



#### **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.

# Centered in Mission

By Sandra Lundgren, communications and grants manager, St. Joseph Home

uch has been happening at St. Joseph Home of Cincinnati to keep the hallmarks of compassionate care and respect for the dignity of life at the heart of our mission.

#### Two Residents Graduate

Ben and Monet celebrated their graduation from Bobbie G. Fairfax School with a party for family and friends.

#### Re-opened Pool Makes a Big Splash

The beloved warm-water pool re-opened in June after extensive restoration and updates, including new windows and dehumidifiers, to make it more energy efficient. The work was funded by grants from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, the Farmer Family Foundation, and the Sutphin Foundation.

The pool is open to all residents and Respite Center guests, including those on ventilators, which is rare. While in the pool, people who are usually unable to do so may be able to extend their limbs, stand, walk, and swim thanks to the buoyancy of the water, creating different sensory and social experiences. Families can join in pool activities—it's not only therapeutic it's also just plain fun for all!

### Camp Features Special Guests

Summer camp means new in-house adventures for our youngest residents who enjoyed visits from Madcap Puppets, stingrays from the Newport Aquarium, snakes and turtles from Cool Critters Outreach, and more.

#### Volunteer Program Gears Up

We are again welcoming the many people who choose to spend their time helping make possibilities happen here! Thanks to dozens of individuals and groups from these organizations: DePaul Cristo Rey, St. Ursula, St. Ursuline, and St. Xavier high schools; KPMG, Mount St. Joseph University; St. Michael's Knights of Columbus; St. Michael's girls' basketball team; University of Cincinnati Medical Physician and Society Service-Learning class; and Xavier



University. To learn about volunteering here visit www.stjosephhome.org/volunteer or contact Kaylee Sturwold at ksturwold@stjosephhome.org, 513-563-2520, Ext. 183.

#### Adult Day Program Expanding

The SJH Adult Day Program on Chester Road in Sharonville is expanding to serve more adults across a wider spectrum of developmental disabilities, especially individuals who have completed the area's special education program and need a program facilitating individual growth, diverse interactions, and personal fulfillment through ongoing community engagement, as they enter adulthood. For more information contact John Van Gilse at <code>jvangilse@st.josephhome.org</code>, 513-834-9920.

# Furthering the Mission



This year **Bayley** continued its sponsorship of the Walk to End Alzheimer's—Cincinnati Tri-State at Sawyer Point. This included both forming a team to walk and also staffing a booth with information on options and services the organization provides to those living with dementia and those who care for them, including Respite Stays, the Adult Day Program, Memory Care, and Home Services. Participation in this event helps the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati to provide support to many.

S. Barbara Davis facilitated a September visit to DePaul Cristo Rey High School for a group of Sisters. President Siobhan Taylor sat with the Sisters and shared the successes and goals for DPCR, and two seniors shared their unique experiences as students. The students then led the Sisters on a tour of the school including the new Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Academic Building, Bruin Café and gymnasium.





Mount St. Joseph University honored S. Mary Ann Flannery (pictured, center) on Oct. 26, 2022, with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal. The award presentation was followed by an address from S. Mary Ann. The University established the Seton Medal in 1966 in honor of the Mount's 75th anniversary and to recognize distinguished women in theology.

Some students from Seton High School headed to Louisa, Kentucky for a mission trip recently. While in Louisa, the Saints were assigned multiple projects to complete, including yard waste cleanup, helping to build and stain decks, and removing an old wooden stairwell to prep for a new one to be built. In addition they attended daily Mass, reflected as a group, made dinners and had game nights. "The trip was full of spiritual growth for all involved, and it helped garner a new appreciation



for what we all have in this world," said senior Brooke McQuillan. "Service work is one of the many ways where we are able to see God," added Josh Mueller, Seton High School campus minister.

#### Words of Wisdom



"We must continue to do good, even though people of the world may criticize it."

- St. Vincent de Paul



"We must work hard to acquire equilibrium and interior peace in all the occasions that may arise."

- St. Louise de Marillac



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