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The delegates of the 20th General Chapter of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago are privileged to announce the newly-elected Leadership Team for 2013-2018. They are as follows: Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister; Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie, First General Councilor and Vicar; Sister Emilie Marie Lesniak, General Councilor and Sister M. Helene Galuszka, General Councilor.

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago held their Twentieth General Chapter in June of 2013. The Chapter officially began on Monday, June 17th. The General Chapter is the period of time when the Sisters review their past five years, plan for the next five years and elect new leadership. In their planning for the next five years they discuss many aspects of their religious life and relationship with one another as members of a religious congregation.

The Chapter opened with a welcome from Sister Diane Marie Collins who was General Minister at the time. She shared some of her personal thoughts about the great work ahead of the Chapter and thanked the delegates for their dedication to the congregation. The delegates were chosen by all of the Sisters to represent them in the upcoming election.

On the third day of the Chapter Sister Diane Marie introduced the Leadership Team Report. The delegates unanimously accepted the report as it was presented. In the afternoon, the delegates worked in small groups to discover possible areas of focus for the Chapter Direction Statement. Two major themes emerged from the Tuesday afternoon discussions; new life, moving beyond fear and taking a risk.

Using the Direction Statement and the list of concrete suggestions created by the delegates, the Sisters spent time in prayer and reflection on Thursday. Those who were nominated for leadership spent Thursday evening in discernment. Each of the Sisters who had been nominated was given an opportunity to speak to the Chapter and express their reflections about their time of discernment and willingness to remain available to undertake a leadership role.

On Saturday, June 22, 2014 the Sisters began with Morning Prayer and then entered into the sacred work of electing the leadership team. The delegates began the formal election of the General Minister and her Council after they reviewed the section of their Constitution which addresses the election and responsibilities of the General Minister and the General Council. Special thanks were given to the outgoing leadership team, Sister Diane Marie Collins, Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, Sister M. Francis Clare Radke and Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie for their years of service.

Sister Diane Marie Collins thanked all who attended the open sessions for their participation and presence. She expressed the Congregation’s deep appreciation for the service given by the delegates, the Planning Committee and the Writing Sub–Committee. She verbalized her gratitude to Sister Catherine Schneider for her guidance before and during the Chapter and then officially closed the 20th General Chapter.

The new leadership team will begin the work of leading and in the words of St. Francis of Assisi; “Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” Our thoughts and prayers are with them.
“It seemed to me that with the help of God I would be equal to any task with which I was confronted.”
-Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik
The challenges of Development are endless some days but the necessity to get things done and the joyful aspects of the job usually override the trials we all face. Everyone has their favorite things that they enjoy doing. For me, it is sitting down to read a good book, visiting with family and friends, trying something new or accomplishing enjoyable tasks. What do these four things have in common with each other and with Development? The answer may surprise you.

Let me start with reading a good book. Good authors can create interesting characters, a fascinating plot line and engage the reader in such a way that they care what happens to the characters. I enjoyed reading from a very young age. In fact, many times my siblings would be looking for me to help with my share of the chores and I would be hiding out reading just one more chapter of a book I simply could not put down. They would eventually find me to make sure I did my share of the housework.

Visiting with family and friends is another hobby of mine. I really love spending time with my family. Yes I did say I love spending time with my family! We enjoy playing cards, engaging in political discussions as well as family dinners and holiday parties. I come from a large family and so does my husband. Family is very important to both of us. Families can drive you crazy but they help make you who you are.

My brothers and sisters were the first people to identify my ability to tell a story or as they like to say my non-stop talking. To this day they are convinced I talk in my sleep. The family that I married into learned to accept me for me. They aided me on the journey and enabled me to cultivate my strengths while trying to ignore my weaknesses. My husband and children know the real me. They are quick to support me, proud of my accomplishments and prompt to point out my character flaws but glad that I am their wife and mother. Two out of three isn’t bad.

I embrace trying new things especially once I get over my initial fears. The first time my family and I went horseback riding I was terrified but thrilled that I did not fall off the horse. I enjoy flying to exciting places however the first few times I was on an airplane I was checking out the emergency exit and strategizing how I would survive if the plane went down. My absolute favorite thing to do is to engage people in conversation. I love finding out things about people I know and creating possible friends with those that I do not know.

Lastly I really appreciate accomplishing enjoyable tasks like picking out a present for a loved one when you have the perfect gift in mind, baking cookies that turn out perfect or getting your Saturday to do list done before noon. Nothing gets me more excited however than when I can engage people to rally around a good cause or motivate them to complete something challenging. I believe this is because I secretly love the adrenaline rush I get every time I can inspire people and encourage them to get involved.

