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Dear Friends,

“The heavens are telling the glory of God and all creation is shouting for joy!” the lyrics from the Canticle of the Sun by David Haas sum up the last several months for the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. It has truly been an amazing time for our congregation.

We have much to shout for joy about, beginning with “For Such a Time as This” the special event that was held two weekends in March. This event gave the Sisters an opportunity to listen to the wisdom, experience and advice of many associated with us in various ways. These persons challenged us to recreate ourselves into a vibrant religious community of women who will continue to build up the Kingdom.

Sister Georgeann Kinel received the Franciscan Peacemaker Award during the annual Franciscan Federation Conference in the later part of July. Our candidate Olga Ayala became a novice on August 2nd and her name is Sister Olga Maria. Olga’s story will appear in the next issue of Crossroads.

All creation is a gift and we celebrate the lives of our Sisters who have returned to God. We have included their Eulogies so that you may rejoice with us as we honor their presence in our congregation.

Sister Alacoque Czartoryski’s story will surely entertain everyone. Featured in “This is the Oldest I’ve Ever Been,” she recalls her path to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and the many escapades along the way.

The 2012 recipient of the Theresa Dudzik Service Award, Saint Anthony Assisted Living Memory Care Without Doors, allows the residents to freely feel the warmth of the sun to brighten their night since the program gives them the freedom to be while safeguarding their security.

Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik continues to encourage us and we pray that you will find inspiration in Part Four of her story, “Trusting in Divine Providence; The Sisters Prayers Are Answered.” You, our donors and benefactors, are the answer to all of our prayers and so we invite you to “Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing to the glory of the Lord!” We rejoice because you are in the lives of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and we are blessed.

In Jesus and Mary,

Sister Diane Marie Collins, OSF
General Minister
The 2012 recipient of the Theresa Dudzik Service Award is St. Anthony Assisted Living/ St. Anthony Campus. Their program allows residents to experience the best of both worlds by enabling them to continue living in their apartment at St. Anthony’s with the comfort of knowing that assistance is available if needed.

The program provides the residents with as much independence as they may want while offering them the personal care and support services that they may need. St. Anthony Campus designed their program because they saw a need due to the rise in Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. As the population continues to rapidly age, the need for supportive living environments will also increase at the same time. It is expected that by the year 2050 there will be more than 20 million Americans over the age of 85. “By the age of 85 there is almost a 50 percent occurrence of Alzheimer’s disease.” This statistic supports the need for the assisted living industry to have well-trained staffs who can ensure that the safety of the residents as well as their quality of life maintain a good balance.

Many assisted living facilities are seeing an influx of families seeking alternative living arrangements for their loved ones who have memory impairment. This presents assisted living facilities with a great opportunity to offer another option of care. The culture has changed in assisted living environments. While it was once acceptable to provide only assistance with daily tasks, it is now viewed with a whole new expectation of providing supportive care and offering independence to Alzheimer’s and dementia residents.
The mission of these environments has shifted to achieving the provision of quality and cost effective services in a safe environment that promotes freedom of movement while enhancing and maintaining residents’ functional abilities, dignity and quality of life,” said Michelle McAllister, Senior Living Counselor.

St. Anthony Assisted Living chose to embrace this mission through its Memory Care Without Doors Program which was implemented in April 2010. The program provides residents with specialized memory support services. “It ultimately enables residents who are unable to remain living independently in the community to still be in a home-like setting where they can maintain a level of independence and self-reliance,” said Blossom Mabon, Director of Fund Development for St. Anthony Campus. Many of these residents may not yet need a locked memory care facility.

The program includes self-care activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming and eating. It also covers productive activities like hanging clothes in a closet and leisure activities like watching a movie or listening to music. It utilizes physical activities geared towards improving muscle coordination and building strength and endurance. The Memory Care Without Doors Program uniquely addressed the needs of the residents at St. Anthony’s Assisted Living who were exhibiting the early symptoms of memory loss or dementia. The program sought to meet the challenges of providing these special needs residents with the structure and stimulation necessary to minimize the loss of their cognitive and physical abilities.

Program components include focused programming in small groups that are specific to the residents’ disease process. The specialized dining services use dedicated seating and diverse food choices such as finger foods. Music therapy and other holistic resident-centered programs help residents to lead active and purposeful lives, thus, improving the quality of life for the residents.

Memory Care Without Doors increases the residents’ self-esteem by enhancing what they are still able to do and not focusing on their deficiencies. In this no fail environment residents are encouraged and able to preserve their pride and have a feeling of success. Family members have expressed their feelings of joy and appreciation to St. Anthony’s for the positive impact that the program has had on their loved ones.
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“I’ve Had a Happy Life Serving the Lord”

SISTER MARY ALACOQUE CZARTORYSKI
Born in Cleveland, OH on September 20, 1922

Sister Alacoque was born on September 20, 1922 in Cleveland, Ohio to Felix and Harriet Czartoryski and named Sophie after her father’s sister. Sister’s father Felix was born in Lomza, Poland and a descendant of royalty. Jobs were scarce in Poland and looking for a better life Felix stowed away on a ship heading for America when he was only 16 years old. As soon as he arrived, he began looking for work and got a job at a steel and wire company. Felix befriended another employee at this same company, John Wondolowski. Exactly 10 years later, Felix, now 26 years old, was asked by John if he would like to meet his oldest daughter Harriet. After a proper courtship Harriet became the wife of Felix and the couple settled in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sophie welcomed her brother Leonard to the family one year and five days later on September 25, 1923. Felix did not want to lose touch with his native Poland and insisted that only Polish be spoken at home. He taught his wife, daughter and son his native language, customs and traditions. Sister feels this is why she is so fluent in Polish today. When Sophie and her brother were old enough to attend school, they were not admitted into the Catholic school because they were unable to speak English. Sophie, her brother and her mother were tutored in English and by the time she was entering second grade, Sophie was able to attend the Catholic grade school.

