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Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Jubilee Celebration 2008

Whether it is to serve those in need, educate the young, care for the sick, pray for God's people or spread the Word of the Lord, women religious are chosen by God to be witnesses of His love.

Each year, in recognition of their service, the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill honor our sisters celebrating their Jubilees.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, the word "Jubilee" is used to designate an anniversary year. Historically, the 50th anniversary of religious life—the Golden Jubilee—is considered the most significant.

Today, special reverence continues to be held for the Golden Jubilee as it signifies a strong vocation and a commitment of giving one's life to serve God and others.

Our Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill celebrating their Golden Jubilees include: Sister Anita Schulte; Sister Geraldine Francis Marr; Sister Claudia Stehle; Sister Vivien Linkhauer; Sister Eileen Johnston; Sister Judith Laffey; Sister Jon Francis Vallade; Sister Brenda Jumba; Sister Annette Frey; and Sister Kathleen McGrady.

To learn more about each of these sisters and their ministries through the past 50 years, please visit our website at www.scsch.org/jubilee.cfm.

These Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill who are celebrating their 50th Jubilees of religious life will be joined by family and friends for a special Mass on Sunday, July 13, at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg, PA. A reception will follow at Our Lady of Grace Hall.

We also recognize our sisters celebrating Silver (25th) Jubilees, Diamond (75th) Jubilees, and Jubilees marking 60th, 65th, 70th, and 80th years. Twenty-three Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill celebrating their 60th, 65th, 70th, and 75th Jubilees will be honored Saturday, July 12, during a 9:30 a.m. Mass at Caritas Christi.

Week-long Summer Arts Camp hosted in Fayette County, Pennsylvania



A week-long summer arts camp for children entering grades two through six was offered at Saint Aloysius Parish Social Hall (Dunbar, PA) the last week of June as an extension of the Seton Arts Service Corps, a collaborative project of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and Seton Hill University. Approximately 40 children participated in the camp.

Sister Mary Joan Hopper, SC, coordinated the art projects, which focused on the theme "This is Our Country."

Joette Salandro, music/choral and drama teacher at Greensburg Central Catholic High School, coordinated the drama projects, and Cori Poklembo, music teacher at Aquinas Academy, coordinated the music projects.

The camp was held for three hours each morning, and children received instruction from six music and art teachers from Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg. Sister Lindena Brace, SC, and Sister Beatrice Ann Parenti, SC, assisted the teachers.

Teachers from the Greensburg Diocese who led the activities in Dunbar included:

- ◆ Cori Poklembo, music teacher at Aquinas Academy;
- ◆ Cheryl Hull, band teacher at Aquinas Academy;
- ◆ Caryn Dettling, musician;
- ◆ Joette Salandro, music/choral, and drama teacher at Greensburg Central Catholic High School; and
- ◆ Nick Bell, music and drama teacher at Geibel Catholic High School.



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Arts in Fayette County

Children participating in the program explored the art of tie-dying, created a mural, and joined in drama and music.

Monsignor J. Edward McCullough, pastor of St. Aloysius Church, was instrumental in bringing the program to the children of Fayette County by offering the use of the parish social hall at no cost to the Sisters of Charity. "He's always very generous," said Sister Catherine Meinert, SC, a member of the Provincial Council and former principal at Conn-Area Catholic School.

"Monsignor McCullough is pleased to have us offer the program at Saint Aloysius," said Sister Brycelyn Eyler, SC, a member of the Provincial Council and former principal at Aquinas Academy. "We know this type of program helps to build confidence in children and develops their creativity. The arts are vital to help children prepare for life-long learning and to develop life-long enjoyment of the arts."



According to Americans for the Arts, youth who participate in the arts:

- ◆ Show increased ability to express anger appropriately, communicate effectively with adults and peers, and work cooperatively with others;
- ◆ Show an increased ability to work on tasks from start to finish;
- ◆ Are more likely to show improvement in their attitudes toward school and self-esteem than non-participating youth;
- ◆ Demonstrate improved academic performance and lower dropout rates and advanced motivation to learn.

Mark Your Calendar: New Events Planned for Fall 2008

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will host two new concert events in September.

On Saturday, September 20, the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert at Seton Hill University's Cecilian Hall in Greensburg, PA. A silent auction and reception will be held prior to the event, beginning at 6 p.m. The concert will begin at 7:15 p.m.

On Saturday, September 27, an Irish concert will include the talents of Mike Gallagher, Guaranteed Irish, and Sally Foley Irish Dancers, will be held at Seton LaSalle High School in Pittsburgh, PA. A silent auction and dessert reception will be held prior to the event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the two concert events will benefit the Far East Missions and the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. For nearly half a century, your support has enriched our ministry in the Far East.

The cost of tickets is \$25 per person per event. Ticket sales will begin on August 4 and tickets may be obtained by calling 1-800-982-7968, ext. 644. Tickets may also be purchased on-line at www.scsch.org.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and Eco-Justice

The mission of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill is to continue the mission of Jesus. The mission of Jesus must evolve as we come to a deeper understanding of the world, our place in the world, and the Gospel values as seen through the lens of our time.

Today, more than ever, we must be models of global development who focus on quality of life or on meeting the needs of all. In such models, great care must also be given to ecologically sustainable forms of development which respect the earth's self-renewing capacities in land, water, forests, clean air, and mineral resources.

We, in our time, are coming to realize that Earth is a living organism and that health and continued life depends on respectful use of and interdependence of the ecosystems that comprise Earth.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill are working to lessen our footprint on the earth, to lessen our contribution to global warming, and to bring the message of peace and love to all people through building positive relationships with all creation.

To learn more about how the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill are making a difference globally and locally, visit the website at: www.scsch.org/globaloutreach-projects.cfm.

*"Among the numberless favors it has pleased God to bestow on me thro' you—
well may I pray for you—but he alone can recompense you."* -Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton