

# Franciscan Daughters of Mary

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## My Vows to the Lord

There are so many things I love about being a Franciscan Daughter of Mary, but my favorite thing – the very reason for my vocation – is the unique relationship we get to have with Jesus, that of being His bride. We get to live the anticipated reality of Heaven, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, in this life.

I love the Vows we make to Jesus, which far from being oppressive, are truly freeing. Let me tell you, Obedience



frees you from slavery - slavery to pridefulness and selfish desires, excessive and disordered pleasures or comforts, and frees you from worry and doubt about whether you are doing the right thing.

Poverty frees you from the anxieties of the world, from distractions that would take us away from the Lord, even if these things are not bad in themselves. Poverty is honestly rather fun sometimes. Our sisters rely on donations for everything, even what we eat day-to-day and Our Lord always provides for us, sometimes even spoils us. What bride would expect less from her spouse? It makes us resourceful and creative and gives us joy in what really matters.



“What is she doing?”

“She is marrying Jesus!”

“I when I grow up, I want to marry Jesus too! And all of our children will have blue eyes!”

-A little volunteer girl

“What a blessing it was for our Diocese when you came to our area. You brought so much love and caring for the people of our community.”

-A Friend

Chastity is so beautiful! It sets us apart and opens our hearts to receive the spousal love of Christ. We dedicate our whole life to loving Him alone.

In our community, we make a 4<sup>th</sup> Vow to Jesus to uphold the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death. In this Vow, we find the fruit of Chastity. One of the titles for Jesus is “Father of the Poor.” Because I am His spouse, these poor become my spiritual children. And who are the poor, but those whose dignity is trampled upon, who are marginalized, forgotten, abused...And so you see, it is all about living out my vocation as spouse to Jesus Christ and falling deeper in love with Him every day.



“We would never do anything to hurt the Sisters, because we depend on them so much.”

-Neighbor’s response when asked to put out the fire pit they had started in a giveaway line because it was a safety issue







## 2017 in Review



*Clockwise from top-left:  
Sr. Francesca Marie of the  
Divine Praises, fdm becomes a Novice!  
Sr. Veronica in the midst of our 'tomato  
forest'! Wow!*

*Holy Cross High School used their Magnified Giving Grant to help the Rose Garden Mission purchase items to make baby baskets for new moms.  
Thomas Moore students' Campus Ministry retreat invited Mother Seraphina to speak.*

*Sr. Mary Elizabeth spoke on a vocations panel at Royalmont Academy High school.*

*Sr. Clare Marie attends Formators' Workshop with other religious communities.*

*Sr. Veronica Mary's beautiful artwork while on retreat in Wisconsin.*

*Sr. Veronica Mary face-painting at the Covington/Cincinnati pro-life walk, 'Cross the Bridge for Life.'*

*Sister Clare talks with young women at the "Called to Love" vocations retreat*

*Sisters Catherine & Francesca serving parishioners and neighbors at St. Benedict's annual neighborhood grill-out.*

*Chief Michael Ward, from the Alexandria police dept., teaches at Rose Garden's Mission's first VIRTUS classes.*

*Re-packaging donations with our friends.*







# 2017 Give-Away's

## Thanksgiving

## Christmas

**746 Families** received Turkey, Food and Fixin's for Thanksgiving

**932 Children** received toys for Christmas from **341 families**

**553 Families** received Ham or Turkey for Christmas



*The 10 Commandments - gift of a friend - sit in our outside Rose Garden that faces Madison Ave..*



*Good friends and volunteers give turkeys to our neighbors at the Thanksgiving Give-Away.*



*Sr. Catherine and long-time volunteer Louise give out beautifully themed baby baskets for twins!*



*Volunteer Barb Knight has a big heart, just like the potatoes she's holding.*



*Bishop Roger Foys greets Santa at our Christmas Give-Away.*



*Sr. Clare and young volunteer Erin show the love of Jesus to expecting Mom. For some, this is the only baby shower they will ever receive.*



*(below) Sr. Catherine has so much fun assembling New Baby Baskets (she has a true gift for it). She even makes sure there are gifts for their siblings!*

## 2017 By The Numbers

- 140,300 Diapers given out
- 47,550 Total Visits by our friends & neighbors
- 55 Pregnancy Tests
- 5,864 Visits by Moms/Guardians for baby items
- 1,713 children helped from 874 Moms
- 239 Welcome Baskets



# Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing

Health Ministry / Free Clinic  
Medical / Dental



*I have seen healing from the inside out. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the Mission.*



## 2017 Medical Statistics

219 Total Patients  
752 Total Visits  
99 New Patients

## Health Ministry

505 Individuals Served  
2,152 Total Visits

*I learned much more about community nursing from you than I ever would have in class. I truly admire what the clinic and mission does for the community.*



*I am very grateful for the blessings in my life and happy to share with others my time, talent, and treasure.*

*Very great place. I see God in everybody here."*

*Helping those in need is so rewarding especially being part of God's work.*

*I know we couldn't afford his medications if it were not for the help you give us here. We owe our ability to survive to you."*



*Thanks for being here and doing what you do!*

*Volunteering at the Rose Garden Clinic is fulfilling and rewarding. I can serve God by helping those in need.*

*I have been volunteering at the Rose Garden Mission for about 5 years and I LOVE IT!*

*Volunteering at the Mission as a nurse is very fulfilling.*



*One of our patients saw the "Quitters poster" with photos of our friends who quit smoking with our help. He asked how long he had to be smoke-free until he could have his photo on the poster.*

*I can be honest and be myself because this is like family."*



*You answered all of my questions & do everything to help me*

*Great place and super great staff*

*You guys are awesome!*

*This place is more, more greater than anywhere.*

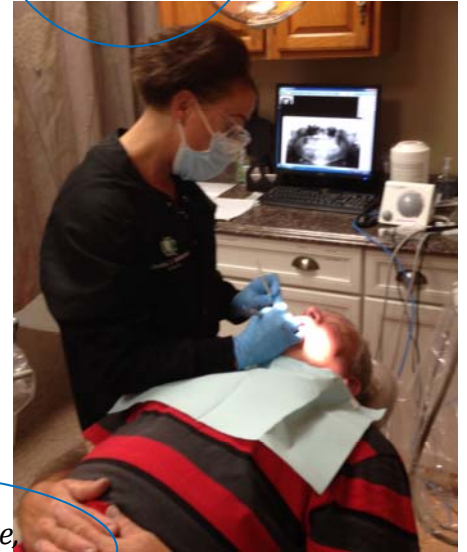
*Love this place and definitely the people!*

*Colleen was very gentle and kind*



## 2017 Dental Statistics

105 Total Patients  
222 Total Visits  
166 Extractions  
89 Panorex Images  
20 Other x-rays  
14 Dental Days



*All your LOVE for people was best!*

*Bite is way better than before*

*Everybody was positive, very helpful.*

*I love everyone that works here. So courteous and kind.*

*The people here are very friendly and nice. A good place to be.*

*I even got a hug*

*If it wasn't for them I would be suffering and would not have a chance to get well.*



*I love this place. Thank God it is here.*

*All are so easy to talk to*



*You did a great job!*

*Staff made me feel safe*

# Friends of the Rose Garden Mission

## What the Friends Have to Say About the Rose Garden

Come down (to the Rose Garden), and it's a family. It's a huge community down here, where I look at the Sisters as mothers in the area. People come in that need help, and these "moms", who are Sisters, they reach out and hug the community. They give them good advice and food. They do so many things that most of our moms did for us. This community needs that.

So many times, people will come in, and they are suffering from a lot of illness, but depression and anxiety are also big issues. (The Sisters) spend the time to just pray with them and give them direction to find the Lord. That can cause for unbelievable healing. People come here for help and it doesn't matter what their background is. They are loved. Just like you would love your own child or your own spouse.

One thing that surprised me right away was that the Sisters started out by sharing anything they received, and really, the complete trust in God's providence not only for them, but also, those who would visit the mission. The Sisters I see, and all of the volunteers by their extension, try to treat everyone that comes into the mission with great dignity, sharing in their sufferings, listening to their heartaches and stories. And not only their heartaches but also their joys and successes. The Sisters being one with them in a real way, speaks to me of the great compassion of the Lord.

I was honored to be asked to be on the board. I have been able to see firsthand the great work the Lord does through (the Rose Garden Mission). When I think of St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says, 'Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do for Me; and whatever you did not do for the least of My brothers, you did not do for Me.' That scripture always stands out when I come to the Rose Garden to help out. Just seeing all of the lives that the people touch here, and seeing how grateful the people are to be friends and guests of the Rose Garden Mission, all of that is very inspiring, so it's something that I want to be a part of.



THE FRANCISCAN DAUGHTERS OF MARY  
AND THE FRIENDS OF THE ROSE GARDEN HOME MISSION  
ASK YOU TO SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SEVENTH ANNUAL

### *Partners in Hope* FOR THE POOR DINNER

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

RECEPTIONS

1379 DONALDSON ROAD | ERLANGER, KENTUCKY

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER

*Star Parker*

PRO-LIFE ACTIVIST AND FOUNDER OF  
CORE CENTER FOR URBAN RENEWAL AND EDUCATION

*We hope you can join us!*

## FRIENDS OF THE RGHM GOLF OUTING 2018

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018**

Registration 8am, shot gun start 9:45am

lunch on turn, dinner and silent auction

**KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSES**

3908 Richardson Road | Independence, KY 41051

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*A new floor for the Dental Clinic*

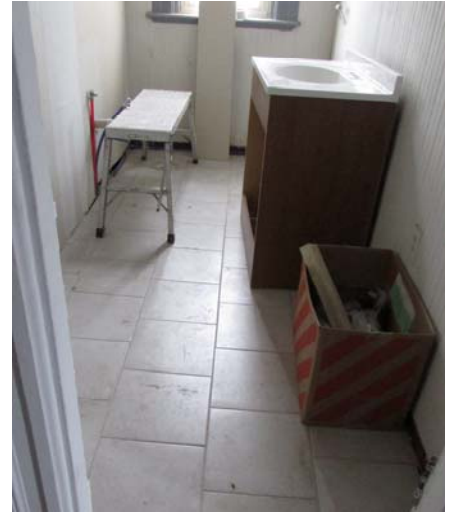


The Rose Garden Home Mission calls us to give the Love of Jesus Christ to everyone who enters. I have been a member of the Board of the Friends of the Rose Garden Home Mission since its inception. Our goal has been to raise money to buy and maintain the buildings that house the Mission and the Health Care facilities in any way we can and to further its mission of love and acceptance of Christ's poor and needy in our Community.

What the Sisters and Volunteers do here is so much more than the material things it provides on a day to day basis, of course these are all important, but it's the love, compassion and dignity that our guests receive when they come that speaks to their souls. It gives them hope, encouragement, and a sense that people really do care about what is going on in their lives. We, as volunteers at the Mission are drawn to something bigger than ourselves, we are drawn to do "Christ's work," to love one another as He has loved us. The Mission is a gift to all of us, those in need and those who serve.

It's such a joy to be a part of this. What it has done, just seeing how it's grown, the faith that is here, not just the Sisters. They drive it, but the people who are involved with the mission. Just being here, you see joy all the time. People are so giving and they're so willing to do anything that anybody asks them to do. Whenever we've had times where we thought, "Oh, my gosh, we bit off more than we can chew. This building is in such need of repair. There's so many problems, so many issues," and Mother just says, "Have faith. Turn it over to the Lord." He has blessed this mission time and time and time again, and it is just amazing to be able to share in that and be a part of it. It renews your own faith. That's what we are all here for and it is a wonderful experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

It was during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, I was looking for an opportunity in the community to get involved, per Pope Francis' request, and I found this little Mission. From there, I learned so much more about the importance of the mission here in Covington and the Franciscan charism that's in place here. It's just amazing. I have been down to the Mission several times, and have had the opportunity to see the people come through. I think of the love that the Sisters give to the community, and the love of the people who come here and experience the good works. Love is at the heart of what it's all about down here, love for your fellow human being. We're just blessed to have the opportunity to share that love through the Mission and the Franciscan Daughters of Mary.



*More Improvements on the second floor of the Dental Clinic!*



**W**e 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

- \* Car seats, pack & plays, strollers (new or excellent condition)
- \* Diapers, large sizes, 4's, 5's & 6's
- \* Toddler clothing, sizes 2T-5T (new or excellent condition)
- \* Toiletries for Moms to go with the Baby Baskets
- \* Baby Food & Formula
- \* Toiletries for Homeless
- \* Afternoon or After School Volunteers to help clean up at the end of the day



*Mother Seraphina dunking Fr. Augustine at St. Joseph Crescent Springs' Annual Festival*

*Sister Clare painted this little girl's face at the Diocesan "Cross the Bridge for Life" last Summer*



## Ways to Give

- Cash/Check
- PayPal ([www.f dofmary.org](http://www.f dofmary.org))
- Stock or CD Transfer / Bequest / Legacy Gift through Estate Planning ([friendsrghm@gmail.com](mailto:friendsrghm@gmail.com))



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 \$644.10 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!*