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Rose Garden Home Mission

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Rose Garden Center for Hope & Healing



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Love is Our Mission

The logo for Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey to the US perfectly encapsulates the charism of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary and the operative theme at the Rose Garden Mission.

If you've ever volunteered at our Mission, it's likely you have heard us say, "The ONLY thing we do is give people the love of Jesus Christ. Then we just do whatever we can."

We see loving one another and loving our neighbor as building a Catholic culture, thereby making manifest the Kingdom of God among us. To us, this is the light that shines in the darkness.

"This is My Commandment," says Jesus, "love one another as I love you." (John 15:12)

In fact, that's the most important thing we ask of our volunteers; that they be able to communicate the love of Jesus Christ to each of our neighbors.

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and for

the world" (Pope Francis at the Canonization Mass, Washington DC)

Implicit in our mission to uphold the dignity of every human person is to uphold and promote the dignity of the family. "The family is the original cell of social life." (CCC 2207)

So when we heard that the World Meeting of Families was going to take place in Philadelphia, we knew we had to be there. We were further blessed with an opportunity, through the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR), to attend as volunteers with sisters of other

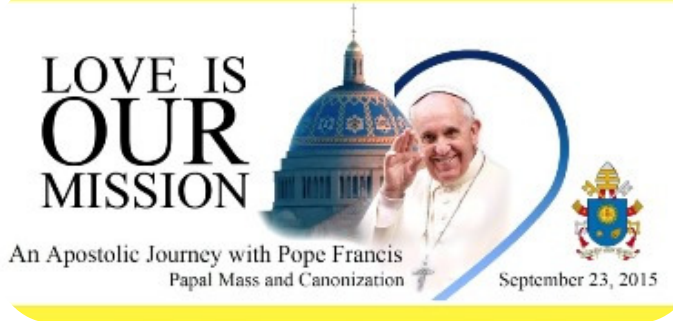


Sr. Veronica & Mother Seraphina in Washington DC prior to the Canonization Mass

truth, when it rises on the foundation of the family." (Pope Francis at the Prayer Vigil for the Festival of Families in Philadelphia)

An added blessing was to be at the Canonization Mass for St. Junipero Serra in Washington DC. We have a special devotion to St. Junipero, first of all because he is Franciscan and secondly

because of Mother Seraphina's involvement with the Serra Club of Cincinnati, who regularly invite her to give talks about the call to the religious vocation at area schools.



member communities.

When we learned that Pope Francis would be in attendance and was planning to visit several cities in the US, we all saw this as a great moment of grace for our community and for our country.

"It was like a big family reunion! The family of the Church!" says Sr. Clare about the week spent at the World Meeting of Families. "Everyone was so peaceful, even when waiting in line for 5 hours for the Papal Mass!"

"A society grows stronger and better, it grows in beauty and it grows in



The Sisters with sisters at the World Meeting of families



Mother & Sister with a life-sized likeness of Pope Francis in DC

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HOME MISSION



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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
2015 Philadelphia

The Family Fully Alive



Babies!!
So many New Baby Welcome Baskets have been given out recently, I wonder if we're not in a baby boom?!!



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."
-GOD

From Our Volunteers & Neighbors



I love to be able to come to the Rose Garden and help people who are in need. It humbles me. If it wasn't for God's grace that could be me standing in that line for food. And being here with the sisters gives me so much peace, they always have a smile on, even when things get hectic. -Don



Since I retired, I like the idea of helping people who are in need. And I like being with the sisters, there's a lot of joy here. -Mary Margaret

I love the atmosphere at the Rose Garden. Holiness is attractive, you feel it as soon as you walk in, you're accepted no matter who you are, a volunteer, a neighbor who needs assistance, a high school kid. I leave here uplifted, especially in knowing that I helped somebody today who needs more than I do. -A Volunteer



I really like the feeling I get that I'm part of something bigger than myself. -Kathy



I love being with the sisters, and I get great satisfaction knowing that I'm helping someone out. -Nancy



"The joy of men and women who love God attracts others to him Joy springs from a grateful heart. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self-sacrifice, of working for Him and for others,

becomes a privileged way of responding to His great love." -Pope Francis, Vespers, St. Patrick Cathedral, NY



I just want you to know how much your care, smiles and loving ways are appreciated. We are truly blessed to know you. -Linda



You know, I'm not Catholic, but I was down and out one time and came to the sister's place to get some food. You were really nice to me and helped me out. And I'm not Catholic, but that really says something." -A Neighbor



Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing

Health Ministry / Free Clinic

Too Blessed to Be Stressed

-Sheila Carroll, APRN

Imagine you have no ability to pay for a medical visit or medicines or food. You gather courage to walk into a free medical clinic, not knowing how you will be treated. After all, you are "begging".

