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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.*

Stritch Presents Awards: **Three Sisters Honored**

This spring, Cardinal Stritch University, a sponsored corporate ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, bestowed honors on three sisters.

At Stritch's commencement on May 20, Sister Edna Lonergan was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in recognition of her efforts to 'create a caring community' with the



founding of St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Day Care in two locations in Milwaukee, Wis. Sister Edna visioned and actualized serving children, the frail elderly, and adults of all ages with disabilities in a home-like setting and providing for interaction among these groups. This

was highly innovative when she began and now is beginning to be embraced by others. Both sites of St. Ann Center are designed to meet the spiritual, physical, psychological and social needs of those who participate, regardless of faith, culture or ability to pay.

Stritch Alumni Awards were presented during Stritch's alumni weekend to Sisters Angelyn Dries, Ph.D., and Coletta

Dunn, Ph.D. Sister Angelyn received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement. She had a long teaching career which began at the elementary level, moved into the high school level and ended at the university level. Her last position was as the Danforth Chair in Humanities for the Department of Theological Studies at St. Louis University, and she now is professor emerita. Sister Angelyn's scholarship is evident not only in her teaching career but also as an accomplished author of published articles and books on the history of women religious, American Catholic missions and global Christianity.



Sister Coletta Dunn, professor emerita at Stritch, received the Mother Bartholomew, OSF, Lifetime Achievement Award. Her teaching



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career began in elementary schools, but the bulk of her career was at the university level at Stritch. Her academic achievements include not only the area of religious studies, but also focused on the readiness for religion with persons that have cognitive disabilities. In the 1970s, she coauthored the curriculum *Journey with Jesus* with Sister Sheila Haskett, OSF (†2001). Through the years, Sister Coletta has made revisions and the curriculum is still in use today. At Stritch, Sister Coletta developed and taught ethical principles for the nursing program for 29 years. With Sister Justine Peter, they team-taught courses in humanities to students pursuing business degrees.



10th Annual Wine & Vine
Sat., Aug. 25, 2018
3:30 - 7 pm
3221 S. Lake Drive
St. Francis, WI 53235

**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.**

Volunteer Appreciation

Every day, volunteers are busy in a variety of ways at the Motherhouse and Clare Hall. They are so valuable and essential in helping our sisters directly and indirectly. In April, we invited them for an ice cream social with special door prizes as a way of expressing appreciation.

The Kenney sisters, Sisters Barbara (l) and Helen Anne (r) volunteer together and came to the social together.



Sister Ruth Marie Soens (lower left) had no trouble with making her own sundaes!

Homemade pies were the featured door prizes and one of the lucky winners was Sister Pat McAlpin (at right).



New Convent Presentation for Sisters



Sister Charlotte Roost organized a presentation by VJS Construction Services staff members – Chad Kucik, project manager; Dave Lamb, site superintendent; and Jake Howell, VJS intern – to update the sisters at the Motherhouse and Clare Hall.

In addition to showing the renderings of the new convent, a recent video shot from a drone 200 feet above the project made a great impression.

Shown at left are the Motherhouse sisters gathered at their presentation, and Chad Kucik answering questions for the sisters at Clare Hall (right).



Director of Maintenance Retires after 44 Years



Thursday, May 31, was Dick Karshna's last day of work after 44 years. The noon cook-out included a large number of sisters and staff members who came to say goodbye and to wish him well. Family members were also invited to the event.

Dick is pictured here with Sister Rita Koesdnar, with whom he worked closely for more than 25 of those years.

Sisters Celebrate Foundation Day

Sisters and associates gathered in the Troubadour Room on May 25 to celebrate the 169th anniversary of our founding as a congregation. The kitchen staff prepared the main dish which was supplemented with pot luck salads and desserts. Being together

is always the highlight of any OSF event.



NEW CONVENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



NEW CONVENT COMPLETION
May 2019

SQUARE FEET
130,000

GROTH DESIGN PARTNER/ARCHITECT
Steve Pettit, AIA

GROTH DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER
Nathan Pamperin

CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION
Mike McGraw, CDT

CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT
Caitlin Duerr

VJS PRINCIPAL IN CHARGE
Chris Sauve'

VJS PROJECT MANAGERS
Ben Baenen - Senior PM
Chad Kucik - PM
Levi Luck - Asst. PM

PROJECT COORDINATOR
Erika Lingle

SITE SUPERINTENDENT
Dave Lamb



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Building 1:

- M/E/P installation has started on first floor.
- Exterior enclosure is on-going.
- Interior stud framing has started on first floor.
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Building 2:

- Interior stud framing nearing completion on first floor.
- Second floor decking nearing completion.
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Building 3:

- Exterior enclosure and roofing nearing completion.
- M/E/P rough-in is on-going
- Exterior brick, stone and siding will begin soon.

Underground site utility work nearing completion.

