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NOJOSHING is an Indian word. It means "Straight Tongue."

In 1849, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi built their Motherhouse on land that was called Nojoshing by the Indians, because it protrudes out into Lake Michigan like a straight tongue.

Jubilee Celebrates Fidelity of God and Sisters

Each summer the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi celebrate Jubilee with those sisters marking 25, 50, 60, 70, and 75 years of religious profession. Everyone looks forward to this event with a sense of expectancy because it is an occasion that celebrates the fidelity of our God and the fidelity of the Jubilarians.

Unique to the celebrations since 2002 is the inclusion of the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore who merged with us on October 4, 2001. The tradition in their congregation was to celebrate Jubilee from the day of entrance. Now the sisters may choose whether they want to celebrate from entrance or from profession. The 50 and 60 year Jubilee classes included sisters who entered religious life in Baltimore.

It may be that the Golden Jubilarians have the longest record in history for getting



ready for Jubilee because they began their preparation for 2010 ten years ago. At that time they gathered for an

informal celebration of their 40th anniversary with a potluck supper on the 4th floor porch of Clare Hall and decided to connect with each other more frequently. Since then, they have spent weekends together twice a year. This summer they spent five days together, and a day of reflection and a special outing were highlights for the classmates. Sister Patricia Nightingale from Baltimore was able to be present, and this gave her an opportunity to get to know everyone better and vice versa.

The Monday before Jubilee, the 60-year Jubilarians had a day of reflection with some of the 70- and 75-year Jubilarians. They gathered at the Motherhouse, and Sister Joanne Schatzlein led them with prayer and reflection.

One of the special occasions for the Jubilarians is the dinner hosted by the Administrative Team. It gives the Jubilarians the opportunity to enjoy each other's company, savor a delicious meal, and experience the richness of belonging to community. Even the frailest of the Jubilarians come for this dinner because it is so relaxed and peace-filled.

Sunday, July 25, was truly a "day the Lord has made." It dawned sunny and with far less humidity than had been prevalent the previous week. Liturgy was held at St. Rita Church at 2 p.m. Father Jim Gannon, OFM, was the presider and

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Jubilarian Reflections

What has sustained the sisters in living out their vocations:



Class of 1935

Building a relationship with God so it can flow out to others.

The conviction that this is where God wants me.

Daily moment-by-moment grace of God. Trust in God, God does provide for that we need.



The all-embracing providence of a loving God.

What others might call intuition I believe is and was the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout my religious life.

*(l to r - back) Sisters Lucilda Sewald (+ died 9-25-2010) & Dorothy Schroeder
(front row) Sisters Theodora Bies & Lucille Walsh*

What the sisters see as important in building a relationship

. . . even when love given (to others) is not returned to me, I have given back to God the good He has given to me. What more can I do?

Contemplating the generous goodness of God and His gracious acceptance of our vulnerabilities.

Renewal and reflection – “Be still and know I am God.”



Class of 1940



Prayer

(l to r) Sisters Bernardine Menke, Francis Marie DeLany & Rosanne Sanders

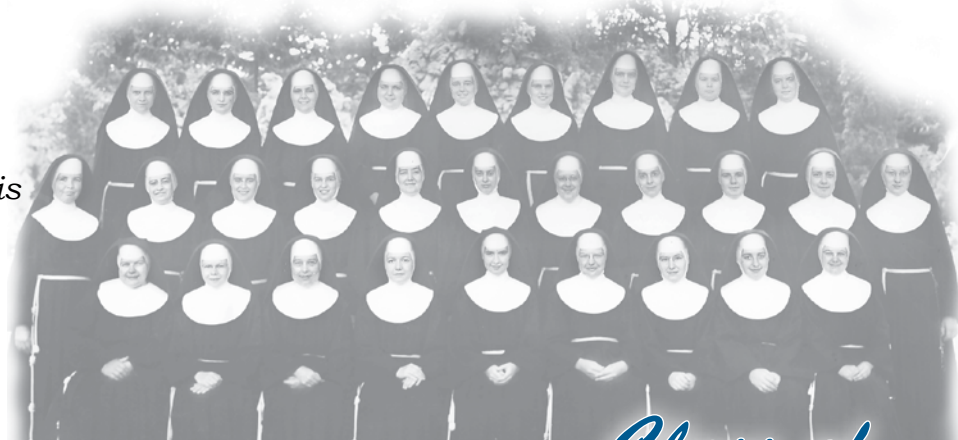
Most important for me is to really believe and know that God lives in me and loves me as I am, unconditionally, and that God loves everyone else I meet and live with.

on Their Call from God

God says, "I know well the plans I have for you, plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jer 29:11) This inspired word of God has been grace/gift which has sustained me.

An awareness and the experience of God's unconditional and faithful love in all the events of my life.

Prayer and reflection truly grew out of the example and actions of those sisters with whom I related, and in the depth of their own priority on PRAYER, I was inspired. That relationship with God often gave me a sense of assurance.



Class of 1950



(l to r - back) Sisters Coletta Dunn, Eileen Wendt, Felicia Schlechter, Cor Marie Lowrie, Serena Halfmann, Ann Ferschl
(front) Sisters Beatrice Smith, Martha Ann Czarnyszka, Marjeta Peternel, Clare Ahler
(not pictured) Sisters Angela Perrizo & Margaret Mary Sullivan

with God so that the relationship can flow out to others:



Class of 1960

(l to r - back) Sisters Patricia Nightingale, Audrey Mozejewski, Delores Theine, Rose Martin Weldgen
(front) Sisters Gabrielle Kowalski, Marcia Lunz, Marlene Stawski, Veronica Marie Rueth
(not pictured) Sister Perpetua Roche

An understanding that a relationship with God is not static, that it is a journey, sometimes through deserts, sometimes to mountaintops.

More important than printed prayers is talk from the heart with God, asking for help, praising and thanking, expressing thanks for all of creation.



Celebrating 50, 60, 70 & 75 Years of Professed Life

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a choir of sisters and associates led the congregation in the singing. Jubilee is a time to reflect on the “treasure” of our call from God, and Father Jim’s homily reiterated the value of seeking that. After Mass, Jubilarians, family and friends gathered at Serb Hall for a reception.

A day that was long anticipated is now a rich memory that lingers in the hearts of all the Jubilarians. Their gratitude is evident for all that God has given them, for their call to serve others as a Sister of St. Francis of Assisi, and for the support of their family and friends.

(l to r) Sisters Lucilda Sewald, Class of 1935, & Clare Ahler, Class of 1950, presented the gifts at the Jubilee Liturgy.

A Jubilee Psalm

All nations, praise and rejoice
in the reign of God.
Go, ministers of our God,
clothed with the robe of salvation.
Know that the Spirit we have
is our beloved co-worker.

Be of the same mind
as Christ Jesus.
Look to others
with tenderness and compassion.

Treasure the pearl of great price.
Sell everything, both old and new.
See how seeds spring up;
fresh things grow.

*Composed by the Golden Jubilarians – 2010
Based on Isaiah 61:9-11; Philippians 2:1-4;
Matthew 13:44-52
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi*

As part of the Day of Reflection for the Golden Jubilarians, they took time to reflect quietly on the readings that would be heard during the Jubilee Mass. Each sister chose one word from each of the readings that was important to her. These words were shared with each other and out of that sharing, **A Jubilee Psalm** was written.

Deceased Members of the Jubilee Classes

75 Years (1935)

Johanna Flanagan
(Alcuin) Ruth Grunwald
Marita Hopkins
Myra Greulich
Roswitha Ganser
Mary Albert Leonhard
Agnese Guenther
Venard Arkenberg
Antonetta Cunningham
Julaine Jax
Crescence Steiert
Hilarion Wahl
(Immacula) Mary Bartelme
(Ronald) Dorothy Burns
(Maxelinda) Magdalen Mary Bahr
Mary Alban Jablonowski
Mary Patrick O’Connell
Sebastian Bulgheroni
Laurene Frederick
Bertrand Raab
Lina Crueger

70 Years (1940)

(Berard) Dorothy Marie Casper
Anna Marie Haiar
Joel Lorenz
Mary Robert Zettel
Charity Halbach
Marie Terese Schwind
Charis Dinauer
Martha Bauer

60 Years (1950)

Ernesta Forster
Ann Clare Brokish
Donna Marie Landgraf
Anthony Marie Hlavachek
(Brendan) Kathleen Duffey
Marianne Krommenaker
Leandra Eckelkamp
Catherine Marie Diem
Sheila Haskett
Adrian Walsh
Natalie Krauss

50 Years (1960)

Marie Gerard Peter
Frances Marie Leahy

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