

*Caritas Christi*  
*Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill*





*“ . . . the front door, the back,  
the side door which will lead . . .  
to the Chapel, and all the  
windows up and down will open  
at [your] approach . . . ”*

*-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Dear Friends.

Our images of “home” are usually very strong within us. Sometimes it is as much a heart space as an actual geographical area that we call home.

Mother Aloysia Lowe looked for a home for her sisters when they began to outgrow the convent in Altoona that was their original home. Sister Electa Boyle records in her history: “Mother Aloysia determined to acquire as a site for the new motherhouse a country location of some extent, so that the sisters might have the benefit of the pure air and the freedom of country life after the arduous work of the school year.” (*Mother Seton’s Sisters of Charity in Western Pennsylvania*, p. 93)

Seton Hill was always a special place to Mother Aloysia. She called it “the dearest spot on earth” and said to the students: “Seton Hill is your home, come even if you don’t get an invitation.”

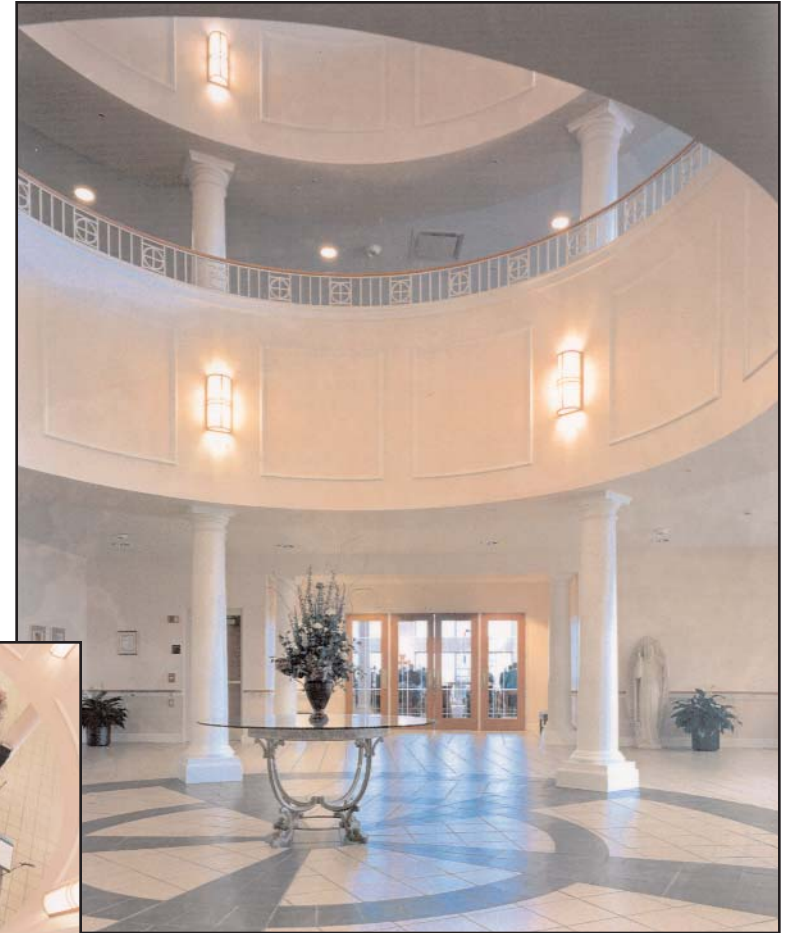
Now we have moved our Motherhouse across the hillsides to this beautiful spot which still gives us a bird’s eye view of our beloved “hill.” The stories of the early pioneers who carried stones to build the road, used boxes for furniture, and shared one wash basin are a far cry from the beauty that surrounds us, but the spirit remains the same.

*Vivien Linkhauer S.C.*

Vivien Linkhauer, SC  
Provincial Superior, US Province

*P.S. As you look through this booklet, please take a moment to read the quotes, which were provided by the sisters who live at Caritas Christi. We think that they best express the joy and gratitude of the Sisters of Charity for this new motherhouse.*