Inside, you find people willing to help, people who like working together and love working with you. You get personalized care, free medications, prayer if you want it, and people who have time to listen to you and hear your concerns. You become part of a loving family. If it's your birthday that week, you will get a song and a sweet. You were stressed when you entered and blessed when you left.

As clinic medical volunteers we are truly blessed more by serving our friends and neighbors than they are to receive care. We have more satisfaction and blessing than one can even imagine.



Our friend Mary's shirt says it all

Thank you for helping us help our friends and neighbors through your prayers and generosity.

A big thank you to Walgreens Pharmacy for supplying us with free flu vaccines and a pharmacist to administer them for our Healthy Tuesday's Health Ministries.



Terry Hardebeck, RN listens to our friend Maxine's heart

What the Clinic Means to Me

-Terry Hardebeck, RN

To me, the Rose Garden Center for Hope & Healing means bringing the love of Jesus Christ to those in our midst, to the poor, the downtrodden and the stranger.

I first pulled in to the parking lot at the Rose Garden to volunteer 2 years ago, and the experience has since changed my life. I have gotten to know the Franciscan Daughters of Mary and continue to be amazed by the devotion to others that comes forth from their faith.



Sr. Catherine Mary getting her flu shot

When I first began to help at the clinic, I thought I would be helping others, but in truth I have been helped more than I have helped the needy we serve.

In serving our friends and neighbors and working with other volunteers, I've come to understand that its truly Christ Himself Whom we serve. But most profoundly, I have grown in my relationship with God and His love for me.

I am so grateful to the Franciscan Daughters of Mary and Sheila Carroll for letting me part of the Mission.



Above, Jodi, a cancer survivor, came back to thank us after her surgery.

Pictured with her is Cathy Sherron, RN and Clinic Director Sheila Carroll APRN

CORRECTION from Summer Nwsltr2015

How did you hear about the Clinic?

- 48% - Friend/Family
- 24% - Referral from Health Ministry
- 20% - Doctor or Other Facility
- 8% - Blank

Friends of the Rose Garden Mission

Grateful

Because of our donors generosity, including record contributions from both the Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner and our Golf Outing, we have been able to cover all of the mission's operating expenses, while at the same time reducing the current bank note by over \$40,000! We pray that God blesses each of you and your families as we approach the Holy Season.

-Greg Ionna
Chairman for the Friends



The sisters got to judge the putting contest



Checking it twice



The cutest little golfer on the course!



Anyone see a white ball?



Great big, "Thank You!" to Cindy Biecker who chaired the Golf Committee



Greg & Gloria Ionna



Jerry & Dana Kirpes



Challie & Kelli Bailey

Bill & Cindy Biecker

Thank You!
To Our Sponsors

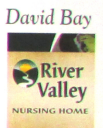


Jeff & Melanie Arnold



Brenda & Herman Hoemschemeyer

Sheila Carroll



Ken & Debbie Urlage

Save the Dates

6/16/16—Partners in Hope for the Poor Annual Dinner

8/26/16—Annual Golf Outing

Mission Cuties!



We are very grateful to God
for the gift you are to us!

Sister's
Needs

*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

Please keep us in mind as you consider your year-end giving

- * Office Help
- * Diapers, large sizes
- * New or like-new toddler clothing, sizes **2T-5T**
- * Toiletries for Moms
- * Formula
- * Toiletries for Homeless
- * Afternoon or After School Volunteers to help clean up at the end of the day

Ways to
Give

- Cash/Check
- PayPal (www.f dofmary.org)
- Stock or CD Transfer (friendsrghm@gmail.com)
- Bequest (friendsrghm@gmail.com)
- Legacy Gift through Estate Planning (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 \$573.72 received!!! THANK YOU!!!

To enroll:

- go to: 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!