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# 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.

**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.

## Looking Into the Future

*By S. Mary Ann Flannery*

**T**his past year has welcomed significant changes at Mount Saint Joseph University moving us toward the apex of the University's major celebration of 100 years in existence in 2020.

The Mount's Vision 20/20 document has been the guiding force and change agent behind most of the development of initiatives in programs, student life, enhanced reputation and recognition, and diversity. The Vision 20/20 Statement of Purpose states that, "A Mount education will inspire a lifelong commitment to educational, professional and community engagement in the spirit of and tradition and values of its founders, the Sisters of Charity." Three strategic themes and their individual goals are monitored and evaluated for their on-going relevance. These themes are: 1. Excellent, Relevant Academics; 2. Engaged Student Experiences; 3. A Strong, Institutional Foundation." President H. James Williams presented a comprehensive report on the progress of these goals at the September Board meeting.

Newly appointed President H. James Williams took over in March 2016, but will be fully inaugurated during a weekend of events beginning on April 27 through April 29. Please check the Mount website for details of the weekend.

Our Mount students continue to flourish in academics, athletics, and service. We are nationally known as having a top academic review program and the board recently approved a master's degree in Athletic Training. Nine students traveled to New York with Jim Bodle, professor of psychology, and Elizabeth Bookser Barkley, professor of English, to learn how non-governmental organizations might achieve Sustainable Developmental Goals by 2030. This Christmas, the student group, Veterans in Communities, organized and distributed "Bless You Bags", full of toiletries and snacks for the homeless of Cincinnati. The baseball team decorated Mother Margaret Hall, the Sisters of Charity nursing facility, completing 12 trees and hanging garland and Christmas ornaments throughout.

Keeping with its practice of applying a section of the Mission Statement of the Sisters of Charity for reporting news of each sponsored ministry, this year the Corporation Board for Sponsored Ministries will be looking at how each ministry is fulfilling the pledge "...to care for all creation." The Mount will soon undergo a major environmental effort by changing all of its lighting to LED. Some estimates suggest it will save between \$14,000 to \$20,000 per month. The Mount has always implemented strategic sustainable planning but a major goal this year is to complete a master space plan to provide environmental efficiency and consolidation of services addressing student needs for the 21st Century.



*MSJU student group, Veterans in Communities, organized and distributed "Bless You Bags" for the homeless of Cincinnati.*

# Good News From ...

**Bayley** as the Bayley family observed each holiday season with festivities that began in November and lasted well into the New Year! Considering the needs of others, the combined efforts of staff, residents, Adult Day members, resident families, volunteers and fitness club members made significant contributions to the annual community food and coat drives again this year.

December brought a “flurry” of activities to the campus. Early in the month, several staff and volunteers participated in the Delhi Parade, demonstrating our Bayley pride to the local community. The days that followed were filled with scheduled entertainment, a staff appreciation breakfast, fitness club and family parties, the Adult Day Christmas dance and finally the beautiful observance of Christ’s birth, celebrated in the Enrichment Center on Christmas Eve.

Beginning with the dedication and blessing of the new Assisted Living Memory Support and Power Plant addition to be held in January, we look forward to caring for God’s creation in 2017 through serving our seniors.



*Resident Margaret Hilbert and family enjoy Family Night at Bayley.*



**DePaul Cristo Rey High School** The school received \$15,000 from the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation to support the school’s college readiness program as well as support services to graduates.

*Pictured (left to right) are: Sparkle Worley, DPCR vice president of advancement; Bridget Burcham Kremer of the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation; S. Jeanne Besette, DPCR president; Ruth Klette of the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation; and DPCR junior Sandra Ramirez.*

**Seton High School** where students participated in the type of learning that happens outside of the classroom with a day full of service. Students and staff were divided into 24 groups to serve in various organizations throughout the city. From as close as Holy Family in Price Hill to as far away as troops that are deployed overseas, students were touching lives and making a difference. From Bayley to Bethany House to the Down Syndrome Association, Santa Maria, Kenzie’s Closet and so many more – SHS students were grateful to all of the organizations that allowed them to be of service!



*Seton students read to and tutored students at Carson Elementary as part of the Share the Sisterhood all-school service day.*



**St. Joseph Home** where resident Angie has gained her voice! Always happy and social, Angie had found it difficult to convey her emotions outside of the beautiful smile on her face. With the assistance of the Perlman Center, Angie has acquired a communication device that gives her the ability to put words to her feelings and thoughts as well as access Social Media. Angie’s mom recently discovered through a Skype conversation that her favorite color is red after thinking it

was purple for so many years. Melissa Goetz, Angie’s speech therapist comments, “This device opens up so many doors for her. Angie can now serve others such as children, her passion, by reading books. She has even gained employment for the first time as an ambassador for PRC who produces the communication equipment. Angie has proven that possibility does overcome disability and even at 41 years of age, you can still gain your voice”.

## Words of Wisdom



“Faith lifts the soul,  
Hope supports it,  
Experience says it  
must and Love says,  
let it be!”

- St. Vincent de Paul



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

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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