



# 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 and respite center for children and adults with severe developmental disabilities.

## Acting Justly at Seton Family Center

*By S. Joyce Richter*

As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Seton Family Center (SFC) has provided quality mental health services to children and families of all backgrounds and socioeconomic levels for nearly 25 years. Acting justly permeates our mission and is at the core of our unwavering commitment to helping strengthen family relationships and to being accessible to all families, particularly those in financial need.



The Center responded to the community's increasing demand for its services by expanding its staff and capacity. SFC moved from Price Hill to a larger facility in the Western Hills area in 2011. Careful consideration was given to ensure the office was accessible and was a warm, welcoming environment. An ideal location was found that continues to meet the needs of the Center and of the families we serve. SFC's Western Hills location is spacious, accessible, easy to find, on a bus line, and has off-street parking. Clients continue to come from all over the Greater Cincinnati area, including our former Price Hill neighborhood!

There are challenges, too, in what we do. Whereas health and mental health care practices in the private sector usually limit or exclude families with Medicaid and other government-sponsored insurance, we remain inclusive. SFC continues to accept families with commercial/private, public, or even no insurance coverage. Of particular concern are families with low incomes and with commercial health insurance who are especially vulnerable to changes in the health care environment as increasing deductibles result in high out-of-pocket expenses, which many cannot afford.

SFC has evolved in a number of other ways to anticipate changes in the health care system. We actively seek grants to offset the diminishing reimbursement rates of government-sponsored health insurance and to allow us to continue providing services to all who seek our help.

Despite the challenges, SFC has more than doubled the number of families served over the past four years and we continue to have an even greater impact on the well-being of our community.

# News 'N Notes



Debbie Weber, SC Associate and director of the Office of Peace, Justice and Care for Creation, presented the *Water With Blessings* project to the **Seton High School** student body as part of the Campus Ministry Lenten series. Debbie showed slides of places where the WWB filtration system is being used as she explained the process, the results and the excitement that always follows. Afterwards, Debbie invited students to come to the stage to see the bucket of dirty water, watch it being filtered, and then taste the clean water.

The Seton Latin Club set a goal of sponsoring 10 Water Women for a total of \$600. Since each Water Woman must train three more women, the number rises to 30 families affected!

The students were encouraged to almsgiving by donating money from the drink or snack from which they “fasted,” and to prayers of thanksgiving for the water in their own lives, as well as to ask God’s blessing on the many Water Women who are working to bring clean water to their families.

Students and teachers from **DePaul Cristo Rey High School** joined peers from three other Cincinnati high schools – Cincinnati Christian Hills Academy, LaSalle, and Mother of Mercy – for a shared service retreat at the St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Center for Service Learning. The retreat included activities, prayer and reflection around the theme of homeless awareness. It ended with service at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry including sorting canned food donations, cleaning, and writing uplifting messages to be included in the food bags given to the pantry’s clients.



(From left) DPCR student Imani Vann and Mother of Mercy student Abby Wocher at a shared service retreat.



Both **St. Joseph Home** and the **College of Mount St. Joseph** celebrated their patronal feast with special activities. St. Joseph Home invited those who have invested in their past, present and future to a special Mass, groundbreaking for the first Waiver Home, and a reception. The College of

Mount St. Joseph also celebrated a special feast-day Mass and luncheon. In addition they had special attention-raising activities about their patron and unveiled a new banner celebrating Joseph as the patron of the college.

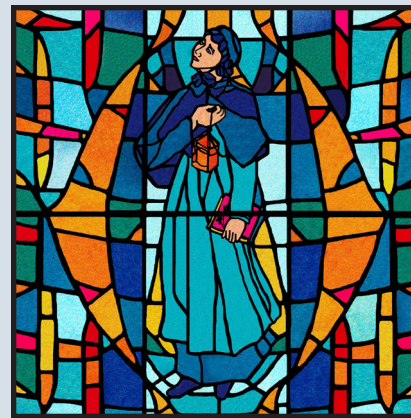
## Prayer to St. Joseph

*Blessed St. Joseph, you modeled for us an unwavering trust in the word of God and a courageous commitment to carrying out the mission of caring for Jesus and his mother entrusted to you. We pray for the grace to imitate your virtues as we strive to live out our faith and mission in our own lives. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.*



## Words of Wisdom

“Have you any money for the poor?” asked the Rev. Sup[er]ior ... today, of the Treasurer. “Certainly,” she replied, “always something for the poor.” “Go to Joseph,” was the answer in former days to those who wanted bread. So dear future Treasurer who’er you be, never refuse the call of suffering humanity. So advises Sr. Margaret [George].



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