Sister M. Joella Bielinski - 70 years of religious life!

Sister M. Joella Bielinski was born on October 15, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, and entered religious life on July 2, 1948. As a Postulant, Sister M. Joella began her career in education where she was assigned to teach third grade at St. Hedwig in Gary, Indiana in 1948. Sister was then assigned, as a Novice, to teach fourth grade at Five Holy Martyrs in Chicago, Illinois in 1950. She went on to teach third grade at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr in Chicago (1951-1952), third grade at St. Florian in Chicago (1952-1953), and second and third grade at St. Adalbert in East St. Louis, Illinois (1953-1956). From 1956 to 1963, Sister M. Joella taught first and second grades at SS. Philip and James in Cleveland, Ohio and then second and third grade at St. Leo the Great in Cleveland, Ohio (1963-1970). During this time, Sister Joella received her Bachelor of Science in Education at St. John College in Cleveland, Ohio in 1965. After teaching first grade at St. Louise de Marillac at LaGrange Park, Illinois from 1970 to 1971, Sister returned to St. Leo the Great, where she taught various grades and was the Assistant Principal until 1976.

Sister M. Joella began a new chapter in her vocation in 1976 when she began working at St. Anthony Home in Crown Point, Indiana as a Chaplain in Pastoral Care until 1977, an Assistant Administrator until 1984, and a Vice President from 1976 to 1983. Sister also served as a Board member at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point and was the local assistant superior during this time. From 1986 until 1999, Sister worked in various positions at St. Anthony Medical Center and also served as a board member at both Mount Alverna Home in Parma, Ohio, and St. Anthony Home. In 1999, Sister began work at St. Anthony Convent in Crown Point and served in various positions there, in Pastoral Care, as a Local Minister and a Hospital Volunteer until 2013. Sister M. Joella retired in 2013 and now resides at Our Lady of Victory Convent. Congratulations to Sister M. Joella Bielinski on 70 years of religious life!

Sister Lois Marie Rossi - 60 years of religious life!


Sister Lois continued her nursing education at St. John Hospital in Huron, South Dakota, attending their School of Nursing and then graduating in 1974. She then returned to work as a staff nurse
at Mother Theresa Home in Lemont, Illinois in 1975, and then as a night nurse at Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights, Illinois until 1977. In 1977, Sister Lois became the RN Supervisor at St. Joseph Home and then in 1979 she worked as the Assistant Director of Nursing at Alverna Rest Home, in Parma, Ohio, where she served until 1986. Sister Lois returned to St. Joseph Home in Chicago and became the Director of Nursing and RN Evening/Day Supervisor until 1995. From 1995 until 1998, Sister Lois worked as a nurse at McNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Illinois and then was a staff nurse at Our Lady of Angels Convent from 1998 to 2001. Sister Lois then worked at St. Joseph Home in Pastoral Care and as a Eucharistic Minister and sacristan. She also worked as a Vocation Minister for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago until 2014. In 2015, Sister Lois retired and now resides at Our Lady of Victory Convent in Lemont. Congratulations to Sister Lois Marie Rossi on 60 years of religious life!

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The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago held their 21st General Chapter the first week of June, in 2018. This year’s theme was titled ‘Celebrating our Faithfulness’. The General Chapter is a time of reflection and prayer for the Sisters as they review their life and practices over the past five years and plan for the next five years as well as choose their leadership for the 2018-2023 term.

The Chapter opened on Monday, June 4th with the leadership of Franciscan Village presenting special Palm Crosses to the Sisters. The residents, employees, and leadership of Franciscan Village had prayed with the crosses for the intentions of the Sisters over the weeks prior to the Chapter. The Sisters also welcomed Sister Janice Keenan, OSF who is the Spiritual Director and Program Manager at The Portiuncula in Frankfort, Illinois. Sister Janice was there to guide everyone for the first day of Chapter, a retreat day. The Sisters finished that day with all the Chapter Delegates signing the Delegate Plaque, and then receiving the palm crosses and presenting them to the other Sisters present with a call to prayer: “We celebrate our faithfulness in the Cross of Christ.”

