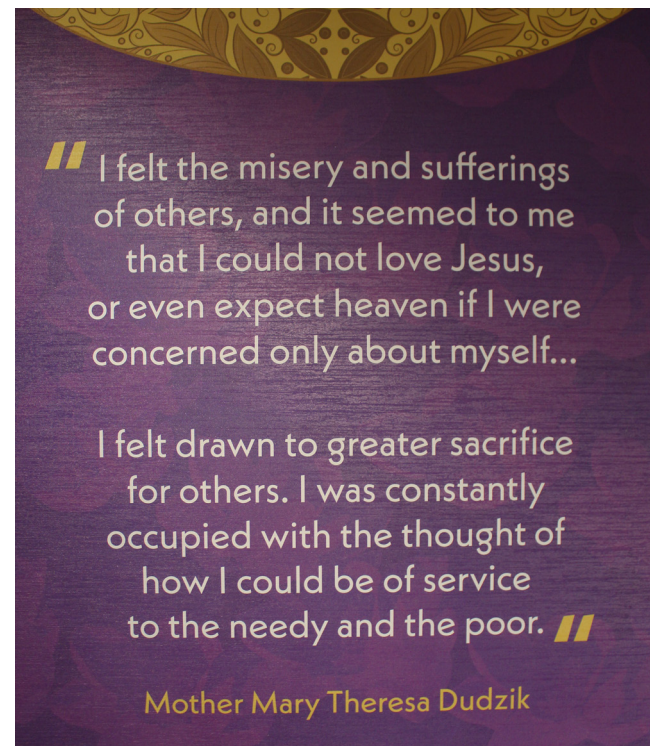


The second section: The Foundation of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

Poland is also on display. This area contains various items that were important at the start of the Congregation such as the early Constitution of the Sisters, a directory of early Sisters who joined, and other important prayer books and mementos from this period.

Section three: A New Congregation in the Church

This section presents the beginning stages of the establishment of the Congregation in 1894. On December 8, 1894, Josephine and three other women officially started the Congregation. A large photo of these four “pioneer Sisters” is prominently featured. There are also many historical items on display here. Photos of various historical figures who were important early on to the Congregation, include Very Reverend Patrick Feehan,





(Left) This display features vestments and a vintage sewing machine that the Sisters used in the early days of the congregation. (Center) A wheelchair from St. Joseph Home for the Aged and Crippled. (Right) A statue of Jesus as a child that was displayed in the first Motherhouse.

Archbishop of Chicago, and Father Andrew Spetz, who became the Sisters' spiritual guide when Father Barzynski passed away in 1899. A copy of the letter approving the establishment of the Congregation is also on display. Several historical artifacts are featured such as the original threshold from the first Motherhouse, a clock and a statue of Jesus as a child that stood in the Motherhouse, coins and small pocket watches from the era, and a statue of Our Lady of Victory that sat in the office of the General Minister. A large photo of the first General Minister, Mother M. Anna Wysinski, is also prominently exhibited. One can follow the story of the early years of the Sisters as they laid the foundation for building their Congregation. Across from this wall is a wonderful display that shows the various vestments the Sisters made to raise money as well as a vintage sewing machine. The Sisters raised money by sewing and doing domestic work.

Section four: St. Joseph Home for the Aged and Crippled

The story of the Congregation continues with the establishment of St. Joseph Home for the Aged and Crippled in Chicago in 1897, one of the first and oldest nursing homes in Chicago. Here one learns the story of how the Sisters raised money and established this Community. They built their first Motherhouse starting with a single building and then later expanded, adding the two connecting sides on the right and left. These buildings not only housed the elderly who lived with the Sisters, but also served as the novitiate for new incoming Sisters, and as St. Vincent



Section four: St. Joseph Home for the Aged and Crippled

Orphanage to house the influx of orphans. Many documents and photos testify to the daily life at St. Joseph Home and the wonderful work the Sisters did for people during this time.

