

Partners in Hope for the Poor



This year Joe Bessler, a founding member of the Friends of the Rose Garden, receives our Servant of the Poor award



Board Members of the "Friends" with the Franciscan Daughters of Mary. Left to Right (excludes sisters): Dennis Miceli, Gloria Ionna, Kim Lampi, Ed Franchi, Kelly Kelso, Sheila Carroll, Adeldo Adrianza, Shawn McCormick, Joe Bessler, Greg Ionna and Duane Froelicher

Dinner a Success!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Supporters & Friends,

The Friends of the Rose Garden Mission celebrated another successful fundraiser with our second annual "Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner."

With almost 300 guests in attendance, the "Friends" and I thank you for the much needed support of the Rose Garden Home Mission, run by the Franciscan Daughters of Mary. We are all very grateful for the incredible work the sisters and volun-

teer helpers do for the poor of Covington and the surrounding areas.

Our honoree this year was Joe Bessler whose tireless efforts on behalf of the Mission have resulted in repairing and maintaining the buildings and property with countless volunteer workers and donated goods and services.

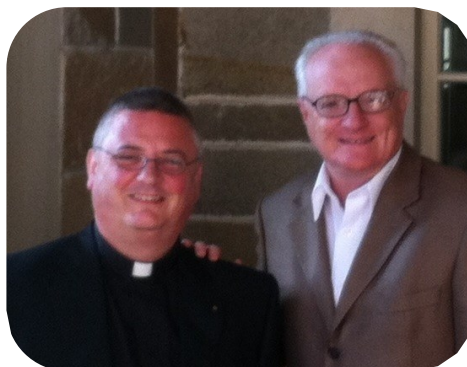
This year the Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner raised over \$40,000, enabling the "Friends" to pay down the principal on our mortgage by another \$25,000, leaving the balance to assist the Mission with utilities and other operating expenses.

This could not be accomplished without the continuing generosity of each of you, our wonderful Partners and Friends.

To become a "Partner in Hope for the Poor" go to the website, www.fdoformary.org and click on "Friends of the Rose Garden."



Fr. Rey Taylor from St. Joseph Church in Cincinnati was one of our distinguished guests



Greg Ionna, Chairman of the Friends, stands with Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, Rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West, who offered the invocation at our Dinner



(Left) Mother Seraphina and newlywed Sheila Carroll, APRN, Clinic Director, share a moment of joy with everyone at the Dinner



(Right) Sisters Mary Elizabeth and Clare Marie were pleased to be at table with our friends from the Mission, Danielle and Gabby Castillo, who are regular attendees of Wednesday Nights of Praise at the Mission. This September Danielle and both of her children will begin RCIA classes