The communality of my four pastimes is engagement. I love engaging people and things because at the heart of every engagement is relationship building. There is a sense of fulfillment when you connect with people and they connect with you. By now you can see what my hobbies have in common with Development. The things that I enjoy in my off hours are the very same things I enjoy at work. Working in Philanthropy allows me to utilize the gift of building relationships, connecting with people, trying new things, achieving the almost impossible and like the author of a good book getting the reader to relate to the characters. Thank you for being my readers and caring about the ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.
This year’s event drew nearly 500 guests who had the pleasure of wandering through a fairy garden before entering the large room that was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers and pastel linens. A seasonal setting was available for professional photos of mothers and daughters or family groupings.

A favorite feature of each year’s Spring Tea is a raffle of American Girl Dolls. This year the dolls that were selected for the raffle were Isabella, Ruthie and Ivy. Three lucky girls were very excited to take home one of the popular dolls.

Well known princesses and a fairy provided entertainment for the children who attended the Spring Tea. The princesses Belle and Cinderella drew delighted smiles from the little guests. Tinkerbelle, who spoke to the girls about finding their inner gift and how wonderful it is to be different, later accompanied the princesses in the doll parade around the ballroom.
All proceeds from this annual fundraiser support programming at St. Jude House. Families who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault will benefit from the services offered at St. Jude House.

The date for next year’s Mommy, Dolly & Me Tea has already been set for Saturday, April 25th. We would welcome anyone who would like to attend this most enjoyable special event.

2014 ST. JUDE HOUSE CURRENT WISH LIST

Monetary Donations for Building Repairs and Maintenance
Critical Need: Gas Cards, Walgreens, Walmart, CVS Gift Cards in Denominations of $5 and up

**Household Needs:**
- Crackers
- Sugar
- Salsa
- Juice/Lemonade/Tea
- Mayonnaise
- Canned Pasta (Ravioli, etc)
- Sliced Sandwich Meat
- Hot Dogs
- Shredded Cheese
- Shredded Salad Mix
- Fresh Fruit/Vegetables
- Hand soap
- Windex
- Lysol spray/wipes
- Bathroom cleaner
- Large Rubbermaid Containers with Lids for Storage
- Disposable non-latex polyethylene kitchen gloves
- Copy paper

**Clothing/Linen Needs:**
- Pajama sets (children, teen, and women)
- Underwear/Boxers (children, teen, women)
- Socks (children, teen, women)
- Blankets for Twin/Full Size

**We continue to collect used cell phones and ink cartridges.**
Your old cell phones can be reprogrammed for victims of domestic violence to make 911 calls or be recycled for cash to support programs and services to victims of violence & their dependent children.
In 1901, the thriving coal mining and industrial region of Spring Valley was in need of teachers for the newly organized parish of SS. Peter and Paul. On August 27, 1901, the three Sisters selected for the first teaching assignment left for Spring Valley. The new assignment was quite a challenge for the three young Sisters. They endured many hardships and inconveniences since the school and their promised residence were not finished when they arrived. It took several months before the small, two-story frame structure was complete. The building contained three classrooms, a chapel and rooms to house the Sisters. There were 130 students enrolled in the school.

In February 1903 an epidemic of smallpox erupted and as a consequence, all of the schools were closed. The Sisters left Spring Valley and returned to Chicago without anyone’s knowledge. “Upon their arrival, they were forbidden to reside at the Motherhouse by strict orders of the doctor who insisted firmly that they be isolated.” The Sisters endured even more hardships at St. Joachim Home since the winter was severe. They were forced to bear extreme cold temperatures because of inadequate heating.

Their frugal meals were often cold because they were carried over from the Motherhouse. When the quarantine was over the three Sisters were warmly greeted at the Motherhouse. The Sisters returned to Spring Valley to finish out the school year but did not return the following year. Instead the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help staffed the school until 1910.

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago returned to the school in September of 1910 and remained there for eight years. Encouraged by their success at Spring Valley, the small band of Sisters accepted a second school in Chicago. It was located in the rural area called Cragin which was on the city’s far Northwest Side. It was their first school in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Sisters were keenly aware that the Poles relied on the parish schools to preserve their culture, faith, language and customs and their special liturgies. The Poles also knew that the Sisters would make the necessary sacrifices to finance new churches and parochial schools. In 1893, the Polish-speaking settlers petitioned the Most Reverend Patrick Feehan, archbishop of Chicago, to establish a Catholic church. “The archbishop assigned Reverend Vincent Barzynski to organize the parish which was placed under the patronage of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr.”

