



# Circle of Charity



## Our efforts in the Work of Charity

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### NEW PUMPHOUSE TO ENSURE FIRE SAFETY

The Sisters of Charity recently broke ground on a new water pumping station, to ensure that enough water pressure would be available in the event of fire.

The existing system was installed in 1999 in conjunction with the construction of Caritas Christi, the Sisters' motherhouse. At that time, the new pump passed every inspection. However, a few years ago, the sisters started to experience difficulty with the system. Recent engineering studies concluded there is not sufficient water pressure should Caritas Christi and other buildings on the grounds require sustained water for a fire emergency.



Crews broke ground on Monday, March 15, 2010 near the entrance to the employee driveway at Caritas Christi.

Investigation into the system's reliability began in 2007 when the leadership team of the Sisters of Charity met with Greensburg Fire Chief Lester Harvey, Westmoreland County Water Authority representatives and engineers. Since that meeting, many options were considered, but all were less than satisfactory.

Finally, in January 2009, the water authority proposed a joint agreement with the Sisters of Charity to install a booster pumping station on Route 130 at the base of the Sisters of Charity property. Although the Sisters of Charity will fund the majority of the construction costs, the Water Authority agreed to accept ownership and all future liabilities, including maintenance of pumps, facility and access roads and additional system demands to the Sisters of Charity complex should it be necessary.



Equipment is in place to begin construction at the bottom of Mount Thor Road.

To complete the agreement, the Sisters of Charity granted pipeline right-of-way on their property for the installation of water pipes to the existing Mount Thor Road booster pumping station. This will help the water authority provide emergency water for residents on Mount Thor Road.

This project gives the Sisters peace-of-mind in knowing the water issue will be definitively solved. In the words of Sister Catherine Meinert, who has been overseeing water supply issues since 2007, "I'm happy to say we're getting out of the water business."

The sisters are also pleased to announce that the Richard King Mellon Foundation has granted \$300,000 for the project, which will cover more than half the projected \$473,000 cost. To complete the funding, the Sisters are inviting friends and benefactors to contribute as well. Donations may be sent to the Sisters at the address below. Simply include a note indicating that the gift be earmarked for the pump house project.

## Buy Tickets Now For "Sounds of Charity"

Mark your calendars for April 17, 2010. The Sisters of Charity are holding a fundraising event to support their Far East Missions. A concert will be held at the new Seton Hill Performing Arts Center in Greensburg,



Pennsylvania. The event will feature Julie Lee, an established recording artist from Nashville, Michael Gallagher, an Irish vocalist from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Seton Hill University Jazz Ensemble. Prior to the concert, an hors d'oeuvres bar will be available. Guests will also have the opportunity to peruse the raffle baskets or bid on one of the featured silent auction items that will be available. If you would like to attend, sponsor a sister who would like to attend or even send a donation to assist the Korean missions, contact the DePaul Center Advancement Center at 724.836.0406 or email Sister Lindena Brace at [lbrace@scsh.org](mailto:lbrace@scsh.org). You may also view our website at [www.scsh.org](http://www.scsh.org).

## Sisters March In St. Patrick's Day Parade

As first-time parade participants, the **Catholic Sisters of Western Pennsylvania** featured 75 Sisters representing 16 congregations from Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Altoona-Johnstown in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Pittsburgh on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

Provincial Superior Sister Vivien Linkhauer, Provincial Secretary Sister Grace Hartzog, Sister Patrice Hughes and Sister Judy Laffey represented the Sisters of Charity among the 16 congregations who marched in the parade.

Since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, when Sisters came to our area to work among our diverse immigrant population, they have made great contributions at all levels of education, healthcare, social services and parish ministry.



Today, **Catholic Sisters of Western Pennsylvania** continue to be *actively involved* in traditional as well as innovative ministries, social justice initiatives and several collaborative ministries that fulfill their mission to serve the people of Western Pennsylvania and the needs of the times.

## Lenten Visit

More than 300 people attended the Lenten Visit at Caritas Christi on Sunday, March 14, 2010. The sisters smiled as friends and family came to visit during the annual event. Lenten Vespers prepared by Sister Judith Laffey and Gene Forish blessed the occasion as we spiritually prepared for the great feast of Easter.



Students from Greensburg Central Catholic sang with the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Community Choir, while the Sisters of Charity of Seton Bell Choir also joined in the festivities.



The Sisters of Charity would like to thank all of those who came to Caritas Christi for the visit and for sharing a very special time of the year with the sisters. We would also like to invite those of you who were unable to attend to consider coming to future events



## Mary Schmidt Lecture Series

Sister Anne Clifford, Ph.D., C.S.J., will give a presentation titled, "Widening the Circle of Compassion to Encompass the Earth, a Call to Eco-Justice" on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7 p.m. as part of the Sister Mary Schmidt Lecture Series

The lecture will be held in Cecilian Hall, which is located in the Administration Building on Seton Hill's hilltop campus in Greensburg. Parking is available on campus, and also above campus at the parking lot associated with Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Shuttle service will be available from the Caritas Christi parking lot. Directions to Seton Hill and a campus map can be found at [www.setonhill.edu](http://www.setonhill.edu). Directions to Caritas Christi can be found at [www.scsh.org](http://www.scsh.org).

The Sister Mary Schmidt Lecture Series is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in collaboration with Seton Hill University.

This presentation is free and open to the public.