Section five: The Daycare Ministry

This area serves as a tribute to all the Sisters who served in the daycare ministry. Photos show life through the years at the two daycares the Sisters operated. The Sisters managed St. Elizabeth Nursery in Chicago from 1904 to 1915 and again from 1920 to 1959. They also operated Guardian Angel Daycare Center in Chicago from 1918 to 1991. Guardian Angel not only served as a child care ministry, but also as a free medical clinic for many people who lived in the area. It was also used as a community center to educate immigrants in English classes, and for childcare classes for new mothers.

Section six: The Education Ministry

One of the main ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago was elementary education. The Sisters worked in many schools across the country including Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Alabama, South Dakota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Texas. This ministry is featured prominently with a large map illustrating all the states and



Section six: The Education Ministry Section

schools where the Sisters taught and administered. One innovative feature in this exhibit is an interactive touch screen where one can touch a computerized map and see many slideshows of schools, convents, and photos of the Sisters who taught at these schools throughout the years.

Next Steps and Continuing Upgrades

Matrex finished this first round of design and installation in the summer of 2022. More work is being planned for the coming sections that will celebrate the other ministries carried out by the Sisters: nursing, religious education, Boys Town, and secondary education as well as the Beatification efforts on behalf of Mother Mary Theresa.

"Watching the continuous upgrade of Heritage Hall has been a delightful experience. It has now given the room a new refreshing and vibrant look. It is a beautiful tribute to our foundress Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik and to all the women who served the Congregation for the past 127 years. Many thanks to the team at Matrex and Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie who worked so hard on this project," said Sister M. Bernadette Bajusick, General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

Mike Moyer, a project manager with Matrex, said, "Our Matrex Team loved working on this permanent installation at Heritage Hall. We were so happy that we were given the opportunity to take part in re-creating the history of the Franciscan Sisters. It really looks beautiful and we look forward to the next stage of the project."



12th Annual SWINGING FOR THE SISTERS GOLF OUTING



The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago held their 12th annual Swinging for the Sisters Golf Outing on June 16, at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont. There was a great turnout this year as 110 golfers attended.

The golfers began the day with breakfast prepared by the staff at Ruffled Feathers. They then lined up in their golf carts to get ready to go to their assigned starting hole. Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, joined by Sister M. Francis Clare Radke, thanked the golfers for participating in the event and then wished them good luck. After a long day of golf, the golfers were served lunch and won prizes in a raffle and money in the split-the-pot contest. All donations received will help support the Sisters and their ministries.



The golfers lined up in their golf carts before the outing started.



Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie and Sister Emilie Marie Lesniak distributed golf shirts at the registration table.

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Sister M. Francis Clare Radke, Sister M. Bernadette Bajusick, and Vicki Olsen welcome the golfers to the golf outing and wish them good luck.



It was a beautiful day as 110 golfers came out to participate in the outing this year at Ruffled Feathers in Lemont.



(Left) Team Lantry won the best round at the outing this year. (Center) Thank you to Sister Nancy Houlihan for participating in the 'Beat the Nun' challenge this year. (Right) Golfers enjoyed lunch after the outing.

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MADONNA FOUNDATION

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The Madonna Foundation, established in 2001 and sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, continues a tradition that the Sisters began at Madonna High School in 1949. The Foundation has provided more than 1,500 awards totaling \$3.5 million in scholarship funding, along with dynamic college readiness programming. Many thanks to all the supporters and donors who, through the Madonna Foundation, assist the next generation of accomplished and compassionate leaders.



Thank you to all who came out to the Madonna 5k Run/Walk.

Madonna 5K Run/Walk: On Sunday, August 14, the Madonna Foundation held its annual Madonna 5K Run/Walk at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Heights, Illinois. This year the event was expanded from its previous mile walk event to a 5K run/walk race. Over 100 registered participants and volunteers came out for a fun-filled morning. Thank you to all the sponsors and supporters that made this event such a great success. Please mark your calendars for next year's event scheduled for June 25.

Orientation: In August, the Madonna Foundation hosted two family orientations to welcome all new and returning students and their families. The evening included missioning activities and presentations on program highlights and the history of the Franciscan Sisters and the Madonna Foundation. In September, the Fall "Lunch and Learn" program was held with visits to all six of the



The Madonna Scholars attended a fall orientation with their families at Resurrection College Prep in Chicago.