As a child, Sophie was a very social and happy little girl. She liked to play games such as hopscotch, tennis and jump rope, but her favorite thing to do was to ride her brother’s bike when he wasn’t looking! On their birthdays or feast days the family would do something special such as go on a picnic, go to the zoo or just take a ride in the car. Sister’s name Sophie is Zosia in Polish, and means “wisdom,”. When mama was upset with her she called her Zoska.

Holidays were special in the Czartoryski Family. They celebrated in the tradition of their Polish heritage by attending Mass, enjoying a meal together and the sharing of Oplatek. (Family members and friends break off a small piece of the wafer and give Christmas blessings to each other).
Harriett had to prepare the holiday meals the day before since Felix would not permit his wife to work on the holiday. She was not even able to wash the dishes after they finished dinner. Sr. Alacoque vividly recalled one year near Easter when her grandmother became very ill. Her father Felix made a solemn promise to God that if his mother got better he would fast and abstain on Easter Sunday. Grandma recovered fully from her illness. Felix kept his promise to God by fasting; only eating bread and drinking water on Easter Sunday while the rest of the family ate a simple meal. Until his death, Sophie’s dad fasted and the family had their Easter celebration meal the next day.

Sister Alacoque’s eyes lit up as she fondly remembered what drew her to religious life. She was in awe of how pristine the Sisters looked in their habits with their big collars. Sister Alacoque remembered thinking right then and there that she would like to be a Sister. Her favorite teacher in eighth grade was Sister Hildegard who was a big influence in her life. Sophie was chosen to help the Sisters grade papers and clean the chapel after school but could not stay for long since she had to get home to help with chores. Her mother worked at a sweater factory and it was Sophie’s responsibility to help with cooking, picking vegetables and washing dishes. Sister Alacoque used a little stool to stand on to help with the laundry and still has that stool to this day.

When Sophie told her parents about her desire to become a Sister, her mother was thrilled but her father was less than enthusiastic. He said, “Over my dead body.” Sophie had always been Daddy’s little princess. They were very close. The thought of losing his only daughter to the convent made him quite upset. Sophie was not to be dissuaded and secretly made an appointment with Sister Sylvestra, the Sister Superior of St. Casimir Parish at that time. The appointment was for Sophie and both her parents to meet the Superior and to make plans for Sophie’s entrance to the Franciscan Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda’s Congregation. Her mother attended the meeting, but her father refused and would not give his consent. Despite her father’s refusal, plans were made for Sophie and two other candidates to enter on July 31, 1937. The motherhouse was in Chicago and Sophie along with the other two candidates traveled by train.

Sophie arrived at the convent door and the first three or four days were great. She was adjusting nicely, or so Sister Hedwig, Postulant Mistress thought. About a week later, the waterworks began since Sophie was very lonesome having never been away from home. She said, “Let me go to see my father, I’ll come right back” (never realizing the distance between Chicago and Ohio). Sister Hedwig told her to go into the chapel and count all of the statues in an attempt to take the young girl’s mind off of being homesick. Sophie reported back to Sister Hedwig that she had counted 14 statues. She continued to plead to go home;
1941, Sophie Czartoryski professed her vows to become Sister Mary Alacoque Czartoryski.

Sister was at the Motherhouse on Hamlin Avenue for five years after making her first vows. Attached to the Motherhouse was St. Joseph Home for the Aged built by Mother Theresa. Sister Alacoque was appointed the Director of the Residents’ Dining Room where she worked for three years and served in the Motherhouse kitchen, garden, laundry and Chapel for the remaining two years.

Sister Alacoque taught Kindergarten and First Grade at Five Holy Martyrs, St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, in Chicago, Illinois and at St. Mary in Hammond, Indiana. While teaching at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, Sister sewed beautiful dresses for a dance at the school. Realizing Sister’s talent she was encouraged to get a degree in Home Economics. Sister Alacoque earned a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics from Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois in two years. After earning her degree, Sister Alacoque taught Clothing I, II, and III at Madonna High School as well as Home Management. Sister taught at Madonna from 1955-1972.

Sister Alacoque received a Master of Science in Education from Northern Illinois University in 1963 and began working on a Doctorate degree studying the makeup of fabric, dyes, colors and textures at the encouragement of Mother Jerome. While she was working on her Doctorate from Minnesota-Minneapolis University, she became very ill. Sister Joseph Marie Zenda who was the General Minister at the time insisted that Sister Alacoque see a doctor because she was having trouble breathing. It was discovered that she had a tumor on her lung, which subsequently needed to be removed. On October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the doctors successfully removed Sister Alacoque’s lung. Sister thanks God every day for being able to work with only one lung for almost 40 years.

When the community took over St. Anthony Hospital, they needed professional dieticians. After completing her studies Sister received her degree at Augustana Hospital in Chicago, in 1974. Sister Alacoque was sent to St. John’s Hospital in Huron, South Dakota where she served from 1974-1977. Earning this degree allowed Sister Alacoque to serve as the Dietary Director at Mount Alverna Home in Parma, Ohio from 1977 until 1984. The arrival of computers at Mount Alverna gave Sister Alacoque an opportunity to transfer out of Dietary and help out in the Sewing Department. Sister and her staff sewed everything for the residents of Mount Alverna. After 15 years in Parma, Sister was called to the Motherhouse Dietary Department where she helped in reorganizing the kitchen, the menus and revised several dietary practices.

In November of 1991, Sister Alacoque requested to go to Poland because she felt called to do some of Mother Theresa’s work. At one time she spent 10 consecutive months in Poland. She taught English to parents, school children and teenagers in six different schools and
traveled on Saturdays to various places to spread knowledge about Mother Mary Theresa. Sister spoke in colleges about Mother Mary Theresa's life, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and vocations. She also taught teens and mothers hand sewing. Sister Alacoque has been to Poland 14 times. She was instrumental in persuading the Bishop and Pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Kamień, Krajenski (where Mother Theresa was baptized, confirmed and attended Mass) and the villagers of Plocicz (Mother Theresa’s birthplace) to build a church in Plocicz. The distance from the church in Kamień, Krajenski to Plocisz, was 5 kilometers, which is about 2 ½ miles. It was a long walk back and forth for people to attend Mass on Sundays. Sister Alacoque felt inspired by Mother Theresa to build the church in Plocisz.

Sister Alacoque became the driving force behind the building of the church. Sophie Dziarnowski, cousin of Father Henry Malak, the postulator for the Cause of Beatification of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, donated a corner lot to be used for building the church. Everything else was in Sister Alacoque’s capable hands from raising money, to dealing with architects and getting materials to listening to disgruntled villagers who did not want the church in their community. Ever the optimist, Sister Alacoque was not fazed by all of the challenges.

Upon her return to the United States, Sister Alacoque continued to fundraise for the tiny church in Plocisz. She received two generous donations from Polish women who happily agreed to make unrestricted gifts for the church building. One of the donations paid for the roof and the other was used for the marble in the church. The church, which can accommodate 500 to 600 people, was finally opened in 1998 and consecrated Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary. A large painting of Mother Mary Theresa hangs in the church honoring the woman who inspired its inception.

In October of 2011, Sister M. Alacoque was the first recipient of the Franciscan Weaver Award. This award is to honor one of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago who embodies the Franciscan charism and shows Franciscan joy in her daily life. This year, Sister Alacoque is celebrating her 75th year in Religious life. Currently she is the Hospitality Director of Our Lady of Victory Convent. She can be found setting up for events in the Sister’s Dining Room, giving tours to visitors and greeting every guest with a welcoming smile, twinkling eyes and the kindness that one usually reserves for royalty or special guests. She embodies the Franciscan spirit of hospitality and treats all who come into the convent with friendliness, generosity and compassion. Sister Alacoque sums up life by saying, “I’ve had a happy life, holding onto the Lord, following his directives and being compliant with others.”
He presented the Sisters with a chalice to be used during Holy Mass in the convent chapel. As Father Barzynski left St. Joseph Home, he met with a near-fatal accident. He stumbled and fell to the ground as he was dismounting from a streetcar. Only by hanging onto the exit pole was he able to save himself from the wheels of an oncoming streetcar. “He was taken to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in an unconscious state, and his life hung precariously in the balance.”

The Sisters were completely unnerved at the possibility of losing their beloved spiritual director. "He was taken to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in an unconscious state, and his life hung precariously in the balance."

Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church accused the Sisters of having burdened Father Barzynski with so much worry that he became sick while at St. Joseph Home. The Sisters fervently prayed for Father Barzynski to regain his health. Their prayers were answered on the feast of St. Joseph when Father Barzynski and Father Spetz arrived at St. Joseph Home for an unexpected visit.

Father Barzynski’s purpose for visiting the Sisters was to inform them that they would be admitted into the novitiate as soon as he had received the
necessitate permission from Archbishop Feehan. “Approximately three weeks later, Father Barzynski told the Sisters that they would be accepted into a formal novitiate on April 23, the feast of the patronage of St. Joseph.”

Sister Theresa and Sister Anna had already begun designing a religious garb to be worn as an external sign of the Sisters’ consecration in anticipation of their admittance into the novitiate. The result of their efforts was a long, brown, one-piece habit with four deep pleats at the front yoke and four in the back folded in such a way that the top pleat formed a scapular. “The sleeves were wide, deep, and long with large cuffs.” A white wool cord with tasseled fringes and tied in a single knot encircled the waist. The cord hung down the right side of the habit with three more knots symbolizing the three vows.

“The headdress consisted of a coif, guimpe, brow band, and a stiff white cornet to which a white veil was sewed and pinned in three folds.” “The veil was lined with a white starched material and formed a circular headpiece.” A large white collar with three folds and a wooden crucifix completed the habit.

The Sisters were supposed to be formally accepted into the novitiate on April 23 but Sister Anna Wysinski fearing for Father Barzynski’s health postponed the date for their acceptance into the novitiate until May 21. Regrettably Father Barzynski would never have the joy of investing the Sisters with their new habits because he died from pneumonia on May 2, 1899. The Sisters were deeply saddened at the news of Father Barzynski’s death especially Sister Theresa who felt the loss even greater since he had been her spiritual director and confessor for almost 16 years. Father Barzynski had often told Sister Theresa not to place her confidence in him but rather in God.

The funeral for Father Barzynski took place on May 5, 1899 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Hundreds of clergymen from throughout the United States and many Sisters were present at his funeral including the eight Sisters who had formed the Franciscan
for the orphans.” They converted the area where they washed and ironed clothes into a kitchen. They gave up their cafeteria for use as a dining room for the orphans.