On Tuesday, June 5th, the Sisters assigned basic roles during Chapter. Sister Emilie Marie Lesniak was selected Chapter Secretary, Sister Danielle Jacob, CSFN, was selected Recording Secretary, Sister Catherine Schneider, OSF, was chosen as a Facilitator, and Sister Diane Marie Collins and Sister Jean Therese Jarosz were chosen as Tellers. After the Leadership Council presented their report on the state of the congregation (Franciscan Sisters of Chicago), the Sisters voted and selected the

This year’s General Chapter theme was ‘Celebrating our Faithfulness’. The logo and artwork symbolizes 123 years of faithfulness by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

The Sisters designed a banner entitled, “I Celebrate Our Faithfulness.” On the banner the Sisters placed symbolic art to illustrate their faith.

God of life, we ask you to bless the Franciscan Sisters. Allow them to make wise decisions, grounded in trust, hope and faithfulness to their call. We ask this through Jesus our Brother, Amen.

- Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, 21st General Chapter Prayer 2018
leadership for the 2018-2023 term. The Chapter re-elected Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik as General Minister, Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie as General Vicar, and Sister M. Helene Galuszka as General Councilor.

Wednesday, June 6th began with prayer led by Dawn Mayer, Vice President of Mission Integration at Franciscan Ministries, and the Sisters renewal of their baptismal call with a reading of the biblical story of the woman at the well. The Sisters spent the day in discussion over how they can continue to be faithful in their personal and communal lives. They also discussed leadership planning for the future of the congregation.

The Sisters finished up the General Chapter week on Thursday, June 7th. They started the day with prayer and all received a special anointing, evoking words from the Book of Esther, “Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created.” (Esther 4:14). They then crafted their “Commitment to the Future” statement: “As we GAZE at our past faithfulness to the Gospel way of life, modeled by Mother Theresa Dudzik, and CONSIDER the various threads of our present reality, we CONTEMPLATE and commit ourselves to moving forward like St. Clare with swift
steps in the path of increased charity, collaboration, and hospitality to all; sharing, celebrating, exploring, and praying together until we reach that perfect IMITATION of our Mother Mary, who joyfully bore Christ to the world.”

After the “Commitment to the Future” statement was approved, Sister M. Bernadette thanked everyone who participated and helped during Chapter week. The Sisters then enjoyed a celebration luncheon. We ask all of you to pray for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and for their 2018-2023 leadership council.

Sister M. Francis Clare Radke and Sister Diane Marie Collins show their “frogs”, a symbol reminding us to ‘Fully Rely On God.’

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago send prayers to the newly elected leadership team for the 2018-2023 term: Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, General Minister, Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie, General Vicar, and Sister M. Helene Galuszka, General Councilor.
The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago named Franciscan Village in Lemont, Marian Village in Homer Glen, St. Joseph Village in Chicago, and the Madonna Foundation, as the recipients of its annual Teresa Dudzik Innovation Grant. The grant was established over 25 years ago in the name of the Catholic order’s foundress. Its purpose is to encourage advances in serving the poor, elderly, and needy, by providing seed money for outstanding initiatives.

Submissions were accepted from member organizations designed to increase the quality and quantity of programs and services offered within Franciscan Ministries, sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Additionally, the award encourages creative problem solving and encourages professionals to document, display, and share their successes with others in a spirit of caring.

The Sisters awarded first place to Franciscan Village and Marian Village. Franciscan Village and Marian Village are both senior living facilities. They teamed up to develop a social services program called, “Sharing Your Legacy through Storytelling.” This program enhances the residents’ penchant for storytelling through the use of technology. It will culminate in an oral presentation of personal stories taking place on stage at their respective facilities, as well as a commemorative DVD for family members to enjoy.
Dan Bannon, Executive Director of Franciscan and Marian Village thanked the Sisters. “On behalf of Franciscan Village and Marian Village we would like to thank the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago for awarding our communities with the 2018 Theresa Dudzik Innovation Grant. Our program, ‘Sharing Your Legacy through Storytelling’, is an opportunity for our residents to connect through storytelling with family and friends. Through these stories we can personalize daily care while emphasizing the Living Joyfully initiative within our communities.”

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The second place award went to St. Joseph Village of Chicago. St. Joseph Village of Chicago is also a senior living facility and they will be implementing a program called, “Developing A Process of Cultural Transformation.” It is designed to enhance the development of the leadership team, the recruitment of front line staff, and the retention of associates who are aligned with the organizations’ mission and values through a Living Joyfully initiative and the change strategies of the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative Change Package.

Brian Celerio, Executive Director of St. Joseph Village of Chicago discussed the project. “For the Theresa Dudzik Innovation Grant, St. Joseph Village of Chicago is focusing on implementing proven strategies to foster leadership team development, provide skills-building opportunities for emerging leaders, and to recruit and retain high quality associates who embody Franciscan Ministries’ mission and values. A series of change strategies were developed under the auspices

Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik and Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie present the second place Theresa Dudzik Innovation Grant Award to St. Joseph Village of Chicago. (Left to Right) Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, Daniel Lunney (Director of Mission Integration, St. Joseph Village of Chicago), Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie, Brian Celerio (Executive Director, St. Joseph Village), and Judy Amiano (CEO, Franciscan Ministries).
of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to provide resources for communities to become high quality, welcoming communities. Since our associates are the essential resource in becoming the community we strive to be, we will develop and implement strategies to attract the right candidates for St. Joseph Village and develop and implement innovative ways of retaining our veteran associates. The competitive market demands that we be creative and innovative in ways that we recognize our associates. We are thankful for the generosity of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to help us to bring St. Joseph Village to the next level of excellence.”

The third place award went to the Madonna Foundation. The Madonna Foundation provides scholarships to girls from the Chicago area, whose families are experiencing economic difficulties, so they can attend single-sex, Catholic high schools and have access to a variety of enrichment and mentoring opportunities. They designed a program called “Financial Literacy and College Readiness Program.” It will help break the cycle of poverty by educating the scholars and their families about financial literacy, resume writing, and ACT performance.

Betsy Garbrecht, the Advancement and Scholarship Manager for the Madonna Foundation, thanked the Sisters. “The Madonna Foundation is so grateful to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago for allowing us to participate in the Theresa Dudzik Innovation Grant process. Our project, the Financial Literacy and College Readiness Program, will help the Madonna Scholars be better prepared for their college experience and improve the current financial struggles the scholar families face. Our comprehensive program will provide job training seminars, financial literacy workshops and in depth college preparedness programs.”

Thank you to all those who participated in this year’s Theresa Dudzik Innovation Grant contest!
The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago’s 9th annual Swinging for the Sisters golf outing was held on May 15th at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, Illinois. This year there was a wonderful turnout as one hundred and twelve golfers participated in the event. The golfers began the day with breakfast prepared by the staff at Cog Hill. Sister M. Bernadette Bajuscik, the General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, then welcomed the golfers and wished them good luck as they gathered in their golf carts to begin the event.

Sister Jean Therese Jarosz and Sister Emilie Marie Lesniak stop for a photo as they take a ride in a golf cart.
The golfers enjoyed a full round of golf and were blessed with good weather and no rain. After the event, they were served a barbecue lunch and a prize raffle was held. All donations received will help support the Sisters and their ministries: Madonna Foundation and St. Jude House. The Sisters would like to thank George Ferrell and William Callaghan Jr. of Henry Bros. Co. for their continued support and being a major Franciscan level sponsor again this year. The Sisters would also like to thank all who participated, volunteered and also the following generous sponsors and donors:

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In Loving Memory of Sister Paula Frances Howard

Born: May 14, 1949
Born into Eternal Life: May 5, 2018

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

Sister Paula Howard was born on May 14, 1949 to James and Dorothy Howard. James Howard III, an undertaker by profession, was born in Plateau, Louisiana and later moved to Chicago, Illinois. His wife, Dorothy Ann Carter was born in East Chicago, Indiana. The couple had seven children, three girls and four boys. Paula was the first born followed quickly by her twin sister, Pauline.

On April 9, 1966, at the age of 17, Paula was baptized into the Catholic faith at Holy Angels church in Chicago. A few months later, in November, Paula received the sacrament of
Confirmation. Two years after making this major decision, Paula made another life-changing decision when she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on August 25, 1968. At that time the community’s title was Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda. Paula chose this community because she thought Kunegunda was an African saint. She later learned that Kunegunda was a Hungarian woman who became the Queen of Poland and later a Franciscan Poor Clare nun.

Paula spent her year of postulancy at St. Joseph Home as a nurse aide. She entered novitiate on August 11, 1969 and resided at Our Lady of Victory Convent in Lemont, IL. Upon entering novitiate, Paula retained her birth name and became known as Sister Paula Frances.

After making First Profession on August 8, 1971, Paula was missioned at St. John Regional Medical Center in Huron, South Dakota and served as a physical therapy aide. In 1974-1975, Sister Paula attended occupational therapy classes at St. Mary Junior College in Minneapolis, Minnesota obtaining an Associate Degree in Applied Science.

In 1982 Sister Paula obtained a Bachelor Degree of Social Work from Madonna College in Livonia, Michigan and in 1989 Sister graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a Masters in Social Work. Sister also achieved the designation of Fellow from the American Psychotherapy Association.

From 1989 through 1993, Sister served as a social worker at St. Anthony Medical Center and from 1993 to 1996 at Caritas Adult Day Care. Both facilities are located in Crown Point, Indiana. Sister’s ministry changed in 1996 when she joined the staff at St. Jude House, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, as Director of Sexual Assault Services. Sister Paula gravitated toward this particular facet of counseling because as Sister stated in an article in the Post Tribune “I want people to be able to look at their own sexuality in a positive way and to appreciate it. People feel comfortable with me because I take a compassionate approach to helping them go through the stages necessary to heal – anger, rage, body image and nurturing of self.” Sister Paula was also quoted as saying that “the most difficult aspect of the job was making clients realize they are good people. They don’t have to keep their secret any longer – that’s why I’m here.”

In 1999 Sister Paula served at St. James Manor and Villas in Crete, Illinois as the Director of Mission Integration. Sister was there for five years before she began her service of counseling and providing educational workshops for the staff at the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation Home Office in Homewood, Illinois.

Sister Paula worked with the employees at St. Anthony Village in Crown Point, Indiana, starting in 2011 until her health dictated that on February 1, 2016 she became a resident of St. Anthony Village Assisted Living.

“Always look at the world in a positive way, even when things are bad. When you get up in the morning, thank God for another day.”

- Sister Paula Frances Howard

Sister said her favorite hero was St. Francis of Assisi because his whole life was focused on Jesus. Her favorite author was Henri Nouwen. The advice she liked to give was “Always look at the world in a positive way, even when things are bad. When you get up in the morning, thank God for another day.”

Just a few months short of 50 years of religious life and nine days before her 69th birthday, Sister Paula Frances died peacefully at St. Anthony Village at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 5, 2018, to be with Jesus whom she loved and served with all her heart.
Sophie Piwowarski was born in Cleveland, Ohio on March 29, 1918 and baptized a few weeks later on the 7th of April at the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary Church. It was years later on November 16, 1931 that Sophie received the sacrament of Confirmation. Sophie was the sixth child of Sophie and Joseph Piwowarski, immigrants from Poland. She had two brothers and seven sisters.

The family later belonged to Sacred Heart Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. Sophie entered the convent on June 14, 1932 at the age of fourteen. She entered the novitiate on August 15, 1933 and received the name Sister Mary Dolorine.

Sister M. Dolorine Piwowarski was first sent to Five Holy Martyrs in Chicago, Illinois in 1934 to teach the second grade, where she remained until 1938. Sister gave 57 years of service in the field of education at a variety of places: twice at St. Mary in Hammond, Indiana; St. Adalbert in East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr in Chicago, Illinois; St. Casimir in Cleveland, Ohio; St. Joseph the Provider in Campbell, Ohio; and St. Leo the Great in Cleveland, Ohio. Many of the 7th and 8th grade students at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr were disappointed when Sister was assigned to teach the 2nd & 3rd grade. They wanted the “pretty sister” to be their teacher. While at the various schools, Sister was also a sacristan, principal, assistant principal, CCD coordinator, Eucharistic Minister, local secretary, local treasurer and local minister and while she was teaching she completed a Bachelor of Science in Education degree at De Paul University in Chicago, Illinois.

After so many years of teaching in the primary grades, Sister Dolorine moved into a pre-retirement phase of her life. At Mount Alverna Home in Parma, Ohio she served in the dietary department first as a dietary clerical aide and then as a dietary office aide. As her health began to decline Sister became a resident at Mount Alverna Home where she became popular among the staff who served there because of her kindness and gentleness. One of the notable traits of Sister was that she was a refined and gentle woman.

In 2005 Sister transferred to the Infirmary of Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse in Lemont, Illinois. During those thirteen years Sister’s health gradually continued to decline as her earthly life slowly ebbed out of her body. Just a month short of 86 years of religious life and at the age of 100, Sister M. Dolorine peacefully entered into eternal life at 1:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 10, 2018, to be with Jesus whom she loved and served with all her heart.
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 Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik.

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 Catholic high school tuition.

The donor list in this issue is recorded from November 15, 2017 - June 15, 2018. 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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