“In 1897, the school opened with Miss Cecilia Klinger as the sole teacher of three grades in the first floor classroom of the church-school combination.” Reverend John Obyrtacz, CR was appointed the first resident pastor of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church on October 21, 1901. He invited the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to take charge of the school. The first Sisters sent to staff the school arrived on August 26, 1902 to educate eighty-five students.
The number of schools that the Franciscan Sisters taught in was not the only thing increasing. The small community continued to grow in addition to the population of aged and orphans. “The lack of proper accommodations for the Sisters, the aged residents and orphaned was increasingly apparent and called for immediate attention.”

A solution to the housing shortage came in early 1903 when five frame houses on Ridgeway Avenue became available. The houses were located directly in back of St. Joseph Home and St. Vincent’s Orphan Asylum on Hamlin Avenue.

The Sisters were agonizingly aware that they lacked the necessary funds to purchase the homes. “Through continued sacrifice and frugality, however, they finally saved enough money to buy two houses.” The first house that they purchased was blessed and named St. Joachim Home which they used for the aged. The second house, St. Theresa Home was blessed in March. The house was used to provide a home for the novices and postulants.

They wanted to purchase a third house but the owner adamantly refused to sell the building for the price they could afford. The Sisters implored St. Joseph for help and remarkably their prayers were answered in a few short weeks when the owner agreed to sell the house. They purchased the third house and named it St. Anne’s Infirmary which became a hospital for the Sisters and the orphans from St. Vincent’s.

The two remaining houses on the block were also for sale for one thousand dollars apiece but the Sisters did not have the two thousand dollar asking price. Sister Mary Theresa wrote in her Chronicle, “After some time, God sent us a benefactor who, to this day, remains unknown. One day a man appeared at the door [of St. Joseph Home] and handed Sister M. Colette a map globe of the world. A small box was attached to it.

Upon opening the box, Sister M. Anna found one thousand dollars.” Sister M. Anna found another little box several days later on a table in the guest parlor. The note said, “To be used as Sister Superior sees fit.” Inside the box was another $1,000. With the newly found donation the Sisters were able to purchase the last two houses on the block and renovate one house for the new postulants. The other house was designated for the aged female residents.

In 1903 the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago agreed to staff a third parochial school at the request of Most Reverend James Quigley who was the new archbishop of Chicago. Archbishop Quigley was genuinely concerned for the welfare and faith of the immigrant Catholics. He was convinced that the future of the Church was dependent on Catholic School education and asked the Sisters to staff St. Casimir’s School in the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio. The Sisters joyfully accepted the invitation and sent three Sisters and one postulant to serve at St. Casimir’s.

They lived in dire conditions for three years with only two rooms serving as both a school and their sleeping quarters. “Finally, in 1909, an ample and suitable home was built to serve as the convent and the school enrollment, rising to 716 students by 1915, gave the Sisters good reason to remain.” In 1930, there were 1,122 students in the school but enrollment dropped to 624 students by 1940.

When the school closed in 1976 two Sisters remained at the parish as sacristans and parish visitors. “The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago continued to live, pray, and to minister to the people of St. Casimir’s Parish with the same compassion and dedication which fired the pioneer Sisters until 1986, the year the congregation found it necessary to withdraw from the mission permanently.” While the Sisters no longer have a teaching ministry in Ohio they have a Senior Living Facility in Parma, Ohio that serves over two hundred residents.

Today the oldest school once staffed by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago is very much alive and well. It has grown from a small rural parish into a vibrant church and school. While the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago no longer teach at St. Stanislaus Kostka they have left the school in the capable hands of several dedicated Sisters and lay teachers and an enrollment of over 500 students. Mother Mary Theresa must be smiling in Heaven with such a wonderful legacy.

A special thank you to Sister Anne Marie Knawa, OSF, the Historian for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and the main source for this story. Many of the excerpts are taken from her book, As God Shall Ordain.
The Madonna Scholars traveled to Lemont on Sunday, April 6 for a Spiritual Retreat at Our Lady of Victory Convent. About forty scholars joined the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago for Mass in the chapel followed by coffee and donuts. For most of the Madonna Scholars, it was their first time meeting the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and visiting their home. The group toured the gardens and was lead through a Franciscan Reflection. They had the opportunity to write thank you notes to the Sisters for their scholarships. Sr. M. Francis Clare Radke spoke to the girls about religious life. The girls enjoyed a pizza lunch with the Sisters before taking the bus back to Chicago. “Visiting the Franciscan Sisters has made me grateful to be part of their community,” one of the scholars wrote. “They are an inspiration and great leaders.”

