

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.

DEPAUL CRISTO REY CELEBRATES

a Decade of Faith, Education and Vision

By Margee Garbsch, director of communications and marketing, DPCR

“I came from a place where I didn’t see myself graduating from high school. Graduation opened a whole new vision for me of what I could do, what I am capable of. I am the first in my family to achieve a bachelor’s degree,” says Aaron Carter ’15, a graduate of DePaul Cristo Rey High School’s very first class. Aaron went on to graduate from Mount St. Joseph University and now works as a behavioral health specialist at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital while pursuing his master’s degree in counseling and human development. He dreams of achieving a doctorate in counseling and opening his own practice. The desire to advance the dreams and potential of students like Aaron spurred the Sisters of Charity to research, plan and open DePaul Cristo Rey (DPCR). It’s been 10 years since DPCR opened in June 2011, and the school community is celebrating that milestone throughout this school year.



Aaron Carter, DPCR graduate, at his Mount St. Joseph University graduation in 2019.

The theme, “Celebrating a Decade of Faith, Education and Vision,” was woven throughout an anniversary celebration held at the school on Oct. 27, 2021. The program included a communal blessing of the newly transformed campus led by S. Patricia Hayden, Sisters of Charity president. Guests celebrated and toured the school’s new spaces including the three-story Sisters of Charity Academic Building. That building opened in 2020, but pandemic restrictions halted plans for an official unveiling. Guests at the October anniversary celebration were awed by the transformed campus and enjoyed reflecting on the school’s history and successes with speakers S. Barbara Hagedorn; S. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, founding president of DPCR; and current DPCR President Siobhan Taylor. Teacher and Hispanic Outreach Coordinator Dr. Manuel Iris, who is also Cincinnati’s poet laureate emeritus, read the poem, “The Seed and The Tree,” which he wrote in honor of the occasion. Artist Holly Schapker explained and unveiled (with student help) a tapestry she created depicting the school’s first decade and bright future outlook.



Sisters of Charity and guests at the Oct. 27 10th anniversary celebration for DePaul Cristo Rey High School.

There are now more than 400 DPCR graduates – the faces of that bright future in Greater Cincinnati and beyond. Some, like Aaron, have completed college and are enrolled in graduate studies. Others are working in their professions including accounting, education and ministry. Many others are persisting through college, and there are more than 300 students currently enrolled at DPCR moving toward graduation and ready to take their places in Cincinnati’s future.

Furthering the Mission



(From left Andrew Musgrave, Celeste Mackey, Adrienne Walsh, and S. Cj Willie)

Bayley announced it has become a Laudato Si' Community with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The Archdiocese Catholic Social Action Office and Climate Change Task Force recognize Catholic institutions that live out Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message of caring for all God's creation. In addition to earning the title "Laudato Si' Community," Bayley will receive a letter of recognition from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, an eco-friendly banner to display, and be featured on the Archdiocesan website, Facebook page,

and in other media outlets and communications. "We appreciate those who have helped us to attain our goals of increased sustainability," said Doris Marks Rodier, Bayley's director of marketing and special events. "We will continue to encourage ecological awareness and to give families new ideas on how to care for creation."

Mount St. Joseph University's ethos of incorporating its mission into every aspect of campus life is evident in a wide range of programs and initiatives. Many service projects afford students opportunities to share the resources they receive at the University, opportunities they have been given as part of both the curricular and co-curricular programs. Examples include the Mission Ambassadors Program, the MOSAIC Cross Cultural & Inclusion Center, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Program, and Alternative Mission Service Trips.



Mission Ambassadors at MSJU are expected to assume and fulfill the role of civic leadership, organizing many of the on-campus ministry events that represent and live out the university's mission.



Seton High School's Seton Helping Saints board members got in the spirit of service by delivering Thanksgiving meals to Price Hill community members in need. More than 120 meals were assembled and collected through Seton's mentor groups as well as Seton staff members to give to families in need within the community, to residents at Elberon Apartments and the Holy Family food pantry.

The extraordinary care that is the hallmark of **St. Joseph Home (SJH)** is only possible because of its staff. Recently, SJH announced an historic investment to support them. Among the benefits are: higher salaries and increased educational reimbursements; options to get cash in lieu of paid time off; and bonuses for hours worked, service anniversaries, and referrals. The majority of SJH's caregiving staff are minorities, who are working in a traditionally underpaid and undervalued field of long-term residential care. These investments align with the organization's value of equity and goal to pay a living wage to everyone at St. Joseph Home who provides their ministry to the community.

A multi-year project to enhance training is also coming to fruition. Its goal is ensuring that all staff have the continuing education and resources they need to be successful, by making it easier to pursue professional development at their own pace and schedule. The training initiative is supported in part by grants including from the Emery Foundation, the Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati, and the Agnes Nordloh Charitable Trust.



Words of Wisdom



"To live according to the spirit is what faith, hope and love teaches us, both in spiritual and secular things."

- Elizabeth Ann Seton



"You know that the works of God, even the greatest and most glorious, are very difficult for those who undertake them."

- St. Louise de Marillac



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