“On July 18, 1899, twenty-seven older orphan girls moved into St. Joseph Home.” The younger girls and boys remained at Holy Family Orphanage in the care of Reverend John Kruszynski, CR, who was the superior of St. Stanislaus College. The School Sisters of Notre Dame left Holy Family Orphanage on August 16, 1899 and brought over twelve more young girls and infants to St. Joseph Home before they left. “Twenty - seven boys still remained at the orphanage.” Father Spetz reached out to Sister Anna for help. He asked her to send at least two Sisters “to the rescue of the Resurrectionist brother!” Sister Anna responded to his plea by sending two postulants to his aid.

The addition of the young girls and infants caused serious overcrowding at St. Joseph Home and the Sisters’ workload was oppressive. They had complete responsibility for the children as well as maintaining the dormitory and laundry. The Sisters conducted school for the children and also instructed them in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith. “The Sisters’ main source of income at this time was voluntary offerings received from people who were acquainted with their plight or the offerings of money and food gathered by begging.” The Sisters soon realized that they had to build a new structure in order to house the orphans properly. Trusting in Divine Providence and Father Spetz’s ability to get a loan for $12,000, the Sisters began construction of a three story brick building that would become home to the orphans. They named the new orphanage, St. Vincent’s Orphan Asylum after their beloved Father Vincent Barzynski. They took occupancy of the building on December 21, 1899 and transferred the remaining 27 boys from Holy Family Orphanage to St. Vincent’s.

As the end of the Nineteenth Century came to a close the number of elderly residents at St. Joseph Home and the number of children at St. Vincent’s Orphanage increased. Thankfully so did the number of vocations to the young Franciscan community. “Sister M. Theresa was thankful to God for the generous and compassionate spirit of the many women who asked for admittance to the community. In her “Chronicle,” Sister M. Theresa states: “God, seeing our difficult circumstances, sent more candidates to the community.”

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**Franciscan Peacemaker Award**

Sister M. Georgeann Kinel is the recipient of the 2012 Franciscan Peacemaker Award. Sister was recognized during the annual Franciscan Federation Conference held in July in Cincinnati.

Sister Georgeann embodies the witness of Francis and Clare to fidelity in her many years as a Franciscan Sister of Chicago. Ministering in a parish setting as a teacher she witnessed the changes in the church and in her own life as a religious from Pre-Vatican times to the present with a positive attitude. Sister M. Georgeann’s gentleness of spirit, ready smile and uncomplaining acceptance of life’s difficulties inspired and gave hope to the doubtful and discouraged in the parish community as well as in her local community. With a strong spirituality grounded in humility and sweetness of disposition Sister Georgeann continues nurturing the communion of love to which Jesus invites all of us. She is our model Franciscan Peacemaker for 2012.

*Written by Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie, OSF*
For Such a Time as This
March 10 & March 24 2012

The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago invited their associates, benefactors, clergy, family, friends, religious associates and vendors to participate in a special event entitled “For Such a Time As This” which was held on two separate Saturdays in March of this year.

The purpose of the event was to gather the wisdom, experience and advice of a sample of persons related to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. This bold idea was brought to life to challenge the status quo of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and plan for their recreation as a vibrant, life-giving community that could build up the reign of God in American society.

Both days began with an opening prayer by Sister Diane Marie Collins, General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Then two members from the Planning Committee talked about their personal connection to the Sisters and gave a brief history of the Congregation. The tables of participants were asked to introduce themselves to each other and tell how they were personally associated with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

As the day progressed all of the participants were given discussion questions which would evoke responses concerning the Sisters’ ministries and their congregation. All of this information was then shared with the individuals throughout the day. The crowd enjoyed the lighter moments which included the distribution of door prizes. It was inspiring to note that everyone present was there because they believe in the Sisters.

The theme for the event was taken from an Old Testament story about Esther who was a strong young woman called by God to save her people just as Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik was called by God to move to Chicago and found the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.

At their last General Chapter, the Sisters made the decision to resurge and recreate themselves. The concept of recreating at this juncture of their congregation called for a lot of courage since there are currently only 37 Sisters left and the average age is 87 years old. Many religious congregations are facing similar challenges since vocations have been steadily declining since the 1970’s but few are choosing the option to reinvent themselves. This comes as no surprise to those who truly know the Sisters and believe in this determined group of women.

The results from the information gathered in March will not be known publicly for a while but one thing is certain, this brave group of women has chosen to go where God sends them and only He knows what is in store for the future of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.
“As much as I was able to, I reassured myself with the thought that whatever I did, I would do it for the greater glory of God.”

(MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK)

Eulogies are prepared by Sister Diane Marie Collins, General Minister. The Sisters are presented in order in which they died.

A memorial has been established for each sister in the Legacy Fund and gifts can be made in their memory at any time. Often those close to our Sisters remember their death and death anniversaries with a memorial gift. When a Legacy Fund gift is received soon after a Sister dies, we respond with a personal note of thanks and enclose the Sister’s prayer card that includes her picture. All gifts are promptly acknowledged.

Please join us in prayer for our departed Sisters and for all those who loved them.

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**SISTER M. JEANETTE GOLOJUCH**

*Born: December 24, 1923  
Died: December 22, 2011*

The month was December and Frank, Joseph, Sophie and Angeline, the four children of the Golojuch household at that time, were probably very excited for two reasons. Not only were they preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ on Christmas Day, but a new baby brother or sister was also expected in the family. Their parents, John and Kathryn welcomed their fifth child, a daughter, on December 24, 1923. She was baptized into Christ on January 1, 1924 and given the name Stephanie. There were seven more children born into the family following Stephanie. They were Mary, Ann, Bernard, John, Walter, Theresa and Genevieve.

The family belonged to St. Casimir Parish where the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago had been meeting the educational needs of the children.

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“But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

(Book of Jonah 2:9)
since September of 1912 and would continue to do so for the next seventy years. Over twenty young women from the parish entered the congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and on July 26, 1939, Stephanie became one of that illustrious number. She entered the novitiate on February 2, 1941 and received the name Sister M. Jeanette. Sister Jeanette made her perpetual profession of vows on August 15, 1948.

Sister Jeanette attended both DePaul University and Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois where she studied various courses in education that prepared her for her ministry in teaching.

However, Sister M. Jeanette began her life of ministry caring for the needs of the elderly at St. Joseph Home in Chicago, Illinois and at St. Joseph Home in Cleveland, Ohio. Sister brought joy to the residents by listening to them and serving them in the residents’ dining room from 1941 to 1947.

Sister Jeanette then served in the ministry of education from 1947 until 1966. Sister Jeanette taught mainly in the primary grades. Sister taught at Five Holy Martyrs and St Pancratius Schools in Chicago, Illinois; St. John Cantius, Assumption, St. Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus Schools in Indiana; St. Leo School in Ohio and at her home parish, St. Casimir School in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Sister Jeanette also served as sacristan at St. Mary in Hammond, Indiana and Sacred Heart in Gary, Indiana.

Sister Jeanette came to the motherhouse in 1966 and began working with Sr. M. Venantia to assist Father Henry Malak in promoting the Beatification Cause for the Venerable Servant of God, Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik the foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Sister Jeanette served as the guide for visitation to Mother Theresa’s sarcophagus and worked with Sister M. Venantia to maintain the museum that housed precious artifacts of the congregation’s history, some of which are now in Heritage Hall. Sister Jeanette was very passionate about this work.

Her prayerful, listening heart received many who were interested in hearing about Mother Theresa and she commended the needs of many to Mother Theresa’s intercession. Sister Jeanette assisted Sr. M. Alvernia in coordinating the monthly Masses and gathering the intentions to be placed on the sarcophagus of Mother Theresa during those Masses. Sister Jeanette was one who often stayed in the background, but people were drawn to her gentle, humble spirit.

Sister Jeanette retired from active ministry in 2002 but the relationships she developed and her dedication to Mother M. Theresa remained a part of her life. Some members of the administrative staff recall receiving calls from Sr. Jeanette asking that beatification prayers and other materials be sent to those who had contacted her and were in great need of Mother M. Theresa’s intercession. Members of the League and Guild and many others became her friends. She would still come down to the dining room every month after the Beatification Mass to visit with some of them.

Sister Jeanette spent much time before the Blessed Sacrament. She enjoyed listening to some televised talks on spirituality, had a devotion to Jesus the Divine Mercy and said that she loved Jesus and felt him close to her. Sister enjoyed and participated in many of the group activities such as movies, crafts and of course, BINGO. She said she loved the Sisters and being with them.

On December 22, 2011 after 87 years of earthly life and 72 years of religious life, Sister M. Jeanette entered eternity where she now adores her Lord face to face in glory and she sings with all the heavenly hosts “Glory to God in the highest.”

Sister Jeanette, you have now joined all of our Sisters in community who have gone before us. We ask you and all of them to pray for us that we might have peace within and bring peace on Earth for the greater honor and glory of God.
Bernice and Victor Jachimowicz immigrated from Poland to the United States and settled in Hamtramck, Michigan. They were a pious couple who actually had an altar set up in their home where they would pray. Their piety and faith strongly influenced the lives of their children. This couple welcomed a baby daughter into their growing family on April 13, 1921. She was baptized into Christ at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church on May 8, 1921 and given the name Julia. She had two older sisters, Bernice and Mary who were close in age to Julia. The younger brothers and sisters were Victor, Francis, Christine, Theresa and Barbara. There were two other children, both boys who died, one through miscarriage and the other was stillborn. Julia named them Joe and Michael. When Julia was four or five years old, her family moved to a farm in a small town called Ray Center where Julia’s mother ran a general store. Victor Jachimowicz worked in a foundry nearby. The two older sisters worked for farmers and the boys, who were younger, spent most of their time playing. Julia, observing how hard her mother worked, felt she had to help her and she took on the task of doing the dishes, hoping this would help her mother and be pleasing to Father God, whom her mother talked about all the time and whom Julia called “Daddy God.”

At one point the parents decided to send the three older girls, including Julia, back to Hamtramck to live with an aunt and uncle. Here they attended Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic School until the Depression caused them to return to Ray Center and finish grammar school in New Baltimore.

The spark of a vocation was ignited in Julia’s heart when at the age of seven she saw a Sister for the first time and her mother explained that Sisters devoted their lives to God and His people. Julia’s older sister, Bernice joined the Felician Sisters and Julia asked her older sister how to get a vocation. The formula offered by her sister was saying three Hail Marys every day and then entering on a feast of the Blessed Mother. Initially, Julia wanted to go to the Missionary Sisters, but the dowry they wanted was too much. Julia went to her pastor and shared her desire to be a Sister and it was he who directed her to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on June 27, 1938 at the age of seventeen. Julia attended both DePaul and Loyola Universities in Chicago, Illinois and received her Bachelor of Science in Education from St. John College in Cleveland, Ohio.
Sister Claudiana's religious life and ministry presented her with many opportunities to lean on the Lord and trust in His love and will. Sister began her ministry working at St. Elizabeth Day Care Center in Chicago, Illinois. Her ministry in Education spanned forty-three years and carried her to the states of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Sister ministered at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, St. Florian, Five Holy Martyrs and St. Pancratius Schools in Chicago, Illinois and St. Louise de Marillac in LaGrange Park, Illinois. Sister Claudiana also taught at St. Casimir, St. Leo and Sts. Philip and James Schools in Cleveland, Ohio and at St. Hedwig School in Gary, Indiana. She taught mainly in the primary and lower intermediate grades. She was a principal and served as sacristan in many of the parishes where she taught. Sister commented once “It seems like all my convent life I’ve been involved in the chapel.”

Sister Claudiana lost partial sight in her left eye in 1983 and was no longer able to teach. Her heart longed to continue her ministry of service to God and His people and God provided that opportunity for her. He opened her heart to His desire for her to serve Him in the guise of the poor. Initially she found fulfillment working with the poor at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Chicago, Illinois. Then her spiritual director at the time, Father Gus Milon, told her he was planning to start a soup kitchen and asked if she would help him. Her first request to do so was denied because of concern for the seriousness of her loss of vision, but, she was persistent and voiced her desire to minister to the poor as Mother Theresa had done. Compassionately the general superior took Sister’s request to the general council for discussion. One year later the general superior said “We will give you to the poor.” Sister Claudiana became involved in the ministry of listening as she worked among the poor at the Port and was lovingly referred to as Sister “C.” She continued in this ministry for thirteen years. Her responsibilities varied according to need. She begged for food to feed the people at the soup kitchen. Many sought her out to just listen to them. She prayed for the needs of individual children when in charge of the Child Walk Program at Fio House. At The Mantle she cared for the children ranging in age from eight months to two years of age. Her ministry at Theresa House also involved the care of the little ones.

Sister’s ministry to her Sisters in community included assistant superior, local superior, local treasurer and local secretary. Sister Claudiana also offers words of hope to her Sisters in community. When she heard Sisters voicing their fear about the community dying, she said: “Look at Mother Theresa and what she did with five and never worry, even if there are just two.”

Sister Claudiana retired to the motherhouse in the year 2000. She continued to minister to the Sisters in the Infirmary by visiting them and helping with any of their needs. She herself became a resident of the Infirmary in 2002.

Sister had a deep devotion to the Blessed Trinity, Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. She asked that when she died an arrangement of three daisies in honor of the Blessed Trinity and two pink roses, one for the Blessed Mother and one for St. Joseph be placed in her hands so that she could offer them when she reached heaven.

Sister M. Claudiana lived with a heart open to the will and presence of God. After ninety years of earthly life and seventy three years of religious life her “Daddy God” called her home on the late afternoon of January 17th.

Sister Claudiana, thank you for your example of trust in God and your words of encouragement to us. Please place our needs before the glory of the Blessed Trinity and intercede for us. May you rest in peace.
The year was 1910. The United States was becoming recognized as a world leader. Vitamin B, braces for teeth and neon signs made their debut. 70% of the bread eaten by families was baked at home and Americans were singing “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” and “Down By The Old Mill Stream.” Beatrix Potter and Rudyard Kipling were writing popular children’s books and two popular fictional characters, Tom Swift and Hopalong Cassidy, were introduced. That year in Duquesne, Pennsylvania on August 19th John and Victoria Jasinski welcomed their first child, a daughter. She was baptized into Christ on August 28, 1910 at St. Hedwig Parish and given the name Anna.

Anna lived on a farm with her parents and her two sisters, Marie and Stephany and her brother Anthony. She had many adventures on the farm which included riding a pig on a dare, jumping off a high haystack and accidentally stitching her finger on her mother’s sewing machine. One can just imagine Anna with a glint in her eye, a mischievous smile on her face and her effervescent sense of humor as these things happened. Some of her school days were spent in a one room classroom with a pot belly stove in the center for warmth. The family traveled on Sunday to church in a horse drawn carriage and in the winter the horse pulled a sleigh. By the time Anna made her First Holy Communion she and her family had moved to Youngstown, Ohio and belonged to St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. After her father was injured in a bus accident, her mother worked nights and Anna worked at the rectory at St. Stanislaus Kostka.

Anna admired the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago who staffed the parish school. Right before her eighteenth birthday she entered the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on July 16, 1928. Anna entered the novitiate on July 16, 1929 and received the name Sister Mary Hubert.

Sister Hubert’s teaching career spanned fifty-three years in grammar schools. Sister Hubert taught every grade from the second through eighth grades. She was most proud of the fact that from her teaching career she saw four young men become priests and five young women become religious sisters. Sister attended Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois and received her Bachelor of Science in Education from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. Sister Hubert taught in Illinois at Five Holy Martyrs and St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Schools. She taught in Indiana at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart of Jesus Schools; in Pennsylvania at St. Casimir School and in Ohio at St. John the Baptist, Saints Philip and James, St. Leo the Great and St. Stanislaus Kostka Schools.

Sister Hubert retired from the field of education in 1982 and she began her ministry in healthcare at Mount Alverna Home in Parma, Ohio. She had a diverse ministry there which included working in the Business Office, using her talents as a seamstress, working in central supply and ministering as a resident manager.
Sister Hubert began her retirement years in November of 1991 at Our Lady of Victory Motherhouse. Sister brought her energy, sense of humor and compassion with her. She spent much of her time helping the more infirmed, older sisters by visiting them and making sure that all of their needs were attended to including, praying the rosary and other prayers, singing Polish hymns or finding sweaters to keep them warm. She also worked with the League and the Guild of Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik.

Sister Hubert always found joy in living community life and her prayer life. She was grateful for the opportunities to give of herself to her fellow Sisters. Sister served her religious community as local superior, treasurer, secretary and assistant superior.

Sister Hubert’s deep spirit of prayer and love for God were outwardly displayed in her sense of humor, her smile and the way in which she interacted with all the people she encountered.

After one hundred and one years of earthly life and eighty-three years of religious life Jesus called Sister Hubert to her eternal reward on Saturday, July 25, 2012 at 12:45 in the afternoon.

Sister Hubert, pray for us that we might remember and imitate your love for God and His people and might express it in acts of joyful service until we join you before God’s holy face in our eternal home.

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Stanley Goryszewski came to America and joined the American army and fought in World War I. His lungs were damaged from the gas used as a weapon during the war. He recovered in the United States but there were lasting physical effects. He returned to Poland, but always loved America and was given the nickname “The American.” He married Eugenio. The oldest child, a daughter, was born on August 5, 1951 in Kolacki, Poland. She was baptized into Christ at a small parish church in Poland and given the name Susanna. Susanna's birth was followed by the births of her sisters Barbara and Jane and a brother, Apolinary.

Susanna felt a desire to serve God in religious life and in June of 1948 entered the congregation of the Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Poland. During this time, which was during the Russian occupation, she attended the Public High School because that was the only form of education available. She was singled out and made fun of because she was Catholic and a religious. Her family survived the war, but, the experience was forever etched into Susanna’s memory. On August 10,
1950 she entered the novitiate and received the name Sister M. Symphorosa. Sister professed her perpetual vows in the congregation of the Servants of the Sacred Heart on August 11, 1957. Sister Symphorosa did some catechetical as well as domestic ministry in Poland. The Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were responsible for cooking and domestic services at the seminary and were known by Bishop Karol Wojtyla who would become Pope John Paul II.

Sister Symphorosa discerned for a number of years about participating in apostolic religious life in the United States of America. She acted on her desire and sought consultation from her pastor, other members of her congregation and her confessor. She was granted permission to immigrate to America because of her father's status. Sister Symphorosa came to the United States and lived at the convent of her first community who had a ministry to the poor and homeless in New York. She spent some time with the Felician Sisters in Livonia. Eventually she applied to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and after all of the canonical requirements had been satisfied, Sister Symphorosa professed her perpetual vows with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago on August 15, 1976.

Sister's ministry with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago gave her the opportunity to serve the People of God using her culinary and domestic skills. Sister Symphorosa made delicious thin crispy potato pancakes and Beet Soup with small, meat dumplings while at St. Pancratius Convent. She would also come to the Motherhouse before Christmas to assist in making hundreds of pierogies for the motherhouse Sisters. Her ministry in Illinois took her to Madonna High School, St. Joseph Home, Five Holy Martyrs and St. Pancratius Convents in Chicago and Our Lady of Victory Convent, the motherhouse, in Lemont, Illinois. Sister also ministered at St. Anthony of Padua in Parma Ohio. Sister was described as a hard worker.

While at St. Pancratius, she would clean the convent so that the Sisters who were teaching would not have to perform those duties after school. She also cared for the convent dog, Daisy, when the Sisters who usually tended the dog were in school. Once she decided to bathe and trim the dog when she thought it looked unkempt. She gently trimmed the dog and then realized that she had given the dog quite a crew cut and bathed and fluffed up the remaining fur so that the rest of the Sisters would not see the degree to which the dog had been trimmed, but only how clean and alert the dog was.

In addition to her daily, private prayer which included novenas, attendance at Parish Missions and First Friday Adoration, Sister Symphorosa developed a great devotion to both St. John Bosco and Padre Pio after hearing about them on the Polish Catholic radio station which broadcasted a classical literature series. She also listened to EWTN. She was aware of current political and religious news.

Sister Symphorosa came to the Motherhouse in 2000 and retired to the infirmary at Our Lady of Victory in 2005.

After sixty three years of religious life and eighty years of earthly life, Sister died on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 2:30 a.m.

Sister Symphorosa, you experienced the trials and blessings of this life which all had an impact on your heart and person. You now see our merciful Savior, Jesus in glory. Please intercede for us before his holy face. May we too continue to experience the mercy and redemption of Jesus until we join you some day in the glory of heaven.
Today’s news is filled with stories of the effect of the economy on families. For some it causes despair and frustration. For other families it has become an opportunity for learning how to creatively “stretch a dollar” and grow closer in their relationship as a family. The latter was true for Casimir and Mary Groszek. They had immigrated from Poland to the United States and settled into the neighborhood of St. Pancratius Parish on the south side of Chicago. They were parents who taught their children the value of hard work and the importance of family. They brought six children into the world. Their third child, a daughter, was born on February 13, 1920. She was baptized into Christ at St. Adalbert’s Parish on February 15, 1920 and given the name, Jane. She joined her older brother and sister, Stanley and Helen in welcoming the three younger siblings: Emily, Ted and Lillian. Jane and her siblings learned that it wasn’t money and store bought presents that made the holidays a celebration, but, the bonds of family and doing things together. This has remained a characteristic of her family through the years.

Jane attended St. Pancratius Grammar School where she became associated with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. She attended Kelly High School in Chicago, Illinois for two years and then, at the age of fifteen, entered the convent. Her parents wanted her to wait until she was eighteen, hoping that she would change her mind. However, her mind was made up and there was no stopping this determined young woman. Once when asked why she entered the convent she said: “I really wanted to go to heaven and that was the best way I knew how.”

