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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.

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.

Sharing Our Resources in Uncertain Times

By Doris Rodier, director of marketing and special events, Bayley

At Bayley, we always strive to share our resources with those in need, as others do for us. In these uncertain times, we have been even more keenly aware of this.

Our thoughtful residents offer prayers for those who are ill with COVID-19, as well as for those who work tirelessly to prevent transmission. As visitation is not currently permitted, prayer is an important act of giving that those who remain inside our building can participate in and offer to others in need. This act helps residents feel connected to the outside world. “United in Prayer” has been our theme during this trying time, and resident activities have been in keeping with this theme.

Our employees have been enthusiastically working as a team to ensure the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our residents. This often includes working extra shifts and providing treats for other staff members. Employees have made their phones available to residents to assist in making video calls to families. The community has generously donated tablets to enable us to assist residents with Virtual Visits with their families to make them feel connected despite the distance, bringing families comfort as well.

Our Adult Day Program staff has offered weekly Virtual Caregiver Support Groups to assist those families who might be struggling at home during the closure. We have also been checking in by phone with our Village residents and Fitness Center members, to provide ideas on staying healthy and fit during this time.

Our Dining Services Department has been preparing carry-out meals for Village residents who are not prepared to cook for themselves.

While not currently permitted to enter, volunteers have given their time and resources to sew hundreds of facemasks to keep our residents and staff safe. Community members, businesses, and groups around the country have contributed meals for staff to enjoy during their long hours, handmade greeting cards, Easter baskets, hand sanitizer, and more. When we have received an abundance of sanitizing products, we have shared them with our peers in need. Despite our being forced to cancel our largest fundraiser, the George Knittle Memorial Bayley Golf Classic, the participants and sponsors donated generously, bringing in \$30,000 to help with unforeseen expenses.

We appreciate the kind generosity of those outside of Bayley. We also admire the incredibly thoughtful and giving nature of our residents and staff.



SC Sponsored Ministry Bayley has used the theme “United in Prayer” during the pandemic and quarantine.

Furthering the Mission



After the pandemic upended the school year, **DePaul Cristo Rey High School** leaders were determined there would still be a graduation celebration for seniors. Commencement speeches, prayers and awards were shared in a video, while seniors received their diplomas in a drive-through ceremony at DPCR on May 26. Each senior stepped out of their car, received a DPCR blessing from Campus Minister Julie Murray (pictured), and walked a red carpet to receive a diploma and gifts. A cheering line of teachers and staff saluted them as they drove away.

Mount St. Joseph University conferred 450 degrees virtually on May 9. The university has reconfigured its dorm space to allow one room per student. Like all of our ministries, the logistics of re-doing space and determining safe health practices has been challenging but the campus will open on July 1 and continue opening in three parts through Aug. 1, meaning certain groups only will be accepted in each of the three parts. We have adopted the Hybrid Model for teaching and learning which consists of first, complete online instruction; second, In*Sync which is a blend of virtual, online, and technology for interaction; third, Face-to-Face for courses requiring hands-on learning and can be taught within safety parameters. Finally, the Recreation and Fitness Building is on schedule toward a November completion as work now begins in the interior this summer.



Mount St. Joseph University's Class of 2020, which included former SC Communications Office intern AJ Keith (pictured), celebrated commencement with the university's first virtual ceremony on May 9.



To wrap up the school year, **Seton High School** hosted an end-of-the-year school send-off parade for students to drop off their tablets and books from the school year. Teachers and staff collected items and cheered on their amazing students as they drove through in cars. Seton also took the opportunity to encourage Saints to give back to the community, adding a drop-off food drive as part of the parade.

Saints came through in a big way! The collected food items filled three large cars; the food was donated to the Anderson Ferry Food Pantry.

Even with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) mandate in March restricting all in-person visitors, **St. Joseph Home** continued to explore new avenues of connection for the 52 families of its residents with window visits and scheduled daily FaceTime calls. Following the guidance of the ODH and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the first of many phases welcoming back families began on June 8. In an abundance of caution, two guardian-approved visitors are allowed through the entirety of the first phase. Outdoor, scheduled visits will have requirements like facial coverings, time limits and health screenings. Given no increase of local cases, the continued health of residents, and progress forward through the pandemic, SJH will continue to advance visitor guidelines. The organization remains strong during this challenging time thanks to the strong foundation placed by and present support of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.



Words of Wisdom



"Charity is certainly greater than any rule."

- St. Vincent de Paul



"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind for all the noblest acts."

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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