

# 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.

## Making a Difference

By Kathy Baker, director of marketing, Bayley

Bayley, with the support and encouragement from the Sisters of Charity and SC Ministry Foundation, has recently taken steps to conserve and preserve our natural resources at home and in the workplace. Bayley's Environmental Sustainability Team (B.E.S.T.) consists of employees from several departments around campus. The committee is focused on making a difference in the community by educating staff and implementing programs that help reduce



Bayley's Environmental Sustainability Team, also known as B.E.S.T.

waste and protect our environment now and into the future. The campus has already made some significant changes with additional initiatives planned for the coming year. Bayley's new Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) plant is making a difference in efficiency and effectiveness. LED lighting has been installed around campus for a cleaner, brighter look in hallways, common areas, offices, streets and parking lots. I-pad portals are being used to access meeting agendas, reducing the volume of paper copies previously printed while computer and general recycling programs effectively use our "trash" to create new products. The Employee Wellness Program promotes healthy living for employees through use of the Fitness Club. Future plans include campus-wide energy, food and water waste reduction programs.

This summer, Bayley RNs Colleen Graff and Teresa Lyons continued efforts to educate Bayley staff and family members in the caregiving methods developed by Teepa Snow, renowned Dementia care expert. Certified trainers themselves, Colleen and Teresa scheduled and coordinated a three-day intensive mentoring program for 21 additional staff that helped guide other staff in these new skills. Following the training, Colleen and Teresa coordinated the Dementia Workshop Series for Caregivers, meeting once a month for five months, which started in June.

Bayley Fitness Club members were rocking in the parking lot on June 29. Close to 250 guests enjoyed the picnic dinner, a short walk around the Village, live music by Brady and Tom Pille and ice cream sundaes. It was the perfect evening to be with other members outside of class or workout time.

The Village Gathering, held on July 20, brought residents together in the Enrichment Center to meet new neighbors and to be introduced to Bayley residents who once resided in the Village. Guests shared some interesting neighborhood stories along with refreshments.

September 13 was the date of Bayley's 14th Annual Mother Margaret George Society Mass and reception held in appreciation of its members. Society gifts memorialize a loved one and become a permanent legacy by being added to Bayley's Endowment Fund. That evening, Fr. Tim Schehr celebrated Mass for close to 140 family members and friends. Vocalist Nancy James and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick helped make the evening even more memorable.

The fall Lunch and Learn at the Wellness Center was Friday, Oct. 13. Sandra Guile from the Better Business Bureau offered a presentation on Scams and ID theft. Lunch and Learn programs have been well received with close to 100 guests attending in previous sessions; topics presented include Health and Wellness, Historical Events, Safety Measures and General Consumer Assistance.

## Good News From ...

DePaul Cristo Rey High School as the school began its new year in August (its seventh), with 110 new students, 16 new partners hiring students through the Corporate Work Study Program, and a new principal. Christopher Wilke assumed this role on Aug. 1, having served at DPCR since 2013 - first as a social studies teacher and most recently as co-director of the Corporate Work Study Program. He brings to his new role 15 years of experience as a Catholic school educator. Chris holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton, and a master's in educational administration from Xavier University.



Christopher Wilke (left) assumed the role of principal at DePaul Cristo Rey High School in August.



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Mount St. Joseph University where in June students traveled to the Dominican Republic for a two-part study and service experience. Students engaged in service at Mariposa DR Foundation whose mission is to empower young girls in an effort "to end generational poverty." In the study portion of the trip, students learned about sports on an international level visiting the International Center of Major League Baseball and the National Olympic Training Center.

The Mount is partnered with PROMARK, a Career Partners International Firm designed to offer the latest in career readiness, which students can use up to six months

after graduation. A database of 592 employers are registered with the Mount for this service.

Seton High School following a soaring start to the school year with a warm and exciting welcome on the first day of school. Students were greeted with donuts, cheers and high fives from the administration and student House leaders. Q102's Jon Jon joined SHS for a pep rally, and the talented JV and Varsity Dance Teams also performed. Students went off to class through a cheering human tunnel of teachers and staff.



The school opened with an all school prayer where the newest saints were welcomed into Seton's House System with a presentation of candles. Freshman orientation and Big/Little Sis picnic took place the day before classes started for all students. ACT test prep began the first week of school, a program that Seton is proud to include as part of their curriculum.



St. Joseph Home where for some of its younger residents, access to top-level medical care, state-of-the-art equipment and a professional support staff has allowed them the opportunity to progress in leaps and bounds. When Joseph came to stay at SJH in 2015, he received a tracheostomy. The invasive and life-altering procedure has proved fruitful. Since then, Joseph's parents were able to take part in weekly training that allowed for his first visit home with family.

Following in similar footsteps, Hailey and Sophia are demonstrating huge successes of their own. Hailey is able to be without her ventilator twice a day for up to two and a half hours and

Sophia is working towards having her own ventilator-free windows as well. We are blessed with supportive staff and dedicated volunteers who work with each of our residents to help them reach their fullest potential.

### Words of Wisdom



"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts."

- St. Vincent de Paul



"Be attentive to the voice of grace." - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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