Jane became a novice on August 15, 1937 and received the name Sister M. Alvernia. Sister received a Bachelor of Science in Education from St. John’s College in Cleveland, Ohio, a Master of Science and a Master of Arts in Education both from DePaul University in Chicago. She was the recipient of government grants and grants from the National Science Foundation which allowed her to enhance her knowledge and excellence as a teacher.

Sister Alvernia taught intermediate grades at St. Hedwig School in Gary, Indiana and St. Casimir School in Cleveland, Ohio. She taught Primary Grades at Five Holy Martyrs School in Chicago, Illinois and ministered at Madonna High School as a Biology teacher and Chairman of the Science Department. Her ministry at Madonna High School as a teacher spanned almost twenty years. During that time she was the Mothers’ Club Moderator and she was also in charge of fundraising for the school which involved many annual carnivals and weekly Bingo. Sister spent many years of involvement with the Illinois Junior Academy of Science which meant not only preparing students
for participation in annual Science Fairs, but, serving as a member of the Steering Committee, the Executive Council and president of that organization. Sister also served as the Co-director of CISCA (Chicago Inter-student Catholic Action) the official student Catholic Action unit of the archdiocese for a number of years. Sister Alvernia returned to Madonna High School in 1983 and served as principal until 1986. Sister commuted to St. Pancratius School from the motherhouse in Lemont for three years, in order to teach Science.

Sister Alvernia served our religious congregation as a general council member, secretary general, local minister and driver for the Sisters. Many Sisters celebrating their jubilees joined Sister Alvernia for the Jubilee trips that she organized and directed as the secretary general of the congregation. There are countless slides and photographs in the community archives that capture the joy and adventure of those trips. Sister Alvernia became responsible for the Archives of the congregation when she assumed the position of secretary general. It took her five years to develop a numbering system and organize the Archives.

Sister Alvernia was intricately involved with the beatification process for Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik, our foundress and from 1986 until 2003 Sister Alvernia was the Executive Director of the Mother Theresa League and Guild.

Sister Alvernia became a resident of the motherhouse infirmary in 2003. During that time she was busy about many things. The computer fascinated her, she created placemats from greeting cards and magazines which almost everyone has received as a gift at one time or another and she was engaged with the various craft projects conducted by the infirmary staff. Sister was often heard singing in her room or down the hall on her way to or from chapel. Sister Alvernia crocheted baby blankets, lap robes and scarves and told a few jokes in between all of these activities.

Sister Alvernia was a woman of faith and conviction. She had a great love for Mother Mary Theresa and promoted her Cause for beatification wholeheartedly. She was devoted to her family which held a special place in her heart. Sister Alvernia also deeply loved our congregation and said that she never regretted anything and never looked back. After 92 years of earthly life and 76 years of religious life she looked forward into the face of God and died on Sunday morning, June 24, 2012. Sister left a message for all of us in a note written shortly before she died. She wrote: “Bye for now, I’ll see you in heaven.”

Sister Alvernia you have been an inspiration to many including family, students, colleagues and your Sisters in community. We will miss your vibrant and delightfully mischievous personality. Pray for us so that we may be faithful and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and people of joy who are rooted in the gospel with eyes fixed on the kingdom of God.
It is hard to believe that the year is more than half over. As we look back on the last eight months we reflect on all the support our donors have given to the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and we smile in gratitude. Your generosity has enabled their ministries to thrive even during these difficult economic times. Our third annual golf outing was successful because our vendors became partners and actively participated in our fundraising endeavor.

Even the excessive heat did not keep the golfers from enjoying the day. The wind swept across the course giving the golfers a small break from the 90 degree temperatures. All in all it was a great day for golf. The sun shined brightly and the day culminated with a delicious dinner. While everyone may not have shot a Par score, it was evident by the smiles on the golfers' faces as they left Midlothian Country Club that they had had a wonderful day of playing golf and connecting with their friends.

Our special events are one of the many ways we reach out to our donors and to the public. The Sisters hosted their 18th Annual Ball, Putting on the Glitz at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook on October 22nd. The theme for last years' Ball was the black and white era of Hollywood of the 1930’s and 1940’s. The guests enjoyed an enchanting evening of dining, dancing and celebrating the legacy of the Sisters.

This fall the Sisters will introduce a new fundraiser which will replace our annual Ball. Our guests will notice obvious changes such as a D.J. instead of an orchestra, simpler floral arrangements and raffles instead of a silent auction. One notable change will be the cost to attend the event. The ticket price will dramatically drop to $65 per person from $175. The Autumn Banquet will be held on Friday, October 19, 2012 at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn in Willow Brook, Illinois. The evening promises to be quite entertaining with a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted with one another.

Getting reacquainted is exactly what Sister Jeanne Marie Toriskie and I are doing with the Beatification presentations that we are presenting at all of our Franciscan Senior Living Communities and local churches. The lectures tell the story of The Franciscan Sisters of Chicago’s Foundress, Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik and her remarkable life. Our communities were founded on the values and charism of Mother Mary Theresa. Each time I listen to Sister Jeanne Marie speak about this incredible woman I learn something new about Mother Mary Theresa. Her inspiring life makes me believe anything is possible even on the most challenging days.

Mother Mary Theresa's story reminds us that though there may be difficulties that each of us encounter in life, we do not face them alone. God is ever present in our lives and guides us on the journey. We are grateful to you our benefactors and friends who have been a constant presence in our lives and have supported us along the way.

We continue to make a difference in the world because of you. We pray that all of you enjoy the beauty of the upcoming fall season, and are able to spend time with family and friends and that you know just how thankful we are that you have chosen to have a relationship with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago and their ministries.
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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.

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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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