

MISSION

as a sacred trust



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.

Mount St. Joseph University – a coeducational, Catholic liberal arts university.

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

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.

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Diversity and Environmental Responsibility

By Margee Garbsch, Director of Communications & Marketing, DPCR

he "care for creation" tenet of the Sisters of Charity Mission Statement is also fundamental to the mission of DePaul Cristo Rey High School. It is most visible in the school's embracing of diversity and inclusion for all of God's children.

DePaul Cristo Rey is a truly diverse community with students and staff of African-American, Hispanic, African, Caucasian, and



biracial backgrounds. The students live throughout Greater Cincinnati and arrive at DPCR from middle and elementary schools that are Catholic, public, charter, and private; some have been home-schooled. All are welcomed and supported.

The past year has presented many political, legal and life challenges to DPCR students and families who are immigrants and minorities. In response, school leaders have intensified efforts to discuss, study, read, and confront issues of inclusion while supporting students to grow in confidence in their diversity while respecting it in others. A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council has been initiated to facilitate dialogue, and outside experts have led sessions with students, staff and parents to identify and address the issues of greatest concern, while proposing initiatives to promote diversity.

Environmental responsibility is the traditional expectation of "care for creation," and it, too, is a priority at DPCR. Supported by a grant from the SC Ministry Foundation, DPCR has made purposeful choices to become more environmentally responsive and responsible. Purchasing energy-efficient kitchen equipment has provided greater food storage while lowering utility use. Every light has been replaced with LED bulbs and more trees were planted where students gather. School leaders initiated a staff task force, Our Common Home, with the charge to focus on how every person and activity at DPCR can better regard and care for creation. The task force spurred the renewal of an improved

recycling program available in all classrooms, offices and common areas.



Growing enrollment and complex student needs have led DPCR leaders to update the campus master plan and launch a capital campaign to fund expansion. The building plans include environmentally responsible materials and designs as DPCR continues to embrace "care for creation" moving into the future.

Good News From ...



Bayley Mission Award Winner Missy Miley (second from left) with Fr. Rey Taylor, Adrienne Walsh, president/ CEO, and Steven Simendinger, Bayley Board Chair.

Bayley was recently recognized as a "Gold" Facility from Molina Healthcare for achieving an 'Excellent' rating in Quality of Care for residents. Congratulations to Missy Miley, LPN, who received this year's Bayley Mission Award, presented to an employee that exemplifies Bayley's mission statement in his or her everyday life, providing compassion and quality of life to those they serve and reflecting the values of respect, honesty and excellence. Bayley recently acquired A Caring Choice Home Care, expanding the Bayley Home Services reach into neighboring communities and on campus. The program has grown significantly since January with companionship being the most often requested service.

Transportation, meal planning, personal care and housekeeping are among other needs often addressed. Family members rest easy knowing a reliable Bayley staff person is there to help and the client is thankful to know they are "on their own, but not alone."

Mount St. Joseph University will be holding its 48th Annual Jubilee Gala Scholarship Benefit at Cincinnati Music Hall on April 6. One-hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Mount's scholarship fund. The annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning will take place on April 12. This event showcases the research of both faculty and students. The Mount has been listed as a College of Distinction by the National Colleges (and Universities) of Distinction Organization which rates schools of higher learning on "Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant



Community, and Successful Outcomes." The list is provided to high school guidance departments and other venues where potential students might be researching for a college of their choice. Through a grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation, the Mount has purchased two anatomage tables for the Physician Assistant program. These tables present all systems of the human body through a computerized, digitalized rendering of each system. MSJU is the only school in mid to southern Ohio to have this teaching device.



Seton High School is still celebrating its Varsity Dance Team, who was named the 2018 National Champions in Small Varsity Pom at the UDA National Competition in Orlando, Florida, on Feb. 4. This is the first national championship title for the Saints, who have placed in the top three in the nation for the past five years. "We are so proud of this team and the adversities they had to overcome throughout the season," said Coach Theresa Chiodi. "This national title is the result of the drive, determination and passion that they have demonstrated all year."

St. Joseph Home's Adult Day Program provides recreation and leisure activities with a focus on sensory awareness, communication, skills, movement exploration/range of motion and community belonging for adults with significant medical, physical and developmental needs. This includes use of an on-site art studio which allows participants to engage in art therapy. Through the use of their eyes, facial expressions and gestures, in addition to handover-hand assistance, they are able to create powerful paintings and sculptures that express their emotions in a unique way. Recently four program participants received special recognition at the Art



North competition. They were among hundreds of very talented artists who submitted pieces of art for consideration where only two dozen finalists were selected to exhibit their amazing work in the Westheimer Gallery at The Sharonville Cultural Arts Center November 2017 through January 2018. Congratulations ladies!

Words of Wisdom



"Humility is nothing but truth and pride is nothing but lying."

- St. Vincent de Paul



"My own troubles will teach me, I hope, how to comfort others."

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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