Madonna Foundation partner schools. The scholars learned key skills and strategies to help them on their path to success. Topics of discussion included the importance of gratitude and the art of writing thank you notes.

College Visits: In October, the juniors and seniors visited the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The scholars took a walking tour of the campus, met current

University of Illinois students, and saw a dorm, cafeteria, and classroom. The parents of the students attended as well and they were so appreciative to gain valuable knowledge about the college process. It was important for the parents and students to be able to visualize their daughters in this type of environment in just a few years. On October 20, the freshman and sophomore Madonna Scholars were invited to a leadership conference hosted by the University of Loyola's Gannon Scholars and enjoyed a tour of Loyola's beautiful lake shore campus.



Madonna Scholars visited the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Welcome Denise Makowski: The Madonna Foundation is happy to announce that Denise Makowski will serve as the new Alumnae Relations and Event Coordinator. In this newly created position, Denise will increase communication and promotion for fundraising events and work with Madonna High School alumnae to build support for the Madonna Foundation. Denise is a proud 1984 graduate of Madonna High School and is now a retired Chicago public school principal. She has been a lifelong education advocate and looks forward to continuing the tradition of empowering young women to be their most excellent selves. Denise thanked the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, who started Madonna High School in 1949 and taught and administered there until 2001. "I am so grateful for the sisterhood that the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago built in their Congregation and at Madonna High School. The Sisters, along with all our teachers, committed their lives to enriching ours. They knew that education was the key to our excellence. I am also thankful to the Madonna Foundation for their persistence and advocacy to ensure the alumnae have a home within the foundation. It is great to see that the legacy of Madonna High School will grow and flourish through the Madonna Scholars."



Denise Makowski

Madonna Scholar Snapshots!



(Left) Madonna Scholars at Trinity High School. (Center) Madonna Scholars at Our Lady of Tepeyac High School.

(Right) Madonna Scholars with family members at Mother McCauley High School.

If you would like to support the Madonna Foundation, you can make a donation online at madonnascholars.org or contact Betsy Garbrecht at (331) 318-5170. You may also follow the Madonna Foundation at Facebook.com/madonnianpride. If you are a Madonna High School Alumna, please visit madonnaalumnae.org and update your contact information. If you would like to volunteer, join a committee, or help in any way, you can visit the alumnae website for more details.



**FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION
CENTER AND SHELTER**

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ST. JUDE HOUSE OBSERVES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH WITH ANNUAL "FRIEND-RAISER"

St. Jude House held its annual friend-raiser, "The Survivor Celebration Sing-A-long presented by White Castle," on October 6, in Bulldog Park in Crown Point, Indiana. This event is held every October to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched nationwide in October 1987, as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues, while raising awareness. Over the years, much progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and survivors, to hold abusers accountable, and to create and update legislation to further those goals.

The theme for the night was "EVERY 1 KNOWS SOME 1". Community members and guests joined together in the park to pay tribute to hundreds of survivors of domestic violence. The event featured live music from the Chicago Dueling Pianos and featured food trucks, as well as a prize raffle. Crown Point Mayor Pete Land and Indiana



The event was held at Bulldog Park and featured live music from Chicago Dueling Pianos.



(From left) Buffy Adams, Director of Development at St. Jude House, Crown Point Mayor Pete Land, Congressman Frank J. Mrvan, and Ryan Elinkowski, Executive Director of St. Jude House.

Congressman Frank J. Mrvan were the featured speakers. St Jude House also honored two community partners, White Castle and Toyota of Merrillville for record-breaking fundraising efforts.

Another speaker at the event was a domestic violence survivor, Mariana Naglosky. As a survivor, Naglosky bravely told her powerful story of the night she finally escaped her abuser. “I was running down the street for help, screaming at the top of my lungs, and nobody would open their door. Nobody called the police to help me. I was alone and afraid. Looking out at this large crowd tonight, you have restored my faith in humanity, because I know that any of you here tonight would open your door to help me and for that, I am forever grateful.”

During the event, St. Jude House honored Sergio, a freshman from Andrean Catholic High School for his fundraising efforts over the past year and presented him with the ‘Young Philanthropist of the Year’ award. This award is given to one young person in the surrounding Indiana communities who is recognized for their hard work to make a positive impact on the future.