# Caritas Christi - Main Entrance



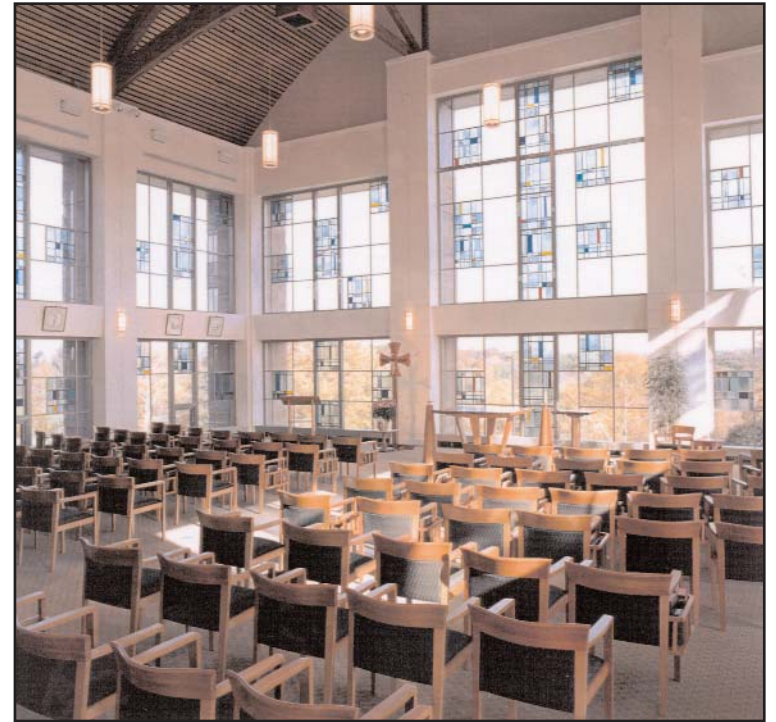
The porte cochere, a covered entrance, is a focal point of Caritas Christi.

The front entrance to Caritas Christi is directly opposite the road that leads to Seton Hill, where Saint Joseph Motherhouse, the first in Greensburg, was located. Like that "home for the sisters" which Mother Aloysia Lowe provided there, this new motherhouse is also an apostolic center which supports a variety of ministries and provides for the physical, intellectual, and spiritual health of those who live and gather there.



Visitors to Caritas Christi enter the building through the Aloysia Lowe Atrium, a central location from which the chapel, dining room, gift shop, and other parts of the building may be accessed.

# Chapel of the Assumption



*"What the Sisters of Charity made possible  
for our sisters is unbelievable.*

*My greatest thanks to God, our benefactors, and the  
Sisters of Charity for all this."*



