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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.

VOLUNTEERS: Many Hands Make Light Work

In the Fund Development Office, there are many hands that help process incoming and out-going mail and they do this on their own time. They enjoy their volunteer service and it shows!

Recently, a map of the United States was hung and the Sisters, who open the mail, celebrate special donations by putting a pin on the map to show the city/town where the sender lives.

Some volunteers prefer to work alone and others like to work with a partner. All work very hard to make sure that accuracy is achieved.

Since most of the volunteers are retired sisters, they appreciate very much what each and every donor contributes to help with their retirement needs.



Jubilarians Celebrate . . .

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILIARIANS

We rejoice with these Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in the celebration of their Jubilee Years in God's Service

75 Years (1936)
Romana Hertel

70 Years (1941)
Margaret Gardner (entered in Baltimore)
Aimee Haider
Eleanore Harkins

60 Years (1951)
Rose Marie Abler
de Lellis Albert
Jean Margaret Belland
Mary Louise Herrmann (entered in Baltimore)
Mary Ann Polasek
Cecilia Reilly (entered in Baltimore)
Kenan Rebholz
Leona Steilen

50 Years (1961)
Ruth Mary Costello
Angelyn Dries
Kathleen Jansen
Lois Justen
Helen Anne Kenney
Margaret Klotz
Jeanette Mariani (transfer sister)

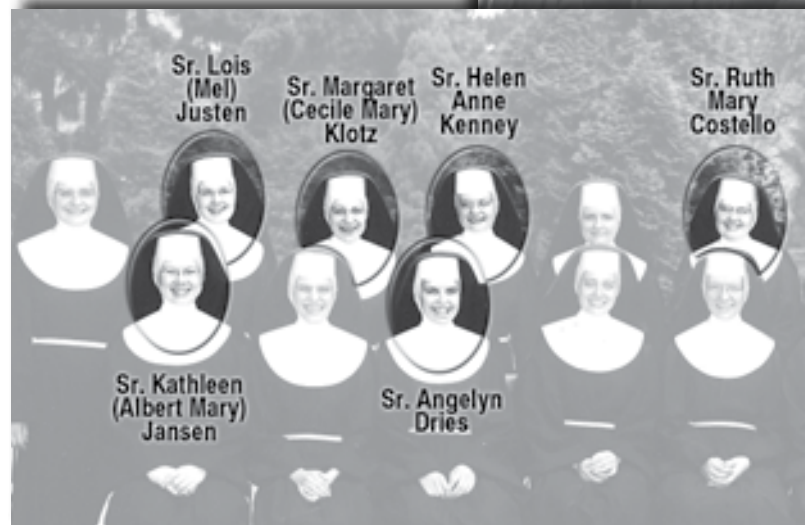
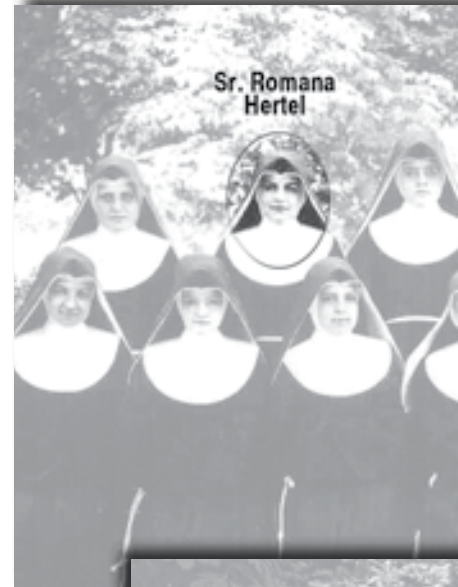
25 Years (1986)
Sue Felice (at far right)

Please check our website (www.lakeosfs.org) & our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/lakeosfs) for more coverage of the Jubilee Celebration. Photos and clips will be posted in early August.

Each year, on the last Sunday of July, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi celebrate the jubilees of the sisters.

Just as married couples celebrate their wedding anniversaries, we celebrate the years lived in religious life. Jubilee is counted from the year a sister pronounces vows of poverty, obedience and consecrated celibacy.

The exception to this is that we honor the tradition of the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore, who merged with the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 2001. Their tradition is to count jubilee from the year of entrance to religious life.



75, 70, 60, 50 & 25 Years of Profession



Reflections from some of our Jubilarians

Sr. Aimee Haider – 70 years

Everyone has heard this familiar adage: “Ora et labora.” [Work and prayer.] This saying as a religious and instructor has kept my life at a happy balance, plus mingled with a bit of laughter.

Sr. Kenan Rebholz – 60 years

It all has been a blessing. I am so grateful.

Sr. Leona Steilen – 60 years

My years as a professed religious woman have been and continue to be blessed and grace-filled. They have been happy years, living with other faith-filled sisters in my community, doing what God asked of me.

Sr. Helen Anne Kenney – 50 years

As a religious, I had the time to serve children and adults who needed to improve their skills so they could have a better life. During my summers, I worked with neglected children and special education children. Living and working with many sisters enriched me personally and spiritually.

Sr. Jeanette Mariani - 50 years

I entered religious life with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in 1959 [Motherhouse: Houston, Texas]. I transferred to the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 1995. I believe that I found the “right” group of women where I can grow spiritually in a healthy environment.

Installation of the Administrative Team

The Administrative Team was installed for a second term of four years on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011, in St. Francis Chapel. Bishop Richard Sklba presided at the Liturgy.

Pictured from left to right are the associate directors, Sisters Diana De Bruin and Margaret Kruse, and the director, Sister Florence Deacon.



Coming Up

If you are or will be in the Milwaukee area, please mark Saturday, October 1, 2011, on your calendar for the 3rd Annual Pet Blessing at the grotto (pictured below) on the front lawn of St. Francis Convent. The blessing will take place at 11 a.m., rain or shine. Please help us pray for good weather.



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On the site, you can make donations,
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Update on Piano Restoration:

Since our last newsletter, when we showed the grand piano leaving St. Francis Chapel to be restored, we checked in on the progress. In late April, the piano had been disassembled and the major work on the sound board was about to begin. Every moving part will be attended to and the black and white keys will look like new. The piano was scheduled to be returned in early July.



Photos of the disassembled grand piano.

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