



MISSION

as a sacred trust



Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

Mission Statement

Urged by the love of Christ,
and in the spirit of our founder,
Elizabeth Ann Seton,
we Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
strive to live Gospel values.
We choose to act justly,
to build loving relationships,
to share our resources
with those in need,
and to care for all creation.

Sisters of Charity Sponsored Ministries

Bayley – a continuing care retirement
community that offers a full spectrum
of health and wellness lifestyle options.

College of Mount St. Joseph – a
coeducational, Catholic liberal arts
college.

DePaul Cristo Rey High School –
a Catholic, college preparatory
high school for young adults with
economic need.

Light of Hearts Villa – an assisted
living facility for senior adults.

Seton Family Center – a counseling
center servicing children and adults.

Seton High School – a comprehensive,
Catholic high school for girls.

St. Joseph Home of Cincinnati – a
residential facility for children and
adults with severe mental and multiple
physical handicaps.

Care For All Creation

By S. Judith Metz

*May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
The heavens belong to the Lord,
but the earth is given to us.*

Ps. 115:15-16

“**W**e strive ... to care
for all creation,”
part of the Sisters
of Charity Mission Statement,
echoes one of the themes of
Catholic Social Teaching that
explains: “We show our respect
for the Creator by our stewardship
of creation. Care for the earth ... is
a requirement of our faith. We are
called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all
of God’s creation.”



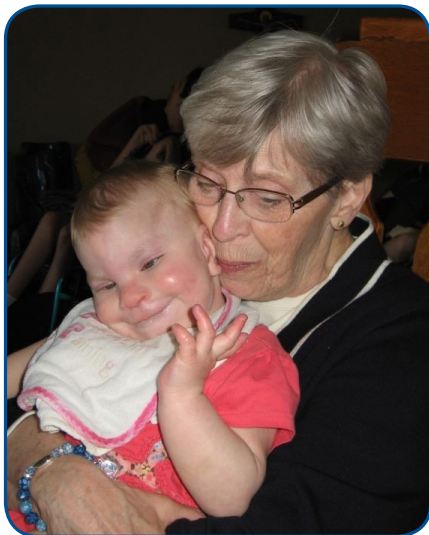
Dr. Jill Russell (right), Ph.D., associate professor with
tenure, department of biology at the College of Mount
St. Joseph, works with Lucy Martinez to band a bird at
the Clifford Bird Observatory.

We are all challenged to be ‘creative’ in our work of reverencing ‘creation,’ and we
can always be inspired by what others are doing to increase our efforts. The Sisters
of Charity, along with our sponsored ministries, have long been attentive to our
responsibilities to reverence creation. We live this out, in some cases, by caring for some
of the most underserved members of our society, and in others by challenging young
people to reach their highest God-given potential. Our sponsored ministries involve the
recipients in these activities by providing gardening activities, pet therapy, aviaries and
aquariums that allow even the most limited to feel the joys of being immersed in God’s
creative activity.

Recycling is a widespread activity, and in the case of the College of Mount St. Joseph,
an Environmental Action Committee is active in sponsoring activities around the
campus. Several years ago the College installed a green roof on its library, and the
president has signed the “St. Francis Pledge” committing the campus to care of the
earth. The Sisters and students from our sponsored schools have worked together to
control invasive species in the old growth forest near the Motherhouse, and the Clifford
Bird Observatory at the Motherhouse is a joint project with the College.

In recent years we have all become increasingly aware of how our planet is stressed.
Whatever our circumstances, there is always a little bit more we can do to contribute to
our care for creation. “The heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth is given to us!”

News 'N Notes



Congratulations to S. Joan Carole Schaffner who was named a 2012 Charitable All-Star by *Cincy Magazine* for her volunteer work at St. Joseph Home. In describing her work, S. Joan Carole reflected, "I have the feeling when I'm with the residents that God is looking at me through their eyes. I know that God would never leave these people alone. So when I leave, I say to myself, 'Gee, it was kind of fun. I spent the day with God.'"

S. Joan Carole Schaffner visits daily at St. Joseph Home with resident Zoe.

On Nov. 1, 2012, St. Joseph Home of Cincinnati invited friends and family members of their residents to celebrate the unveiling of their new history wall. Through the use of photographs, historical documents and artifacts, the display traces the history of St. Joseph Home from its founding by S. Anthony O'Connell as a refuge for unwed mothers and their babies. The wall recognizes the different types of services St. Joseph Home has offered through its 140-year history and celebrates the services it presently offers for its residents.



S. Mary Ann Humbert attended the unveiling of the St. Joseph Home history wall display on Nov. 1, 2012.



S. Joan Elizabeth Cook (center), president of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, congratulates St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award recipients Kathy Baker (left) and Kathryn Preston.

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati awarded the Congregation's highest honor, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, to Kathy Baker and Kathryn Preston on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse. The award recognizes individuals outside the Congregation for their contributions and service to the mission of the Sisters of Charity. To learn more about the recipients, [click here](#).

Prayer

Incarnate God, we believe that your Spirit is a spirit of love that embraces all. In imitation of Jesus during his earthly life, help us to willingly reach out to others even when it is inconvenient or difficult. Teach us to imitate your goodness in welcoming all, and to show great gentleness, compassion and respect to all whom we meet. Imbue us with the knowledge that in serving those in greatest need we are serving you. Amen.

Words of Wisdom

"The Spirit of God incites us gently to do the good we can reasonably do so that good might be done effectively and for a long time."



- St. Vincent de Paul

New in 2013

Don't forget to visit the Sisters of Charity website for additional mission materials. New this month:

The revised version of *Mission as a Sacred Trust*. To view, [click here](#).



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