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago annually award approximately $150,000 in partial tuition scholarships each year to low-income girls who wish to attend all-girl Catholic High Schools. We currently have 62 scholars who attend Josephinum Academy, Notre Dame High School for Girls, Regina Dominican High School, Resurrection High School, and Trinity High School. To find out more about the Madonna Foundation or to find out how you can sponsor a scholar please contact Annie Ginzkey at 708-647-3185. You can also like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/madonnianpride or check out our website: www.madonnascholars.org.

Thank you for making a difference.
The 2013 recipient of the Theresa Dudzik Service Award is The Village at Victory Lakes. Their proposal Cardiopulmonary Recovery Program was designed to offer post hospital nursing and rehabilitation services to cardiac and respiratory patients who are at a significant risk for decline in their condition and therefore could lose their independence. The program helps cardiac patients with post-surgical valve replacement, coronary bypass grafting, congestive heart failure (CHF), and other cardiac diagnoses.

The respiratory component allows Victory Lakes to treat new and chronic respiratory patients as they recover from acute hospitalization. It also focuses on recovery with the goal of progressing to outpatient rehab programs and or discharging the patient home. The program additionally provides patient education on disease management, lifestyle changes and nutritional information so that they can manage their disease.

Patients in the program also receive case management services to ensure that they get appropriate timely assistance and transition support when they return to the community. This enables the patient/resident to avoid hospital readmissions. Once the patient is discharged they are reconnected to their primary physician and the referring healthcare system for additional outpatient cardiopulmonary rehabilitation or home health services as needed.

“National studies regarding morbidity and mortality show that cardiac events are the number one cause of death in both men and women. While there are many hospital and community based care systems for cardiopulmonary patients, there are few programs designed to help cardiac and pulmonary patients with multiple co-morbidities recover from an acute hospitalization. This program is designed to help patients recover and return to the community.”

In order to implement the program The Village at Victory Lakes provided intensive training for licensed nurses, therapy staff and certified nursing assistants. The training included a comprehensive two week review of the anatomy and physiology of the cardiac, respiratory and renal systems with a focus on disease progression, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation. The nurses received training in electrocardiogram (ECG) interpretation and advanced cardiac life support (ACLS).

Training for the therapy staff in the use of independence in activities of daily living (IADL) score sheet was developed by Victory Lakes and based on the Health Care Standard Functional Independence Measures. They devised a six minute walk test to track and monitor activity tolerance.

“Social workers, dieticians and life enrichment were integrated into the programming to address lifestyle changes including smoking, diet changes and ongoing social support respectively.” Additionally, associates throughout the facility were trained in the use and purpose of a clinically acute response and exam team (CARE Team) and the use of an emergency response cart. “The CARE Team provides expert assessment and intervention to residents who are experiencing a decline in condition at any time and in any location of the health care center.”

The realized outcomes from the program have been very encouraging. The rate of hospital readmission decreased by fifty-six percent over a six month period. The residents who completed the program had a ninety percent chance of returning to their home or prior level of living. The Village at Victory Lakes saw a need and found a solution to better care for their residents and the community at large.
The 2014 recipient of the Theresa Dudzik Service Award is Franciscan Communities-St. Anthony Home. “St. Anthony Home sought to reduce the frequency of avoidable hospital admissions and readmissions and chose to implement interventions designed to reduce preventable hospitalizations through the use of a pilot program called Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers (INTERACT II). The program was specifically designed for use in the long-term care environment.”

The INTERACT II pilot consisted of twelve teleconferences held over a six month period with varying numbers of attendees from nursing, social services, physical therapy and the like. The curriculum included topics ranging from early identification to documentation about acute changes in conditions. “The program also incorporated some palliative care components with advanced care planning tools to help families and/or residents avoid hospital stays and make decisions during end of life.” Having palliative care allowed the residents to stay with their caregivers until the end.

St. Anthony Home had a greater percentage of reduction in hospital readmissions compared to other long-term facilities because they were highly engaged participants in the program. Fifteen residents participated in the pilot program along with the medical director and the lead nurse practitioner. The assistant director of nursing participated in the entire program of training sessions and led one of the teleconferences regarding the success that St. Anthony Home experienced from the program.

Prior to their participation in the INTERACT II program, St. Anthony Home had an average readmission rate of twenty-three residents per month over the previous nine months. “By taking part in the program the initial focus shifted from total volume of hospital readmissions to reducing avoidable readmissions.” After the completion of the six month program the average number of hospital readmissions for St. Anthony Home was dramatically reduced to only ten residents per month.

Lowering acute care/hospital readmission rates is a national priority for the entire health care industry which includes long-term/skilled care facilities. A hospital readmission is defined as a readmission to a hospital within a 30-day timeframe after an initial admission and discharge. The role of long-term care facilities has changed dramatically over the last several years. The national initiative has significantly impacted the level of medical complexity of residents being discharged from the hospital. Long-term care facilities have transformed from caring for people who are cognitively impaired or functionally dependent to post-acute care for those patients who are discharged much sooner from acute care facilities.

“A 2008 study estimated that close to one fifth of all Medicare beneficiaries discharged from the hospital are readmitted within 30 days, that 90 percent of these readmissions are unplanned, and that the cost of these unplanned admissions to Medicare amounted to $17.4 billion.” By participating in the pilot program St. Anthony Home did their part to reduce potentially avoidable hospitalizations and thus reduce unnecessary health care spending. Implementing the program allowed St. Anthony Home to do what they do best which is providing quality care to their residents in a nurturing environment.
“LET THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS BE GENTLE, PEACEFUL AND UNASSUMING, MILD AND HUMBLE, SPEAKING RESPECTFULLY TO ALL IN ACCORD WITH THEIR VOCATION.”
(The Rule and Life of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi)

SISTER M. GEORGEANN KINEL
BORN: FEBRUARY 21, 1916
DIED: OCTOBER 18, 2013

Josephine Kinel was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on February 21, 1916 and baptized a week later at St. Casimir Church. She was the oldest child of Anna and Michael Kinel. Anna, who spoke Slovak, was born in Poland, but moved at an early age with her family to Czechoslovakia, the country from which she immigrated alone to the United States. Michael, an only child, was also born in Poland and came to the United States as a young man. Michael and Anna were married in June 1914 and made their home in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. On a cold Monday in February they welcomed their first child, Josephine. Later she was joined by two sisters, Bernice and Mary and a
brother, Walter. Josephine’s father was a coal miner and died from pneumonia at the age of 57. Her mother had plenty of work at home taking care of Josephine and her siblings. They lived in a white, two-story house. It was quite normal for the Kinel kids to wake up in the morning and sit on the sill with their feet hanging out their bedroom window… until the neighbors alerted their mother.

The family belonged to St. Casimir Parish in Johnstown and the children all attended the parish school where the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago taught from 1912 to 1982. Josephine liked school and loved the sisters. She liked helping them and spent much of her free time with the sisters. She sang in the choir and she liked to spend time in prayer. Josephine graduated on June 15, 1930 and 10 days later she boarded a train for Chicago on June 25. She was going to be a Franciscan Sister of Chicago and complete her high school education in the convent.

As a Postulant, Josephine did domestic work at St. John Cantius in East Chicago, Indiana. She also had a few months experience of teaching first grade. She entered the novitiate on August 15, 1931 and received the name Sister Mary Gorgonia. Later, when Sisters were given a choice, she changed her name to Sister Mary Georgeann.

Sister M. Georgeann obtained her Bachelor of Science in Education from DePaul University in 1950 and a Master of Arts in Special Education from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1963. Sister’s teaching career involved teaching all the grades from 4 through 8 in various places: St. Hedwig in Gary, Indiana; St. Mary in Hammond, Indiana; Five Holy Martyrs in Chicago; Assumption in Conemaugh, Pennsylvania; St. Casimir in Cleveland, Ohio; Assumption in New Chicago, Indiana; Boys’ Town, Nebraska; twice at St. Louise de Marillac in La Grange Park, Illinois; St. Leo the Great in Cleveland, Ohio and Madonna High School in Chicago. During these years Sister also served as local secretary, treasurer, sacristan, and local superior.

After 48 years in the education field, Sister M. Georgeann embarked upon a new journey when she was sent to St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point, Indiana in 1981. During this time Sister became a certified chaplain and served in the Pastoral Care department for 22 years. Sister enjoyed praying with the sick and helping them prepare for surgery. She was there for them in recovery and offered prayers of thanks. She made post-surgery visits and she comforted family and friends as well.