The stage was decorated with hand-designed t-shirts that were displayed as part of the Clothesline Project, a national campaign which raises awareness for survivors of assault and abuse. Each shirt was designed by a former client living at St. Jude House. They served as an impactful visual display of domestic violence statistics. Many thanks to the sponsors and all who attended and showed support for St. Jude House at this wonderful event.



Ryan honors Sergio and is joined with last year's honoree Madisyn.

OLD NATIONAL BANK ISSUES \$25,000 MATCH CHALLENGE TO ST. JUDE HOUSE DONORS

Old National Bank recently delivered miraculous news to St. Jude House Family Violence Prevention Center and Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter. The bank, formerly known as First Midwest Bank, announced it will provide a dollar for dollar match, up to \$25,000 through December 20. This generous “Match Challenge” means that every dollar raised will be doubled with the potential of raising \$50,000 by year-end.

The donation from Old National Bank will help the general operating fund for the St. Jude House new Mobile Advocacy program, an innovative program that sends expert Community Advocates into the neighborhoods to meet victims in a location they feel safe, such as a park, a coffee shop, church, school or store. While hundreds of women and children find safe shelter annually and hundreds more utilize non-residential programming at St. Jude House, there are still many more who suffer in isolation with no access to help. Domestic violence resources and programs are needed more than



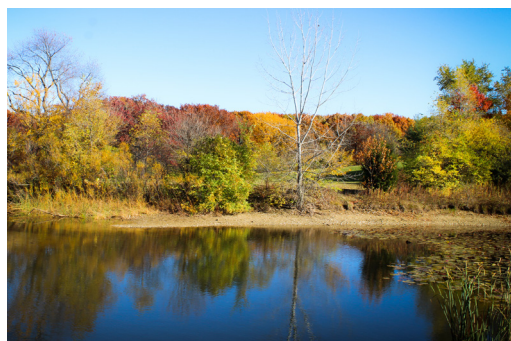
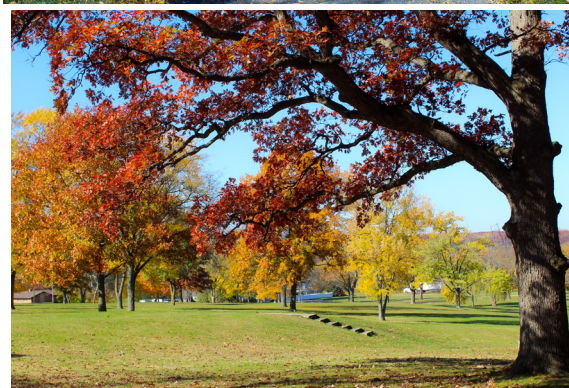
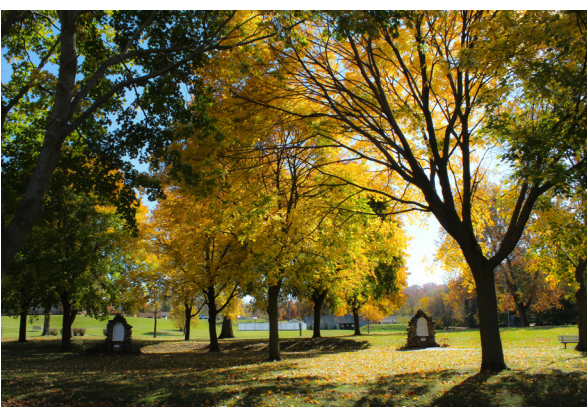
Staff from Old National Bank with Ryan Elinkowski and Buffy Adams from St. Jude House.

ever as homicide rates associated with domestic violence have increased in Indiana by 182% since early 2020. “While we have helped more than 14,500 women, children, and men since opening the doors of St. Jude House in 1995, we are painfully aware that hundreds more throughout the Region either do not know our services exist or they simply have no means to get to Crown Point, Indiana, to access help,” said Ryan Elinkowski, Executive Director at St. Jude House. “We believe mobile advocacy will enable us to reach individuals and families who may be in danger and those who may have never reached out to us for services before because of the barriers often associated with entering a shelter.” This innovative mobile advocacy model is designed to better serve victims and survivors of domestic violence. Through this new innovative approach, St. Jude House will reach more victims and survivors through increased access points, locations, and services by working within the communities. meeting victims where they are – in a safe location of their choice.

