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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.

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.

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

Action for Justice

By S. Annette Paveglio

“I would wish to fit you for that world in which you are destined to live.” – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Seton High School has consistently sought to integrate an awareness of responding in charity with action for justice. Embedded into the curriculum are required classes in service learning, social justice, and an adopt-a-class program with two inner-city schools which involves tutoring, pen pal exchange, and carrying out teacher-directed activities. Numerous extracurricular volunteer projects through community service and campus ministry are available, so students have ample opportunity to complete their four-year service hour requirement.

Specific ways in which Seton has been addressing the challenge to Act Justly include carefully examining the process and policies for administering tuition assistance and awarding scholarships. Changes have been implemented in the policies for awarding tuition and scholarships. This will continue to be monitored to ensure a more equitable and just distribution of resources. Additionally, review of the process of employee evaluation is taking place. The process for change in this area includes revision of job and role descriptions, establishing a standardized evaluation process that is aligned with role description and expectations, and communicating progress toward goals and performance in a professional, standardized method.

Seton Saints are doing amazing things all over the world furthering justice and responding in charity to those most in need; such as, spending time in Haiti for three months helping to train nurses to be experts in neonatal care and opening the first-ever specialized Newborn Care Unit in the central plateau of Haiti and volunteering time at a daycare as part of an internship at a local NGO in Ghana. Locally, a senior Saint started an anti-human trafficking club, sponsoring a workshop and an all-school assembly with a speaker, followed by raising money to assist with further education to uncover root causes of this type of injustice.

Seton continues to create an ever stronger environment that develops young women of faith, leadership, and service in a Catholic community.



Kristin Westerfield, a 2006 graduate of Seton High School, has been working as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse since her graduation from The Ohio State University in 2010. She is currently in Haiti for three months helping train nurses in neonatal care.

Good News From ...



DePaul Cristo Rey High School where Mayor John Cranley made his first visit to the school as part of the Founder's Day Celebration September 25, in anticipation of the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, namesake of the school. Mayor Cranley shared with students some of the lessons he learned as a Cincinnati native, a Catholic school graduate and a city leader. The Mayor

commended the students as being part of the effort to break the cycle of poverty and joblessness in the city and society as a whole.

Mount St. Joseph University where Lauren Hill, the courageous freshman whose dream was to play basketball at Mount St. Joseph and hear the "squeak of the shoes on the court and the cheers of the crowd," got the chance to play on Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Cintas Center. Lauren suffers from Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare brain cancer, and has supported the nonprofit research organization, The Cure Starts Now, with all proceeds from the game and donations from her national online shout-out to go to the organization.



Lauren told a reporter recently, "I'm spreading awareness on a level that's never been spread before," referring to the incredible media exposure she has received nationally and in the city of Cincinnati.

Mount St. Joseph has been the unique community Lauren needed, naming the "sisterhood of the team" and the comfort of a close and supportive community of the administration, faculty, staff and students.



Students from Ursuline Academy visit with St. Joseph Home residents.

St. Joseph Home where every Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of the week SJH is visited by teams of high school students from St. Xavier, St. Ursula, DePaul Cristo Rey and Ursuline Academy. Over 75 students are involved in this program. Each group spends time visiting a particular cottage. Events and activities include reading together, playing basketball, taking walks outside, watching movies and playing games.

A Cause for Great Joy:

S. BLANDINA SEGALE, SERVANT OF GOD

Sisters of Charity Monica Lucas, Celestia Koebel, Patricia Sabourin and Victoria Marie Forde attended the press conference announcing the cause for sainthood for S. Blandina Segale on June 25, 2014, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Participating in the ceremonies were: Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, Bishop Emeritus of Las Cruces, Postulator of the Cause; Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe, Judge for the Cause; Victor Limary, Board of Directors Vice Chair of CHI St. Joseph's Children; and Allen Sanchez, Petitioner for the Cause, president and CEO of CHI St. Joseph's Children, the Home founded by S. Blandina while ministering to the poor in New Mexico.



Please join the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati in the effort toward canonization of S. Blandina Segale. She is a woman of great holiness with immense appeal to those who are immigrants, who are poor, who seek an education and who deserve quality health care. On this first level of the canonization process, S. Blandina is referred to as "Servant of God." The prayer for her canonization is included here.

To learn more about S. Blandina Segale's life and ministries, please visit the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati website at www.srcharitycinti.org/news_events/segale.htm.



Prayer for the Canonization of S. Blandina Segale

O God, whose sweet name "Gesu" (Jesus) was the first word to roll off the innocent lips of your servant, Maria Rosa Segale, hear our prayer. The word Jesus rolled off her lips for ninety-one years as she built schools, hospitals, and social institutions, welcoming all and introducing them to your love and hope. She cared for the immigrant, the innocent children, and the guilty outlaw; always recognizing the dignity of the human being. We beg you that S. Blandina Segale now be counted among the Saints of Holy Mother Church and that our hearts be open to always praise your name as your servant Maria Rosa Segale did unto her last breath. May we do as she on her deathbed; whisper "Gesu," smile, and die in you.

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