

# Franciscan Daughters of Mary

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Rose Garden Home Mission

Friends of the Rose Garden

Rose Garden Center for Hope & Healing

## Praise the Lord!

At the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Friends of the Rose Garden, who own the property that houses the Rose Garden, received an early Christmas present of \$210,000 from the Berning Foundation with the intention of retiring the mortgage for the property!

So, on January 22, 2016, just 4 ½ years after taking out a mortgage, the “Friends” and the sisters met with Heritage Bank representatives, the only bank willing to take a chance on the Friends to give them a mortgage, and they handed bank President and CEO Lytle Thomas the final check!!

It just so happens that Jan. 22nd was also the 43rd Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. So on this day when the scourge of abortion was made legal in our country, the Friends of the Rose Garden did something beautiful for God.

Congratulations to the Friends of the Rose Garden for this auspicious milestone! A grateful thanks to each Board Member for the many ways you make it possible for the Rose Garden to accomplish our Mission to uphold the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death.



*Pictured, L to R, Friends of the Rose Garden Board Members: Board Chairman Greg Ionna, Shawn McCormick, Sheila Carroll, Gloria Ionna, Joe Bessler. Heritage Bank representatives; Joe Meyer, President & CEO Lytle Thomas, Pamela Goetting, Franciscan Daughters of Mary; Mother Seraphina Marie, Sr. Veronica Mary, Sr. Catherine Mary, Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Sr. Clare Marie.*

## Year in Review 2015

*Counter clockwise from left:*

**Vowing** -Sr. Mary Elizabeth of the Holy Family Made her First Profession of Vows on 6/13/15

**Waiting** for Pope Francis’ motorcade in Philadelphia with our good friends from KY, the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker.

**Waving** from the ground at the Bridge Walk for Life.

**Taking** a “selfie” with Sr. Mary Michael, PCPA, in Hanceville, AL

**Witnessing prayerfully** at Cincinnati’s Rosary Procession for Life





# Thanksgiving & Christmas

773 Families received Turkey, Food and Fixin's for Thanksgiving

819 Children received toys for Christmas

900 Families received Ham or Turkey for Christmas



*Bishop Foy's at our Christmas Give-Away with Fathers McDole, Schomaker, & Maher*



*Sr. Catherine has our neighbors gobbling up the donuts*



*Fr. Cushing serving at our Thanksgiving Give-Away*



*Volunteer Lou Albers with a neighbor at Christmas Give-Away*



*We are so blessed to have our diocesan priests serve the needy at our Mission. Above Fr. Appel at our Thanksgiving Give-Away*



*Fr. Straub with Covington Latin Students at our Thanksgiving Give-Away*



*Helping our neighbors with turkeys*



*Serving our neighbors with a smile*

## 2015 By The Numbers

**52,747** Total visits by our friends & neighbors

**110,680** Diapers given to Moms/Guardians in need

**5,707** Visits by Moms/Guardians for baby items

**3,703** Babies helped from **1,556** Moms/Guardians

**78** Pregnancy tests

**209** Baby Welcome Baskets



*Pikar Family and friends share Melodic Christmas Carols at Christmas Give-Away*



*Our Helpers love to serve our neighbors*

# Year of Consecrated Life Events



*Sitting with hundreds of sisters from religious communities throughout the country at the CMSWR Symposium on Religious Life*



*The sisters met our good friends the Friars and Sisters of the Renewal while volunteering for the World Meeting of Families in Philly*



*New community photo for the Year of Consecrated Life*



*Sister prepares some hospitality for guests at the Open House for the Year of Consecrated Life at our convent*



*Our young friends look at pictures of the sisters at our Days With Religious at the Mission*



*The sisters made a visit to the Shrine dedicated to St. John Paul II, Washington, DC*



*The Sisters volunteered to lead groups of young people at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia*



*Guardian Angels Youth Group, Cincinnati, treated the sisters to dinner and a play (The Sound of Music) in honor of the Year for Consecrated Life*



*Mother shares what life is like as a Franciscan Daughter of Mary at one of many High Schools we spoke to last year*

*Below, we participated in the Graced Girls Retreat at All Saints in Yorkridge, IN with members from three other Religious Communities.*



*In Washington, DC at the CMSWR sponsored trip for Religious to attend the Papal Mass*



# Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing

Health Ministry / Free Clinic 

## Give Thanks!

I have been a patient at the Rose Garden Center for Hope & Healing for about 2 years now. For several years before coming to the clinic I had gone without seeing a doctor because my employer doesn't offer affordable medical care.

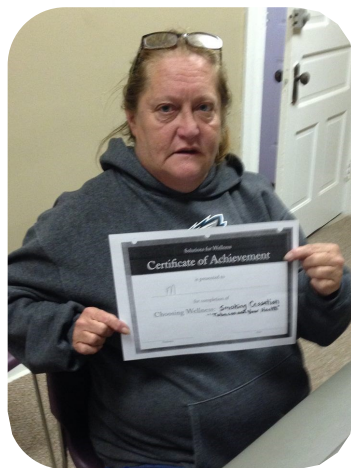
Anytime I have questions, all of the medical staff are very patient in taking time with me to explain things until I understand.



*Drawing blood for a test*

I cannot express in words how grateful I am and how much I appreciate Sheila and her whole staff. Everyone there is extremely friendly and they always make me feel like I'm the most important person in the office.

I always leave there knowing they genuinely care about me and my health. I've received calls on days off just to see what my blood pressure was or how I was feeling.



*Smoke Free!!*

I'm convinced that Sheila and her staff are some form of angels. How very blessed I am to be a patient at the Rose Garden Clinic. From the bottom of my heart I thank you!



*Hugs from a patient and a friend*



*Smoking Cessation Class*

2015 Numbers

Clinic

Health Ministry

832 Total visits  
238 Individuals served  
\$3,490 Prescriptions paid  
\$7,557 Laboratory fees  
\$2,396 For medical supplies

2274 Total Visits  
548 Individuals served  
Diagnoses  
26% Hypertensive  
17% Diabetic  
33% Drug Use  
63% Tobacco Use  
5% Hepatitis C



*Peggy Rensing, RN and Dr. Nancy Metzger*



*Our first ultrasound*



*Taking great care with every patient*

# Friends of the Rose Garden Mission

Dear Friends of the Rose Garden,

As mentioned on the front page of this newsletter, the Friends of the Rose Garden are so grateful to the Berning Family Foundation for their generous contribution of \$210,000! We praise Our Good Lord for the hundreds of other donations from "Friends" like you who have been so generous over these past 4 ½ years. As a result, the remainder of the bank note has been paid off!! Heritage Bank must also be recognized for their continuing assistance and cooperation during this time, for they gave us a loan when no one else would.



Board members express their gratitude to Heritage Bank representatives

While the bank note is gone, the Mission's other operating expenses, repairs and improvements remain. So, we must continue to ask and pray for your support.



Sr. Catherine got to steer the boat at the Friends of the Rose Garden Cruise on the Ohio



Board Chairman Greg Ionna and Mother Seraphina give Bank President & CEO Lytle Thomas the final payment on the mortgage



The sisters stand with Golf Outing Committee Chairperson Cindy Biecker

We hope that you will plan to join us for our upcoming Dinner & Golf Outing. As in all of our events, 100% of the proceeds go to the operating support of the Mission.

God's blessings to you and your families.

Greg Ionna  
Chairman

## Save the Dates!

6/16/16

5th Annual Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner at Receptions in Erlanger, KY

8/26/16

3rd Annual Golf Outing at Kenton County Golf Course



Mother Seraphina & Sr. Clare enjoy a moment of levity with Bishop Foy and Fr John Paul Ouellette, cfr at the 2015 Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner



Board members Greg & Gloria Ionna with golfer Michael Murray, Director of Stewardship & Missions for the Covington Diocese, representing the US Bank team



Board member Joe Bessler & friends at the Friends of the Rose Garden Cruise on the Ohio

# Love to Garden?

Thanks to the generosity of Doug Bray, the Mission has its own Community Garden!

On Dec. 22, 2016, as we were preparing the Mission for our Christmas give-away, Doug and friends constructed wooden boxes to house the garden, then filled them with compost. The grassy area next to the Guadalupe Center is not part of the Rose Garden property, but through the grace of God, the owner gave us permission to use it for a garden for the next three years!

The plan is to grow cucumbers, zucchinis, tomatoes, cabbage, kale, turnips, beets and collard greens.

The Lord sent us yet another blessing recently in the person of Paul Dell' Aria, who has very graciously offered to manage the Garden and coordinate volunteers!

**NEEDED** are gardeners to tend to the Garden. If you enjoy gardening, or picking veggies, or just working in the great outdoors, consider volunteering some time to help us



serve our neighbors with produce from our very own garden.

To be part of the Gardening team, contact Paul at: 513-290-7299

*We are very grateful to God for the gift you are to us! It is through your prayers and donations that the Franciscan Daughters of Mary are able to serve God in the Northern KY & Greater Cincinnati area!*

*In addition to our daily prayers for you, once per month Mass is offered in our convent chapel for your intentions.*

*May God abundantly bless you for all of the ways you love Our Lord through your kindness toward us.*

*Mother Seraphina & the Sisters*

## Mission Needs

- \* Diapers, large sizes, 4's, 5's & 6's
- \* New or like-new toddler clothing, sizes **2T-5T**
- \* Toiletries for Moms to go with the Baby Baskets
- \* Baby Formula
- \* Toiletries for Homeless
- \* Afternoon or After School Volunteers to help clean up at the end of the day

- Cash/Check
- PayPal (www.fdoformary.org)
- Stock or CD Transfer (friendsrghm@gmail.com)
- Bequest (friendsrghm@gmail.com)
- Legacy Gift through Estate Planning (friendsrghm@gmail.com)

## Ways to Give



The easiest & cheapest way to donate to the Rose Garden Mission: Kroger's Supermarkets

The Mission receives Rewards when you use your store card

*Last Quarter \$566.24 received!!! THANK YOU!!!*

**To enroll:**

- go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
- click on Cincinnati, Ohio
- enter NPO # 82777
- designate Rose Garden Home Mission for the rewards

Then, when you shop using the Kroger Plus Card, the Rose Garden will receive a reward check each quarter

This in no way interferes with the fuel points rewards

Any questions can be directed to Mother Seraphina.

*Thank you! God bless you!*