If you would like to participate in the match challenge or donate to St. Jude House, email Buffy Adams at bdadams@stjudehouse.org or call (219) 662-7066. Visit stjudehouse.org or follow them at Facebook.com/stjudehouse.



AUTUMN SCENES AROUND
THE CAMPUS AT OUR LADY OF
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EULOGY

Eulogies are prepared by Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister. 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 deaths 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 Anne Marie Knawa

Birth date: June 22, 1929

Entered into Religious Life: January 27, 1952

Born Into Eternal Life: October 12, 2022

"With all my heart I seek you, do not let me stray from your commandments.

In my heart I treasure your promises." (Psalm 119: 10, 11)

Jean Knawa was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 22, 1929, and was baptized a couple of weeks later on July 21, at Five Holy Martyrs Church. She was the daughter of John and Mary Knawa, both of whom were immigrants from Poland. Jean, the youngest of seven, had five sisters and one brother.

Jean attended Five Holy Martyrs School and St. Joseph High School. After graduation, Jean was an usher at a Chicago theater for several years. It wasn't until 1951 when Jean first visited the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to ask for an application to enter the community. During that visit she was interviewed by Sister M. Gonzaga, the Community's historian. At the end of the interview, Jean was given a copy of the first history book, *The Rys*, to take home to read. When she arrived home, Jean gave the little history book to her mother saying, "This is what I am going to do." It was Jean's way of telling her mother of her decision to enter the convent.

On January 22, 1952, Jean joined the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She became a postulant on February 2, 1952, and later that year on August 12, she entered the novitiate and received the name of Sister Anne Marie. Two years later, Sister made her First Profession of Vows on August 12, 1954, and her Final Profession on August 12, 1959.

As a postulant, Jean went to teach the fourth grade at SS Philip and James in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1952. As a second year novice, she taught the sixth grade at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr in Chicago, Illinois. This led to a 21 year teaching career at St. Leo The Great in Cleveland, Ohio, SS. Philip and James in Cleveland, Ohio, St. Louis de Marillac in La Grange Park, Illinois, and finally at Madonna High School in Chicago, Illinois. During these years, 1952 to

1964, Sister taught grades 5 through 8. Sister taught English, Religion, and

Novels and Cinema at Madonna High School, 1964 – 1972. Though Sister was no longer teaching at Madonna High School, she continued to live at the Madonna Convent until 1988. During this time, she was local secretary for a year and local treasurer for five years and was commissioned to write a comprehensive history of the community.



Sister Anne Marie plays baseball with students from St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr in Chicago.

Sister Anne Marie obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Humanities cum laude and a Master's Degree in English from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. Sister also participated in postgraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, in South Bend, Indiana, Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois, Fordham University in New York City and Bracenose College of Oxford, England. She has been published in numerous publications including a book of essays on Polish American studies, the St. Anthony Messenger magazine and the Chicago Catholic. Sister also wrote eight articles for the Archdiocese of Chicago on its history. Sister considered herself a movie buff and she loved mystery and murder stories as well as classical literature and she enjoyed musical theater.

One of Sister Anne Marie's greatest accomplishments was to write the history of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She started her work with one blank sheet of paper and ended up with 18 boxes of notes. She chewed



*Sister Anne Marie presents her book, *As God Shall Ordain*, to Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago.*

bubble gum to help get her through the anxiety and stress she experienced as she outlined her text, conducted research, documented dates and talked with countless people in an effort to capture the community's history. It took ten years to complete the book titled, *As God Shall Ordain*, which was published in 1989. Sister Anne Marie said of her book, "My book will not be a mere compilation of dates, facts, and names in mere chronology. Rather, I shall attempt to write a factual story of magnanimous persons whose hopes, joys, and failures will be an inspiration to all who read the book." Sister always gave credit to Sister Mary Jude Kruszewski, who edited the book and provided encouragement along the way. She also stated that "I would like people to know that the Sisters are just ordinary people who have an extraordinary love of God."

