



# 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.

## COLLEGE GRADUATES, CAMPAIGN RESULTS

# Are Signs of DePaul Cristo Rey Success

*By Margee Garbsch, DePaul Cristo Rey*

The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati “dared to risk a caring response” to the reality that many families can’t afford college-prep, Catholic education when 12 years ago they pursued the idea of opening a new high school. Their study, planning, prayers and support launched DePaul Cristo Rey in 2011, and visible signs that the school is flourishing can be seen on both the campus and in the success of its first graduates.

Over eight years, DPCR has experienced steady growth in students, programming and staff, outgrowing its space at the former Concordia Lutheran Church and School and the modular classrooms added in 2013. With a strategic plan and a favorable feasibility study, the **Building. Futures. Together. For a Greater Cincinnati Campaign** was launched in 2017 to fund a major campus expansion. The campaign has exceeded all expectations – raising \$20.8 million, well beyond the original \$19.5 million capital goal.

The campaign’s impact is already very visible – the first of two new buildings, a student center, will open in time to welcome students in August. It houses the Linda & Harry Fath Gymnasium, the Bruin Café and the Ann & Harry Santen Performing Arts Center, as well as a larger kitchen, locker rooms, a weight room, athletic offices, and storage. Meanwhile demolition of the current student center/gymnasium is underway to be followed by the construction of the three-story Sisters of Charity Academic Building. Inside that building, the Social Services Suite will be named in honor of S. Catherine Kirby, who led the feasibility study to determine the viability of opening DePaul Cristo Rey. The academic building is expected to be finished in summer 2020.



DePaul Cristo Rey alumni celebrate graduation from Mount St. Joseph University in May.



A rendering of the DePaul Cristo Rey High School campus following completion of all construction in 2020.

Success isn’t only defined by new buildings as we now see the results of building the foundation for the next generation of college graduates. This spring, graduates of DPCR’s inaugural Class of 2015 received degrees from Berea College, Loyola University Chicago, Miami University, and Mount St. Joseph University. These first college graduates, and the others to follow, are the true measure that the Sisters of Charity’s risk of a caring response was successful.

# Good News From ...



Bayley Adult Day member Ruth Ludwig and family enjoy tea together during the many springtime activities on campus.

Springtime brings a flurry of activity on **Bayley's** campus as staff, volunteers and families come together to celebrate Mother's Day, dance at the annual Adult Day prom, meet with the Delhi Police and Fire captains, and join in the 16th annual benefit golf outing. National Nursing Home Week was filled with celebrations and special events like the long-awaited talent show, which rivals "America's Got Talent." Family Night festivities brought more than 100 residents and family members together for a carefree evening of food, fun and music. Not to be outdone by spring, Bayley is coordinating other special events for the summer and fall. On July 11-12, the Wellness Center will become a virtual flower garden, thanks to the efforts of the Western Hills Garden Club. The event, free and open to the public, will display various types of flowers, plants and floral projects.

**Mount St. Joseph University** alumna, Ecubeth Mose, a native of Kenya, earned her medical degree at the top of her class and is now doing her residency in dermatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Professor Beth Murray of the Biology Department has received the prestigious starred review in *Kirkus Magazine* for her book, *The Dozier School for Boys*, a true story of the treatment of juvenile delinquents in Florida. Professor Karl Zuelke has published a book of poetry, *Petting the Bumblebees*. And Professor Emerita, Sharon Bollen, a fiber artist, received the Ohio Craftsmen Outstanding Award for dedication to the education of young artists. Two major highlights of the summer were: An International Virginia Woolf Society Conference held at the Mount from June 6-9 with participants from 13 countries and five continents; and, second, the beginning of construction for the university's Recreation and Fitness Center on July 1.



Seton High School's Seton Helping Saints Club donated \$1,500 to The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati this year.

and a voting process within our club, we thought the Literacy Network was the most deserving. Magnified Giving gave us \$1,000 to give them and Seton Helping Saints gave \$500 from Seton's Annual Walk donations."

**St. Joseph Home's** Day Program - Blue Ash is located on a serene and largely forested lot with great potential for outdoor engagement on the part of participants and volunteers. Each summer for the past few years, it has become tradition to grow a vibrant garden on the Day Program campus. This year's growing season began with a decorating contest as well as a new, indoor grow station to sprout seeds into transplants. At this point in the summer, participants and staff are enjoying a team-based flower pot painting and planting process as well as the beginnings of the yield from their hard work. Veggies, herbs, and flowers abound in a mix of accessible raised beds and pots. A sensory garden stimulates participants to learn and enjoy the spices of life. All is kept alive and well thanks to the sharing of responsibilities across teams who regularly water, weed, add compost, and more.



Adaptive tools make it possible for many of those involved in SJH's Day Program - Blue Ash to more fully participate in caring for the creation around them.

## Words of Wisdom



"Faith lifts the soul,  
Hope supports it, and  
Love says ... let it be!"

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



"I have no doubt God  
will bless this work  
provided we place no  
obstacles in His way."

St. Louise de Marillac



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