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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.

Sr. Leander Liu Marks 100 Years

While most people were counting down the days of 2016, Sister Leander Liu was counting up the years of her life. On December 27, Sister celebrated her 100th birthday. She had her picture taken (see below) with Sister Theodora Bies, who had her 100th birthday in June. As they posed together, Sister Theodora (left) turned to Sister Leander and expressed how pleased she was that Sister had joined her now!

No one was more amazed about being 100 than Sister Leander herself. She remarked how turning 80 had been momentous. And now 100! Her life has been an amazing journey.

Mary Liu was born in Ti-Yang, Shantung, China, to Joseph and



Mary (Wang) Liu, and she had one younger brother. Their father died very young and grandparents lived with them. At age 23, Mary entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in China. A year later she was received as a novice and given the name Sister Leander. Her first profession was in 1944.

Four years later, life in China for all of the women who had entered the congregation would come to an end when the Communists took over the government. The Sisters chose to come to the United States rather than go back to their families. They thought this exile would last about four years until it would be possible to return. This didn't happen. Only after diplomatic relations with China were reestablished, many of the Sisters returned for home visits. Sister Leander was able to go back to China for a home visit five times between 1985 and 2000.

Sister ministered in Wisconsin in Superior, Jefferson and Milwaukee. In Taiwan, she ministered in Taipei and Tainan. Her proudest accomplishment in Taiwan was learning to ride a bike. It was a skill that she brought back to the States, and she rode whenever she could.

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OSFs Celebrate Christmas with Masses, Concerts



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, Home Baked Cookies, St. Nick, Crèches & More



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photo captions



Celebrating 100 Years

At age 100, Sister Leander walks on her own with the aid of a walker. Keeping an hour of adoration each day in the Adoration Chapel is still in her schedule. Chair exercises, a game of cards and sitting in her recliner and singing, are Sister's secrets to growing old gracefully.

Happy Birthday once again, Sister Leander.

Christmas Photo Captions

- A. Crèche in the Motherhouse chapel
- B. Wreath on the chapel doors created with dried plants and flowers from the Motherhouse garden
- C. Christmas concert featuring Benjamin Nelson and Madeline Nelson
- D. A sampling of the cookies baked by the sisters and sold in the card shop
- E. Christmas tree and crèche on the first floor of the Motherhouse
- F. Clare Court Convent Chapel, Baltimore
- G. Christmas Eve Mass at the Motherhouse
- H. Christmas tree at the Clare Hall residence
- I. Crèche in the Clare Hall chapel
- J. Another crèche at the Motherhouse
- K. The altar at Clare Court Convent, Baltimore
- L. Decorated fireplace at Clare Hall
- M. St. Nick visits the sisters at the Motherhouse

Please remember the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in your will.

A bequest is a wonderful way to support our retired sisters and is a testimony of your care and concern for them.

Check Out Our New Donations Page

Some of you may have noticed we recently (December) updated our online donation page. The new page is pictured at right. The goal was to design a clean and simple page that is not confusing to use and incorporates the latest secure technology. The feature at the bottom requires that you check the box that says, "I am not a robot." This ensures that it is a real person accessing the page and not a machine trying to hack the system, and is a recommended feature for a safe and secure site.

All prayer intentions are e-mailed directly to us, and we include them on the prayer boards for the sisters. Any comments or requests that are added to the box are addressed as soon as possible as well. Some of you have encountered problems with the new page and have been very helpful in notifying us. If you have any suggestions or encounter problems, please let us know, as we are very grateful for feedback. THANK YOU so much for your continued and generous support of the sisters.

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