While Sister Anne Marie was stationed at the Motherhouse for two years from 1988 to 1990 she was the Community's historian and caregiver to her friend, Sister Mary Jude. In 1990, Sister Anne Marie was transferred to St. Anthony Convent in Crown Point, Indiana. During the 11 years that she was in Crown Point, Sister had a variety of responsibilities. In 1990, she was the local secretary and assistant local minister for a year while she revised the Constitutions of the Congregation. Sister was a member of the Board of Directors at St. Anthony Medical Center, a Catechist for CCD classes at St. Matthias Church and a Member of Gary Sisters' Council in 1992-1993. She was part of the Public Relations for the Gary Diocese Chancery Office and the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Chapter Planning Committee in 1993 and a Board Member at St. Jude House, Crown Point, Indiana, in 1996. Also during these years she was the caregiver to Sister Mary Jude.

In 2001, Sister Anne Marie moved to Our Lady of Victory Convent in Lemont, Illinois. She planned and executed the completion of Heritage Hall and was responsible for several updates years later. In 2003 and 2006, Sister planned an exhibit for the Archdiocese of Chicago at Navy Pier and Rosemont Center. For six years (2006 – 2012) Sister was a catechist at St. Alphonsus Church in Lemont, Illinois, teaching grade 5. Finally in 2013, Sister Anne Marie retired from all these activities and responsibilities to spend more time in prayer and caring for her health.

In the 70th year of religious life and at the age of 93, Sister Anne Marie peacefully entered into eternal life at 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, to be with Jesus whom she loved and served with all her heart.



Join the League/Guild of Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik

The League/Guild of the Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik, directed by Sister Mary Venantia Rec, was formed in 1962 to promote the Beatification Cause of Mother Mary Theresa. Membership in the League/Guild helps the Beatification Cause. Members are remembered daily in the prayers of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Membership is \$10. Call 630-243-3556 for more Information. Please make your check payable to the: Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and mail to: 11500 Theresa Drive, Lemont, IL 60439. A membership card and receipt will be mailed to you promptly upon receipt of your dues payment.

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The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago thank their donors and friends for partnering with them. The Sisters offer their gratitude and sincere appreciation for their donors' generosity, which has allowed them to continue the ministry started by Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik.

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

The donor list in this issue is recorded from **June 8, 2022 - December 2, 2022**. The Sisters make every effort to keep accurate records and each gift is acknowledged promptly. Should something be amiss, however, the Sisters ask the donors to call them at once. Inquiries should be directed to Vicki Olsen at (630) 243-3556 or email: volsen@chicagofranciscans.com.



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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.

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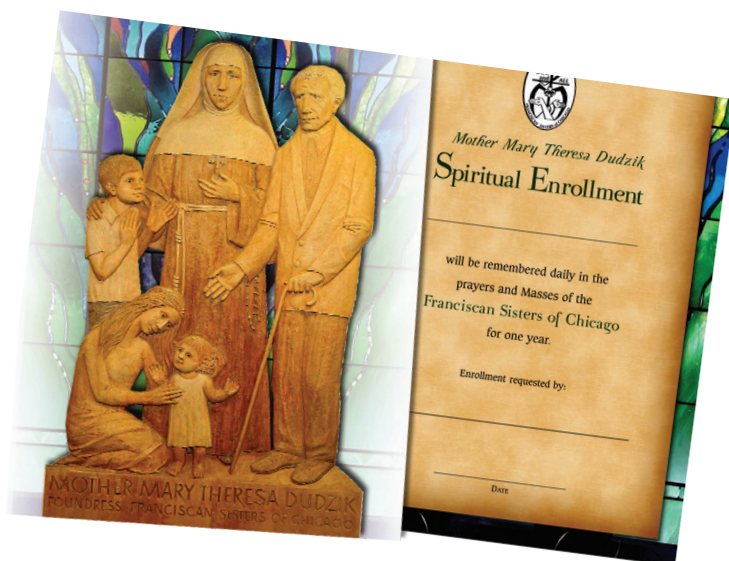
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The Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik Spiritual Enrollment Program provides an opportunity for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to share their prayer with others in a special way. A monthly Mass is celebrated for all those enrolled, living or deceased. The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