In October 2003 Sister decided to retire to Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont, but continued to give service in the Administration Building. On October 25, 2011 Sister M. Georgeann moved to the Infirmary. A highlight in Sister’s life was when her fellow sisters selected her to receive the Franciscan Federation Peacemaker Award in 2012.

Sister M. Georgeann spent 97 years on earth and 83 years as a religious sister. She had many experiences over these years that provided her opportunities to extend a compassionate and personal touch greatly needed in building relationships with others. Sister was always most kind and understanding and was open to renewal and adaptation. She was a gracious, kind, thoughtful and gentle person; quick to offer assistance and very appreciative of anything anyone did for her.

On October 18, 2013 Jesus called Sister M. Georgeann to her eternal reward. We will miss your presence Sister, but we will remember your dedicated service and your humble and loving manner. We ask you to pray for us that we might remember and imitate your love for God and His people.
“COME BLESSED OF MY FATHER, TAKE POSSESSION OF THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD.”
(Matthew 25:34)

SISTER M. PRAESENTIA GRZYBOWSKI
BORN: JUNE 27, 1919
DIED: OCTOBER 26, 2013

Lottie Grzybowski was born in Indiana Harbor, Indiana on June 27, 1919 and baptized a week later on the 4th of July at St. John Cantius Church. She was the fifth child of Josephine and Marian Grzybowski, immigrants from Poland. Marian worked at Inland Steel and Josephine stayed at home to raise their seven children; five girls and two boys.

The family belonged to St. John Cantius in East Chicago, Indiana. During her childhood, Lottie and her family celebrated all the holidays; first with Mass and afterwards with a family gathering for a special dinner and the commemoration of their Polish traditions. Lottie enjoyed school and had many fond memories of her teachers, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Her favorite subjects, at which she excelled, were math and English.

Lottie entered the convent on August 15, 1934 at the age of fifteen. She entered the novitiate on August 15, 1936 and received the name Sister Mary Praesentia.

Sister M. Praesentia was first sent to St. Joseph Home in Chicago, IL in 1937 and cared for the residents as a Certified Nurse’s Aide.

This was especially meaningful to Sister Praesentia because St. Joseph was one of her favorite saints. Sister gave 68 years of service at a variety of places: twice at Boys Town, Nebraska; St. Peter Claver, Mobile, Alabama; St. Elizabeth Day Care, Chicago, Illinois; Alvernia Rest Home, Parma, Ohio; Our Lady of Victory Infirmary and three times at St. Joseph Home, Chicago, Illinois for a total of 23 years. At these various places Sister was also a sacristan and the resident representative. While Sister served at Boys Town she received the Boys Town Choir Medal for her motherly assistance in preparing the choir boys for their appearances in Liturgical services.

In 2005 when Sister decided to retire to Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont she still continued to give service. Two or three times a week, Sister helped in the Administration Building by checking in items for the gift shop, stuffing and stamping envelopes and shredding paper. Her favorite task was shredding.

Sister M. Praesentia loved to work crossword puzzles, walk around the convent grounds and amazingly play the piano by ear. Sister was also a seamstress and sewed the gowns for the Infant of Prague statues. Her favorite foods were bread with butter and bacon and eggs.

In April 2009 Sister M. Praesentia moved to the Infirmary. She spent 94 years on earth and 79 years as a religious sister. She had many experiences over these years that provided her opportunities to be helpful and kind. Sister lived a simplistic life and she could usually be seen with a twinkle in her eye and a lovely smile on her face.

On October 26, 2013 Jesus called Sister M. Praesentia to her eternal reward. We will miss you Sister, but we will remember your loving smile and your humble manner. We ask you to pray for us that we might remember and imitate your love for God and His people.
To our donors and friends, thank you for partnering with us, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, through your love, prayers and financial support. We offer you our gratitude and our sincere appreciation for your generosity, which has allowed us to continue the ministry started by Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik.

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

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A brochure is available explaining the criteria to be met and listing all the winners and their projects through the current winner. In order to make the $10,000 purse a reality, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago partner with financial managers across the country. Representatives from this group also serve on the judge’s panel and help select the winner among two or three finalists. The judges tell us they enjoy being part of the panel, indicating that by being active participants in the program, they’ve learned more about the Sisters and the facilities we sponsor. We are grateful to our partners not only for their financial support but also for their interest in our ministries.

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Using the envelope included with this issue of Crossroads is the easiest way to contribute to any of our funds and it makes it especially easy to direct a gift to the Legacy Fund.

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