# The Heritage Room & Electa Boyle Archives

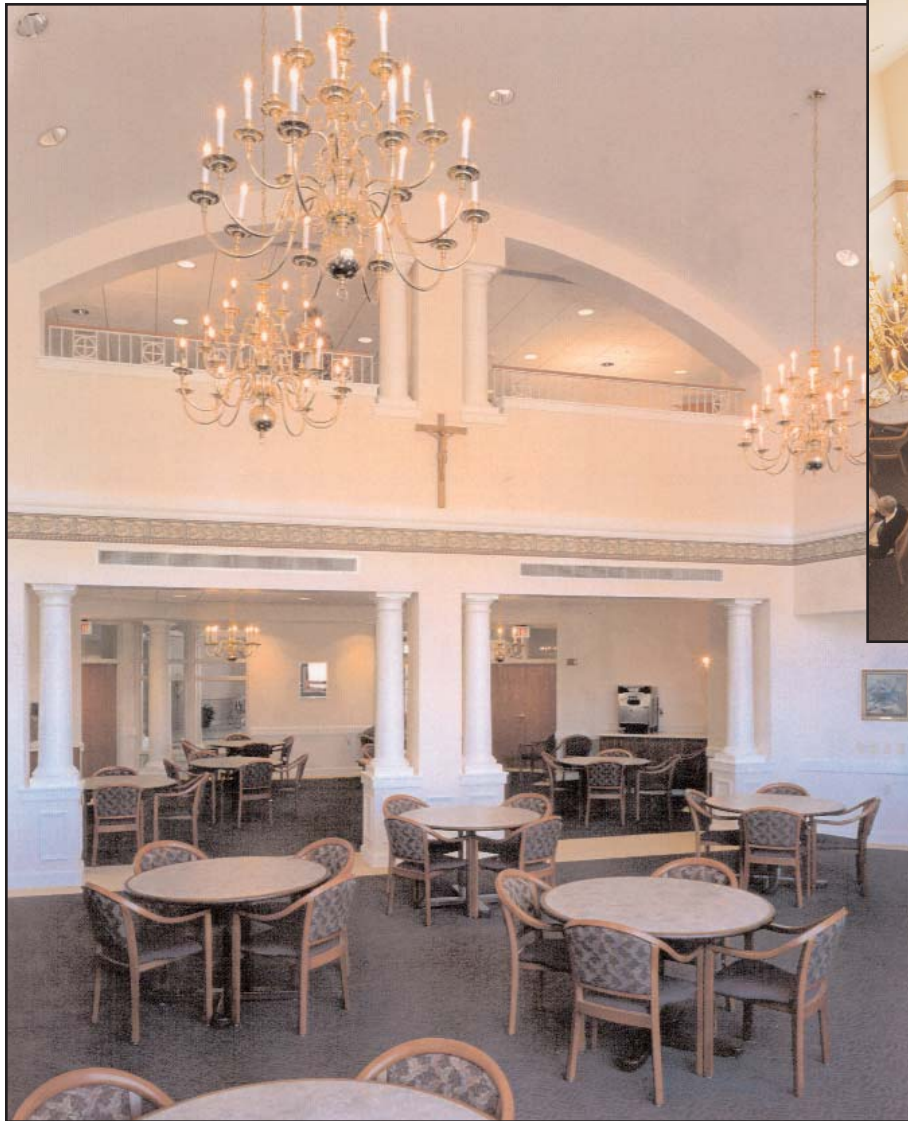


The Heritage Room provides a capsule view of the history of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. It is augmented by the documents and artifacts catalogued in the Electa Boyle Archives.



*"What a beautiful place. Simple lines.  
Balance of halls and rooms.  
Each room is simple but wonderful."*

# The Eveline Fisher Dining Room



The Eveline Fisher Dining Room is located at the heart of the building and demonstrates the importance of this community event.

A balcony (shown below) encourages sisters who are unable to come to the first floor dining room to participate in community meals.



# Parlors



Theodosia Parlor

The first floor of Caritas Christi is composed of public areas for use by the sisters. The Theodosia Parlor and the Harte Library Parlor offer two beautiful spaces where sisters may visit with friends and family and enjoy other activities.



The Harte Library

*"Never before in my life did I have the complete spiritual, physical and health care, and all around community living that I have experienced here at Caritas Christi."*

# Residential Areas



Parlor located in the sisters' residential area.



A community room.

Each sister has her own modest bedroom. In addition to the parlors in the public areas of the building, each floor has an intimate parlor for visiting and reading, as well as common areas often used for playing cards, viewing TV, and other community activities.

*"The decor of the house is so inspiring."*

# The Rodgers Wellness Center



An important feature of Caritas Christi is the Rodgers Wellness Center. It features a therapy pool where aqua aerobics are offered several times a day, dental facilities, the services of a physician's assistant and a massage therapist, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and a variety of exercise equipment.



*"All of the helps in the Wellness Center and the good staff are a real aid to our physical well-being. This support allows for better mental health."*

# Monahan Center



Monahan Center is the home of the Elizabeth Seton Adult Day Care Center (ADCC), which provides care for lay members of greater Westmoreland County who have physical or cognitive impairments. Composed of 1,870 square feet of space, the ADCC includes a dining and activity area, warming kitchen, office, area for consultation with family members, and a private lounge and rest area.



*"This is such a beautiful place.  
How can anyone not be happy?"*

# McCullough Meeting Room



The McCullough Meeting Room has been designated as a meeting space for the entire Sisters of Charity community for special events, assemblies, and gatherings of Province and Congregation-wide committees.



# *Other areas of interest*



The Craft Room (top left) provides ample space and equipment to sisters who enjoy making handcrafted items.

The ice cream parlor (bottom right) is a treat for sisters, visitors, and volunteers.



*“The convenience of living is unbelievable.*

*Everything is so accommodating to the increasing disabilities that accompany the aging process.”*



### **2002-2007 US Provincial Council/Board of Directors**

*Seated from left:* Sister Patricia M. Wilson, Sister Vivien Linkhauer, and Sister Lyn Marie Dwyer.

*Standing from left:* Sister Grace Hartzog, Sister Joyce Serratore, Sister Edith Strong, and Sister Dorothy Dolan.

*Dear Friends,*

*For more than 130 years, the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill have served those in need in southwestern Pennsylvania and throughout the United States. Today, that service extends to South Korea and China.*

*As the sisters work with and beside the people whom God has placed in their lives, they forge strong friendships and partnerships based on mutual respect and interdependence. Many sisters continue those friendships--even as they move on to new ministries and responsibilities.*

*If you are traveling in the Greensburg area, we invite you--our friends and Partners in the Work of Charity--to visit Caritas Christi, our motherhouse. Visit our web site at [www.scsch.org](http://www.scsch.org) for directions, or call 724-836-0406.*

*We leave you with the words of Mother Seton,  
"I carry you constantly in my heart,"*

*The 2002-2007 Council/Board of Directors  
of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill*



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