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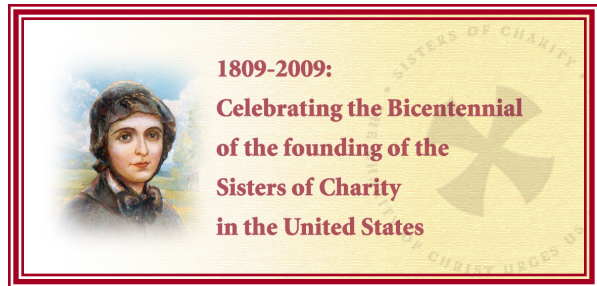
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

“Happy New Year” is a greeting that is often spoken with a repetitious, “I cannot believe another year has passed!” The year 2009 flew by for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, as many sisters were honored for their Golden and Diamond Jubilees. The year 2009 also marked the ten-year anniversary of Caritas Christi, the motherhouse at the Sisters of Charity. Another celebrated occasion was the bicentennial of the founding of the Sisters of Charity in the United States by Elizabeth Ann Seton. January 3, 2010, marked the final bicentennial celebratory mass at the Chapel of the Assumption at Caritas Christi.



The year 2009 was also blessed by donors who found it in their hearts to contribute to the appeals they received in the mail, or remained supporters of the sisters through the Circle of Charity.

One hundred thirty-six Sisters of Charity are engaged in teaching, health care, parish ministry, social work or internal ministry. Many sisters who once earned salaries and were able to contribute financially to the community are now retired. However these retired sisters still have basic personal and medical needs that must be met through the congregation.

For Your Convenience

The Office of Institutional Advancement recognizes that in the busy times in which we live, convenience is important to our donors. Therefore, the office located in DePaul Center offers several payment options which you can utilize for your Circle of Charity membership pledges or cash donations.

- ◆ You may call or email us with a question. Call toll-free 1-800-982-7968 to speak with a representative in our Office of Institutional Advancement.
- ◆ You may elect to participate in Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). Call toll-free 1-800-982-7968 to speak with a representative from our Office of Institutional Advancement and request an authorization form, allowing the Sisters of Charity to instruct your bank to make gift payments for the account you indicate via the EFT.
- ◆ You may make a gift on-line. Please have your credit card ready and go to www.scsch.org then click on Donate Now on the right side of the home page to be taken step-by-step through the easy and secure process.
- ◆ You may mail your donation to us. Please make checks payable to the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. You may mail the donation to :

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144 DePaul Center Road
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Grace Alfery Retires

Grace Alfery, secretary of the Office of Institutional Advancement, retired from our office on Friday, January 15, 2010. She is looking forward to spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Grace began working with us in September 2001 and during her eight years with us, she has managed the details of the office with ease and "grace." Her work for the Sisters of Charity and our Partners in Charity is immeasurable.

A brief farewell "thank you" was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, in the McCullough Room at Caritas Christi. Among those in attendance were the Provincial Council, dozens of Sisters of Charity, Grace's co-workers at DePaul Center and last, but not least, her husband, Mike Alfery. *We ask God to continue to bless Grace as she begins her retirement and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to the Sisters of Charity.*

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for April 17, 2010. The Sisters of Charity will hold 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, and Michael Gallagher, an Irish vocalist from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and additional music groups. Prior to the concert, a 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 Cathie Krofick, Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement at ckrofick@scsh.org. You may also view our website at www.scsh.org. Our new address is 144 DePaul Center Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Christmas Tea

A Christmas Tea was held December 15, 2009, at Caritas Christi in honor of the sisters who make "thank you" calls to our donors. The tea was held as an appreciation gesture for the many hours of work that these sisters perform throughout the year. Also invited was Sister Marie John Toomey, who signs and addresses the birthday cards that the advancement department sends to the donors.



The Sisters and the staff from

advancement department had an enjoyable time while sipping tea and nibbling home-made cookies prepared by Robin Lucchetti and the dietary staff. In addition to the culinary delights, the dietary staff also decorated the tables with linens, china service and vases of fresh flowers. What an unexpected treat!

We thank the following Sisters for their on-going support: Sisters Mary Catherine Coughenour, M. Bernadette Del Duca, M. Antonine Forbeck, Harold Ann Jones, Mary Noel Kernan, Cecilia McClain, Marian Madden, Francis Teresa Masur, Edna Marie Myers, Anna Marie Miller, Marie John Toomey and Irene Mary Wilburn.

Lenten Visit

The Lenten Visit at Caritas Christi will be held Sunday, March 14, 2010. Invitations will be mailed out in early February. The sisters look forward to visiting with their friends and family members who attend this annual event. Lenten Vespers prepared by Sister Judith Laffey and Gene Forish bless the occasion as we spiritually prepare for the great feast of Easter.

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

-Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton