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**On the cover:** This nativity was created by Sr. Emmanuel Pieper and makes its home in the chapel every Christmas season.

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# From the PRIORRESS

Ever since I was a child (and that is a while back) I've heard that Christmas is too secular and commercialized (and it is!) So, what have we done to change this? Collectively we seem to wring our hands as though there is nothing much that can be done. Along the way there have been many teachers, prophets and especially Jesus who have endeavored, even pleaded with us to realize the gift of the incarnation and the liberation it brings.

The mystery of the incarnation seems too much for humans to grasp – God taking on human form. Meister Eckhart urges us to open ourselves so that “the eternal Birth must take place in *you*.” Athanasius furthers this life-changing belief by stating “God became human so that we might become like God.” Jesus bore witness to the Christ that we must grow into and become.

It does appear that through the generosity of God, the mystery of the incarnation is so out of the human realm thus making it impossible for us to comprehend. So, what can we do? How can we allow the gift of the Eternal Birth to take place in ourselves? Have you ever said to yourself – this is the year that I am going to commit myself to the message of growing into a Christ-bearer, committing myself to more deeds of mercy, compassion and love and becoming less whatever holds me back – self-centered, lazy, judgmental?

Pope Francis in a 2019 Christmas homily encourages each of us to become a gift to others, “to become a gift is to give meaning to life. And it is the best way to change the world: we change, the Church changes, history changes, once we stop trying to change others but try to change ourselves and to give our life as a gift.” Further he gives this important advice, “May we not wait for our neighbor to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them.”

May the dawn of the Christ-light shine in all the world bringing grace and peace. May God's Love transform our hearts and may each of us do our part!

Sr. Aileen Bankemper, OSB







# christmas at the monastery



Several Sisters were asked to share their reflections on celebrating the Christmas season throughout their lives and here at the monastery. Here is what they said.

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**Sr. Rita Brink:** Christmas at the monastery is a celebration of joy, giftedness, and stewardship. The smell of pine, the luster of ornaments, the sparkle of lights, invigorating the soul, intensifying one's possibility.

Christ's birth rekindles the fires of faith, the joy of Christ among us, the inner gifts received, and the honoring of the invitation to be stewards of the WORD. God's love abounding in celebration!

**Sr. Cathy Bauer:** I have found that each Christmas builds upon all my previous ones. The traditions of the past bring forth what the present Christmas is. Here at the monastery our celebration of Advent prepares me for the Christmas celebration. I am reminded of all those who have touched my life and of the love and peace that Christ brings among us.

**Sr. Rosemary McCormack:** I entered the community on December 8th, and for the few weeks before Christmas, I thought it would be much like "life as usual." Much to my delight and happiness, I was awakened for midnight mass by the most beautiful, melodious sounds of angelic voices singing a song I had never heard before, "Angels We Have Heard on High." The singers were from the postulants, novices, and first professed members of the community. As we prepare to participate at Eucharist, I always remember this event on Christmas Eve, especially when we are singing this hymn.

**Sr. Kimberly Porter:** Celebrating Christmas at the monastery for me is about the quiet expectation of Advent bursting into joyful celebration. The beauty of the liturgies, meals and trees around the monastery are a feast to my senses. I love how the busy preparation gives way to conversations by the tree, afternoon games and a sense of gratitude for the many blessings of our life.

**Sr. Stella Marie Gough:** I love the special prayers and music and especially the Old Testament readings in our liturgies. I find the special music for the season – the mixture of the traditional and the new, it's like a beautiful symphony of carols. I also enjoy the way the community comes together to decorate the Christmas trees in the big dining room and the Infirmary lounge. It's a wonderful coming together for all of us.

**Sr. Ann John Kotch:** Anyone who knows me knows I love babies. As a young child, the birth of Jesus found a special place in my heart. For a time I pretended he was my brother. I loved him and talked to him. He was my gift. A special relationship grew as I grew and continued to grow. I've been blessed by this Christmas birth and Holy Family.

**Sr. Barbara Woeste:** I love Christmas here at the monastery! Liturgy and Liturgy of the Hours are superb. Decorations are very lovely and put you in the Christmas Spirit. Maureen's cooking is great and there is a real feeling of community.

Merry Christmas!





# CIB meeting, Sept 7-11, 2022

By Sr. Aileen Bankemper



*"Your generosity  
further inspired our  
generosity."  
Mother Klara*

It happened! In the third year of trying to plan for an in-person meeting of the "Communion of International Benedictines" the women delegates from the nineteen regions of the world met in Rome. The event occurred Sept 8–11. The meeting was hybrid with twenty-five delegates attending in-person and fifteen participating through Zoom. At a previous Zoom meeting we began discussing "Do we want to create a process of re-organizing the CIB in a way that allows Benedictine women a fuller voice with the Vatican?" One outcome from the meeting included the creation of a committee to work towards the over thirteen thousand monastic women having representation with the Vatican.

One purpose of the CIB is "to promote mutual support, and exchange of ideas and experience among Benedictine women on an international level, and to foster the development of monasticism for women." The solidarity among the Benedictine women was poignantly expressed by Mother Klara. She is the prioress of a small monastic community in the Ukraine who have been heavily impacted by the

war. In a Zoom interview she shared that from the beginning of the war "our community could feel that we are part of the large Benedictine family. We received words of sympathy and financial support from all the corners of the world, many totally unknown to us. . . your generosity further inspired our generosity." The funds provided the sisters a means to offer hospitality and a home for many refugees. She spoke about a remarkable occurrence with a number of the refugees that was a pleasant surprise to the community. She related that a number of the refugees staying with them had no prior religious affiliation but began attending their prayers and liturgies. The result; many expressed they are becoming closer to God, experiencing comfort during these tragic days and have increased meaning in their lives. The refugees also remarked how surprised they were that things have gone this way. Many times, during the interview Mother Klara stated, "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your concern and I keep repeating to my sisters we are part of a large Benedictine family!"

*Above: Sr. Jeanne Weber, Sr. Michelle Sinkhorn, Sr. Aileen, Sr. Noemi Scarpa, Sr. Lynn McKenzie, Sr. Clare Carr, and Sr. Mary Luke Jones*







# wish list-special thanks!

by Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock



Earlier this year we posted our “wish list” for various needs in the infirmary. Most recently we were overwhelmed with the response to our wish for new TVs. We received more than enough donations to get up-to-date models to accommodate the cable upgrades that are necessary.

Several donors mentioned that we could use any extra funds for whatever is needed. These funds will be used to purchase lift chairs which are of great help to the sisters.

In addition to cash donations we have received three lift chairs from families, as well as a large TV to be used in the common TV room.

Almost three years ago we began the project replacing the trees at the front of the monastery. This year the fall foliage was especially beautiful. Again, we thank the donors who helped us plant this new grove in memory of their deceased family and friends. What a glorious reminder of these loved ones!



Above: The new TVs for the infirmary residents waiting to be installed.  
Right: Sr. Joan Fraenzle enjoying a lift chair in the infirmary lounge.  
Below: The new tree grove this fall.





# Chronicles

July 29: A Family from the Congo came to live in St. Joseph house until permanent housing can be located for them. We are happy to have a space that we can share with refugee families.

August 4, 10 & Sept. 13 & Oct. 12-13: **Sr. Cathy Bauer** provided Seek Retreat Days for many groups of young people in preparation for Confirmation: students from St. Joseph, Crescent Springs; a Covington group and students from St. Agnes, Park Hills.

August 4-9: **Sr. Dorothy Schuette** and oblate **Louise Jewett** attended the oblate/associate conference at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, IN on the theme: "Weaving St. Benedict's Way of Life into the Future." They shared input from this conference with other oblates at a later gathering.



*Sr. Dorothy and oblate Louise Jewett with other attendees.*

August 30 – Sept. 17: **Sr. Aileen Bankemper** traveled to Europe for meetings and touring: Subiaco, Assisi, Florence and back to Rome for the CIB (Communion of International Benedictine Women). A visit to Eichstätt, Bavaria, to the Abbey of St. Walburga completed her trip. A highlight of the trip was visiting her nephew Sean and his wife Ana who live in Munich, Germany.

September book discussions: Oblates began discussions of

*Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love*, by Fr. Dan Homan & Linn Collins Pratt.; sisters began discussions of Fr. Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*.

September 25: Some of the members of the VMA Class of '72 reunion joined us for Sunday eucharist.



*Sean Queenan and Sr. Aileen in Munich*

October on: **Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock** and **Sr. Eileen O'Connell** are our representatives in the diocesan-wide pastoral initiative, "WITH ONE HEART" the goal of which is "to embolden and equip the faithful — priests and the entire Body of Christ — to engage the mission of Jesus with united and determined energy" (Bishop Iffert).

October 1-11: **Sr. Nancy** flew to Texas for the RCRI Conference for treasurers.

October 2: The Alexandria Knights of Columbus members hosted a picnic day for the sisters of the diocese at their Campbell County park for dinner and games (complete with prizes!).

October 7-9: **Sr. Dorothy Schuette** led a directed retreat weekend at the Guest House. Two women participated and joined the sisters for Liturgy of the Hours.

# The

by Sr. Mary Tewes



*Sr. Emmanuel visiting with the Class of '72.*





October 11: Students from Thomas More University spent a service day here at the monastery, directed by **Sr. Cathy**.

October 14-16: Students from Morehead State University spent a retreat weekend at the Guest House and participated in liturgies with the community.

October 19: **Sr. Cathy Bauer** spent the day with the high school students at John Carroll High School in Dayton, OH.

October 20-23: **Sr. Kimberly Porter** facilitated a meeting for St. Benedict Monastery in St. Joseph MN in preparation for their upcoming election of Prioress.

October 29: Sisters from the monastery attended a workshop on the theme of "The Spirituality of Aging." The workshop was hosted by the Sisters of Notre Dame and also had attendees from other religious communities, including the Sisters of Divine Providence, and Mother Marie Michelle of the Passionists community.



*Sr. Mary Rabe with Sr. Barbara Marie Hurlander, SND and Sr. Janet Bucher, CDP*

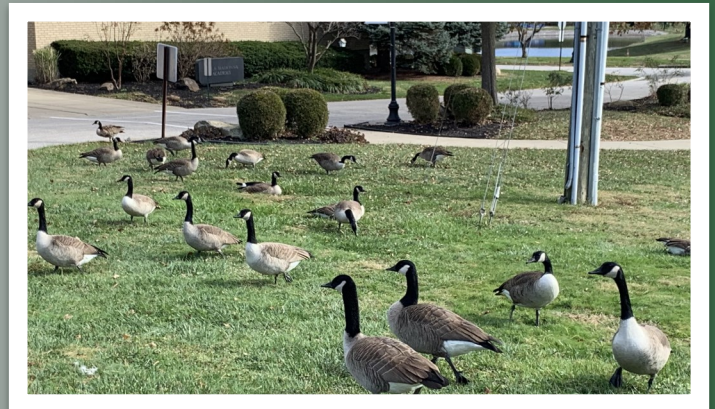


October 31: The annual Halloween Party challenged sisters in preparing a costume depicting a poem. Onlookers needed clues to guess which one.

November 2-6: **Sr. Eileen O'Connell** flew to Spokane, WA to participate in the National Religious Vocation Conference.

November 5: Bishop John Iffert presided at the Religious Jubilee Mass at the cathedral. **Sr. Aileen Bankemper**, prioress, and **Sr. Dorothy Schuette** (60<sup>th</sup> jubilee) participated along with jubilarians of the other diocesan religious communities.

November 11-13: Several Benedictine Oblates participated in the annual retreat weekend. **Sr. Dorothy Schuette** led a reflection on the Benedictine promise of "Listening" (Obedience). The weekend closed with the Oblate Renewal Ritual on Sunday, followed by dinner with the community.



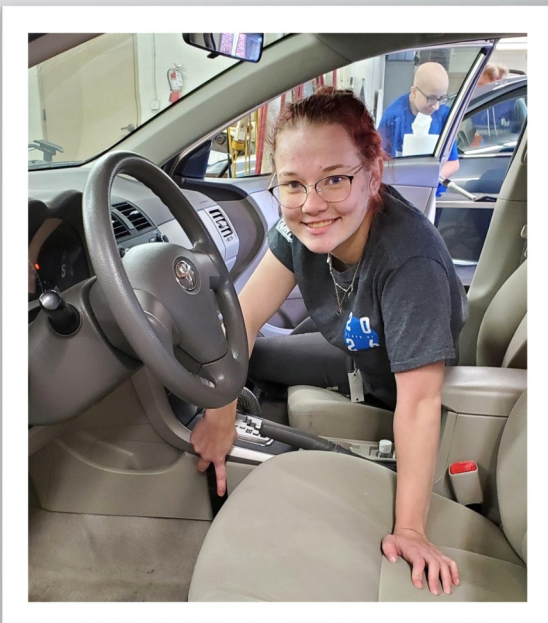
*Some of the many geese on the property.*

November 14: The Canadian geese seem to have forgotten to migrate and have taken up residence on the grounds.

November 18: The community hosted an appreciation dinner for all the employees of the monastery.

November 23-24: We celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional turkey dinner prepared by Maureen Smain. The next morning we welcomed family and friends to our liturgy and Thanksgiving brunch.

November 26: Advent began at evening prayer with *statio* (the intentional pause and quiet before processing into chapel), the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath, and a gospel reflection given by **Sr. Mary Carol Hellmann**.



*Thomas More University student at the monastery for a day of service.*







# meet the sisters

## SISTER ANDREA VASQUEZ

by Sr. Colleen Winston

Her last name gives a clue to her heritage: *Vasquez*. Add the name she received as a novice (her mother's name: Esperanza), and the clue gets much sharper. Sr. Andrea Vasquez (formerly Esperanza), is of Hispanic heritage, and this has been central to much of her ministry. She was born in La Junta, CO, and baptized in 1939 in her home parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Since there were no Catholic schools there when she was growing up, Andrea attended public schools through high school.



Sr. Andrea with Sr. Genevieve and Sr. Barbara Woeste in Rome at the Benedictine Renewal Program in 2008.

While still in school Andrea became a catechist in her parish under the guidance of St. Walburg Benedictines. The community had been invited to La Junta to operate the employee hospital run by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad, and some sisters eventually began teaching catechetics at the La Junta parish. This

had been Andrea's first contact with the Benedictines. She even continued her catechetical ministry there when the Our Lady of Victory sisters replaced the Benedictines who had left to teach at the new St. Patrick School in La Junta.

After graduating from La Junta High School in 1958, Andrea felt called to religious life, and under direction of their pastor, Fr. Delbert Blong, she and three friends, Esther Rodriguez, Cecilia Whatley, and Maria Martinez, went to KY to join the Benedictines. Andrea said that at the time none of them thought anything unusual about going so far from home to enter a community; she thinks her parents just trusted Fr. Blong. Besides her parents, Andrea was also leaving her younger brothers Martin, Richard, George, Rolando, and Arthur.

It was August 15, 1958, when Andrea entered the Covington Benedictines. The next year on June 13 she received the habit and started her novice year; she made first vows August 24, 1960. After teaching for two years at St. Benedict's school in Covington, 1963 found Andrea leaving KY to teach in her hometown at St. Patrick's in La Junta, CO.

1966 brought a major change: Andrea became part of the St. Walburg community's response to Pope Paul VI's international call for religious to serve the Church in Latin America. She became one of six members of the community who would give some time serving as a missionary in Pomata, Peru. These KY missionaries were Sisters Stephanie Manning, Annita Schirmer, Martha Walther, Michelle Maloney, Mary Frances Clark, and Sr. Andrea. Most would first go for training and enculturation, but because of her Hispanic background, Andrea did not need this training.

When the sisters arrived in Peru, they found a bit of home: the brother of three members of the St. Walburg community was bishop of the Juli diocese where they would be serving. After their arrival, Maryknoll Bishop Ed Fedders frequently got to Pomata to have mass. (At one point his sister Sr. Marcella actually got down to Pomata for a visit.)





Sr. Andrea with her parents celebrating her silver jubilee in 1985.

In South America the Covington sisters performed various ministries. Sr. Annita, an RN, worked in a clinic and Sr. Stephanie was a teacher. Michelle had returned to KY before Andrea arrived and Martha returned with Sr. Ruth, who had accompanied Sr. Andrea to Pomata. Andrea's new ministry would involve working with Maryknoll Missionaries. Many students were from families living in the Campo (rural area) far from school, and Maryknoll ran a school that used radio to reach these rural students. Andrea's ministry would be to travel many mountainous miles to visit each of these students in their home.

By 1971 the other sisters had, over time, returned to the US and Bishop Fedders didn't want Sr. Andrea to stay if she would be alone, so plans were made for her return to KY. Before she got back to the Bluegrass she detoured for a time to Lima to help the Franciscans who needed a 5th grade teacher.

After she returned to St. Walburg, Andrea's next ministry was back in her hometown parish in La Junta. After four years, she went back to school to finish her degree work, including an MA in bilingual education. In 1978 she moved from La Junta to the Diocese of Pueblo, CO, where she would minister in a parish for five years. In 1983, however, the new Bishop of her home diocese, Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya, hired her to be Director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese.

The Pueblo diocese is quite large, with borders from Utah to Kansas. Over the years Andrea's varied ministries have used many of her talents. She organized a Spanish choir (not the music part, she states!) that vis-

ited prisons and introduced parishes to Spanish music. She arranged and coordinated four diocesan Ministry Congresses and directed a volunteer program, Volunteers in Diocesan Action. (VIDA).

In 2004 Bishop Tafoya asked her to plan a pilgrimage to Rome for him, replacing a priest who could no longer do it. What started with one trip to Rome blossomed into thirteen trips to Europe, Asia, and Mexico. She still continues one of these, a pilgrimage to Santuario de Chimayo in New Mexico. Called the "Our Lady of the Southwest," Andrea still organizes this as an annual journey that has taken place for thirty-six years. In the midst of all this she took time to get her MA in pastoral ministry from Seattle University in Washington state.

When Bishop Tafoya retired, Andrea decided it was time for her to move back into Pueblo parish life. In 2011 she began her parish ministry at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. As one can tell, Andrea has served many people in a wide number of ways and places in the Church. In 2012 she received the international papal award, Pro Ecclesia, for overall service to the church and special service to the offices of the Diocese of Pueblo, but she didn't see this as any kind of climax. Today she continues serving in various capacities in her home parish.

Andrea could never have guessed that her first trip from La Junta to Covington would be only the first of many even longer journeys in her service to the Church, taking her Hispanic heritage far and wide in the service of the gospel. The St. Walburg community is grateful to be woven into the tapestry of Andrea's life. Over these 60 years, her life and ministries have added breadth and depth to the story of this monastery.



Classmates Sr. Rita Brink, Sr. Mary Rabe, and Sr. Andrea celebrate their diamond jubilee together.





# BENEDICTINE OBLATES

## martha arlinghaus in memoriam

By Sr. Dorothy Schuette



It was a sad day for all of us when long-time oblate Martha Arlinghaus went home to God October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Martha was one of the first oblates to make her commitment in 1987 and has participated every year since then in the annual Celebration of Oblation. Martha had a special connection to the sisters in our infirmary and handcrafted individual gift boxes with candy for all holiday occasions. Oblate Gail Michalack recalls, “She was very welcoming and had a pleasant way about her. When I became a volunteer in the infirmary I really seemed to know her better.... We shared about our lives and she always asked about our two granddaughters and one Christmas made them each a special decoration. She was so generous with her time and talents.”

Sr. Stella Gough commented that Martha was generous to a fault, that she loved her friends and gave of herself, not keeping a lot for herself. Her prayer partners, first Sr. Immaculata Campbell and more recently, Sr. Denise Gough could testify that she was a good, kind person who loved life and liked to play. In her youth she played girls softball with Joan Fraenzle who is now “Sister Joan”; in her more mature years, Martha loved to work on puzzles and play card games with family and with our infirm sisters here at the monastery.

Her sense of humor and down-to-earth approach was nurtured by a very large and loving family of which Martha and her twin sister Mary were the youngest. Mary and several family members preceded her in death. The wisdom and grace of her upbringing served her students and their families well as Martha gave so much of herself to Catholic elementary education in several parish schools and for many years at Villa Madonna Academy.

Martha also loved to travel. On October 23 she was on her way to the bus terminal for a tour of New England to see the leaves in color when she died in an auto accident. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here at St. Walburg Monastery on October 31, Halloween. Fr. Dan Vogelpohl responded to the occasion in his homily noting it was fitting that “the candy lady” be honored on a day when so many people are giving out candy. She will be missed and continues to bring smiles and joy to us all.





# annual oblate retreat and renewal

The Annual Oblate Retreat & Renewal was held November 11-13 with Sr. Dorothy Schuette and Sr. Mary Tewes leading the reflections on "The Benedictine Promise of Listening/Obedience." The weekend culminated with the oblate renewal ritual on Sunday at noonday prayer, followed by lunch with the community.



Above: Sr. Kimberly Porter blesses the oblates at the renewal ceremony. Top left: Betty Bradbury and Gayle Underdown. Bottom left: Laura Tenzel and dog Andy. Bottom right: Sharon Rust, Kathleen Rosing, and Joan McAlonan  
Group page 12: Back Row: Margie Hardebeck, Joan McAlonan, Judy tenEyck, Dottie Due & Sr. Mary Tewes; Center Row: Laura Tenzel, Gayle Underdown, Sharon Rust, Louise Jewett & Kathleen Rosing; Front Row: Cheryl Weber, Betty Bradbury, Tom Scally & Amy Steioff







## employee appreciation

Employees or guests, we love them either way! On November 18, our employees were invited to be dinner guests at the monastery. Although Maureen Smain still did most of the cooking, many sisters pitched in where they could. A delightful evening was had by all.

*Upper left: Nancy Haskamp, Maureen Smain, Erin O'Connell, and Chris Niehaus Upper right: Mary Sash, Sr. Kathleen. Left: Rick Glendening, Sr. Colleen, and Robin Hurtt. Bottom left: Sr. Eileen, Erin, Emily, and Meghan O'Connell. Bottom right: Sr. Emmanuel, Sr. Mary Peter, Jo Franklin, and Sammy Hurtt*





# vma earns prestigious award



Villa Madonna Academy High School/Junior High is thrilled to be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Lighthouse School. This is the highest award given by the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence organization.

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (BRSE) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving schools across the nation since 2001. A representative of BRSE visited classrooms, conducted surveys, and interviewed students, parents, and faculty.

Dennis Bega of BRSE handled the review and said, “Villa Madonna Academy demonstrates a dedication to education quality not just in academic achievement, but in overall distinction of the faith-based leadership, teaching, and learning environment. VMA students clearly share the benefit of this commitment to excellence both in the classroom and the community.”

## operation homestretch

VMA is in the final 100 days of an ambitious Capital Campaign. We are thankful for the support received so far.

- More than \$3.6 million raised
- 350+ Letters of Intent

The Capital Campaign will allow the school to renovate the historic Center Building. It will become home to students in grades K-6 and Villa Madonna Montessori. The first floor of the Main Building will be transformed into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) wing. Funds will be set aside for faculty professional development and for Villa Vikings athletics.

Interested in joining our campaign? To donate, please contact Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock at [nkordenbrock@yahoo.com](mailto:nkordenbrock@yahoo.com).





# hospitality

by Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock

Two of our houses have become centers for hospitality. The Guest House for many years has provided a welcome space for visiting family and friends, as well as many other groups and individuals.

Now that Covid has lessened (we hope it stays that way) more groups have been able to use the Guest House. Retreat groups from various universities and a monthly grief group have become more frequent guests. Artists, writers and those seeking a respite from normal life are back again. It is a blessing to welcome them.

Sandi Gaines writes about Sacred Stories, “The Guest House at St. Walburg’s has been an ideal place for our Sacred Stories group to gather for our monthly meetings. Sacred Stories is for moms who have lost a child and want to celebrate their child’s life through sharing stories and photos. While Sacred Stories is not designed to be a grief group, there is healing that comes from sharing memories of a loved one who has died.” Sandi can be contacted for more information at [stg18@hotmail.com](mailto:stg18@hotmail.com).

St. Joseph House has been used for temporary housing for refugees from Afghanistan and Congo. Each of those families has



The Guest House

now found a permanent home. We are currently working to make some necessary repairs before we can welcome another family. We look forward to opening our doors to other families in the future.



St. Joseph's House

*To the right: Our recent guests from Congo. The family had a husband, wife, and six children, including the twin babies.*





# from the archives

by Sr. Deborah Harmeling

One of the tasks of an archivist is to take unidentified pictures and identify the person(s) in them. Professional pictures usually get top priority because they are so clear and you know the community or someone spent money to get them taken.



I'm sharing two of these unidentified pictures with our readers. To me the graduate looks familiar but I'm very bad at identifying faces.



Fr. Wilfred Fraenzle found the second picture at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Pikeville, KY. He served as pastor there from 2005 until 2010. Fr. Will was the brother of our Sr. Joan Fraenzle. Fr. Will served in many parishes and missions in both the Covington and Lexington dioceses throughout his fifty-three years as a priest before passing away in 2017. Looking through our files on

who was missioned at St. Francis we've discovered the following sisters were stationed there between 1900 and 1919: Srs. DeSales Fox, Armella Klein, Bernadette Klinker and Alphonsa Spates. This information is put together from notes by Sr. Teresa Wolking, our first archivist. According to the parish website, "On March 30, 1914, Father Charles Miller reported to Bishop Camillus Maes of Covington that there



were only three Catholics in Pikeville." Perhaps that is why ours sisters did not stay.

The style of the picture is similar to others we have: the formal chair, the sister's headdress and rosary. I find these formal portraits strangely moving. Many times the sister looks too young to be this formal and they always look a little sad to me. And I wonder about the community's criteria for who got a professional picture taken.

Working with unidentified pictures is much like a detective story. One piece of information leads to another and witnesses, those who knew these sisters, are had to find. Anyone have any information about these two mysterious women?



*St. Francis of Assisi, Pikeville, KY*







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**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Time: TBA**

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