



# Circle of Charity



## Our efforts in the Work of Charity

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### Sisters of Charity Earn National Recognition

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill recently earned national recognition for the annual donor report and for the *Celebration* magazine from the National Catholic Development Conference.

The Sisters of Charity received the first place award for their calendar edition of the Donor Report in the "Best Accountability/Annual Report" category. The calendar was the annual piece that was sent to donors to report the amount of funds raised, and the application or distribution of such money for program or supporting functions.

The Sisters of Charity also received second-place recognition for their winter magazine edition of *Celebration* in the "Best Publication with a Gift Envelope" category. *Celebration* is a non-paid subscription magazine used to communicate with donors.

*Celebration* features stories that reflect the ongoing ministries of our sisters and how we are making an impact on those who are less fortunate. The NCDC Lumens honor the best work of fundraisers doing God's work in the world.



Pictured: Sisters of Charity's 2009 First Place Lumen Award.

### Welcome the Christmas Season with the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

You are cordially invited to attend the 2009 Advent Visit with the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill on Sunday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Caritas Christi. The visit and refreshments will take place from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Solemn prayer and music will begin at 4:00 p.m. We hope you will attend this holiday event with your family. Please RSVP by December 4 at 724-836-0406, ext. 647.



### Thanksgiving Reflections

November is a month that finds most of us reflecting on the blessings in our lives. It is a time of gathering together with friends and family to share in feasts which are lovingly prepared. It is a time when family members pull out special recipes that have been named to honor relatives who are no longer with us. You probably remember or have a "grandma's pecan pie" or "great Aunt Jane's secret stuffing" recipe that is reserved just for special family gatherings such as Thanksgiving.

Sister Francis de Sales Joyce, Sister Kathleen Dorman and Sister Catherine Mary Malloy all have such fond



Sister Catherine Mary Malloy, Sister Francis de Sales Joyce and Sister Kathleen Dorman reflect on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving memories.

Sister Francis de Sales Joyce continues to spend Thanksgiving with her niece and other family members in Thornburg, Pennsylvania, where the family indulges in traditional Thanksgiving foods which include a delicious spinach casserole. Since Sister Francis de Sales celebrates Christmas Day at Caritas Christi with her Sisters of Charity family, she uses her Thanksgiving visit to blend in a bit of Christmas. Sister Francis de Sales takes Christmas gifts to her family at Thanksgiving as a part of her holiday tradition.

Sister Kathleen Dorman was smiling as she reflected on her favorite Thanksgiving memory. It was in September of 1953 that she spent her first Thanksgiving with the Sisters of Charity at Seton Hill.

## Thanksgiving Reflections

In just the short time she had been at Seton Hill, Sister Kathleen had become friends with so many of the sisters that she knew she was really at home in her community. She said spending the special occasion with her community sisters while enjoying good food made that Thanksgiving her most memorable. Sister Kathleen noted that turkey and pumpkin pie are still her favorite Thanksgiving foods today. Sister Kathleen just came to Caritas Christi after spending the last 40 years in Arizona. This Thanksgiving she will once again spend Thanksgiving dinner at Caritas Christi just as she did with her community at Seton Hill 56 years ago.

Sister Catherine Mary Malloy remembers the first Thanksgiving, in 1970, after her mother had died. Her father had moved to Fairfax, Maryland, so the family decided to celebrate the holiday by gathering at her brother Jack's home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Sister Catherine Mary, her sister Pat and her five daughters drove together to Silver Spring passing the time away by singing Thanksgiving songs and having a good time. Joining them at her brother's house was her sister Peggy and her brother Bob and their families. Besides her siblings, she also celebrated with 14 of her nieces and nephews. However, one person was unable to join the family: Sister Jean, also a Sister of Charity of Seton Hill, who was working in Korea and could not be with the family. They decided to surprise Sister Jean with a family picture and recorded messages. What a grand day!

## November 15 - Sisters of Charity celebrate Bicentennial in Diocese of Greensburg

The Diocese of Greensburg will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity in the United States with a special Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill invite the public to join them in celebrating this milestone.

### Last Chance to Purchase December Lottery Tickets

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill are selling lottery tickets until the end of November that will give you 26 chances to win during the month of December. Tickets may be purchased through the advancement office at 724-836-0406, ext. 647.

### Enjoy Coupon Books

*Enjoy 2010* is filled with hundreds of half-off and two-for-one coupons, which will save you money on travel, dining, shopping, attractions and much more in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette Counties. The price of *Enjoy 2010* is \$27.00. To reserve your copy or supply of books, call DePaul Center in Greensburg at 724-836-0406, ext. 644. For your convenience, in Pittsburgh, contact Sister Marie Clare Farabaugh, at St. Stephen Convent in Hazelwood at 412-421-5862 or Sister Patrice Hughes at Elizabeth Seton Convent in Brookline at 412-561-6932.



## Seton Arts Center Expanding

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill plan to expand the Seton Arts Service Corps in 2010 to include New Kensington and inner city Chicago. Presently, programs are located in Swissvale, Wilkensburg and Dunbar, Pennsylvania.

The Seton Arts Service Corps is an imaginative project designed to transform the lives of underprivileged children through exposure to and participation in the fine and performing arts.

### Turkey Tidbits

- About 45 million turkeys are sold annually for Thanksgiving celebrations in the United States.
- 535 million pounds of the big birds appear each year on Thanksgiving tables.
- 91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.



### Christmas Gift Ideas

Charitable gift giving is a thoughtful way to remember loved ones or those who are hard to buy for on your holiday shopping list. Charitable giving also supports the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and their ministries throughout the year. When you provide a donation on behalf of a friend or family member, an acknowledgement will be mailed to advise them of your gift.

*"... every day of life more and more increases my gratitude to Him for having made me what I am."*

-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton