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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.

OSFs Run-Walk for the Hungry

The OSF Team for the 2016 Run-Walk for the Hungry totaled 78 sisters, associates, staff members and friends. In all, more than 1,800 participants at the Polish Fest event helped the Capuchins feed the hungry. In addition to the funds raised by the Run-Walk, Usinger's Sausage donates one pound of sausage to the meal program for every participant.

This was the eleventh year for the event. The proceeds are shared by Capuchin Community Services' two locations: House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal. In previous years, the event was held in July in conjunction with German Fest.

Foundation Day Celebrated with Ritual

The 2016 Foundation Day celebration included a ritual for the closing of the Marian Center for Nonprofits, formerly St. Mary's Academy (SMA)

On May 28, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi marked its 167th year of founding with a *Ritual of*

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Above: The 1849 Cornerstone was displayed in the Chapel for Foundation Day.



Left: Run- Walk Team. Find more photos on the OSF website (lakeosfs.org) or on the OSF Facebook page.

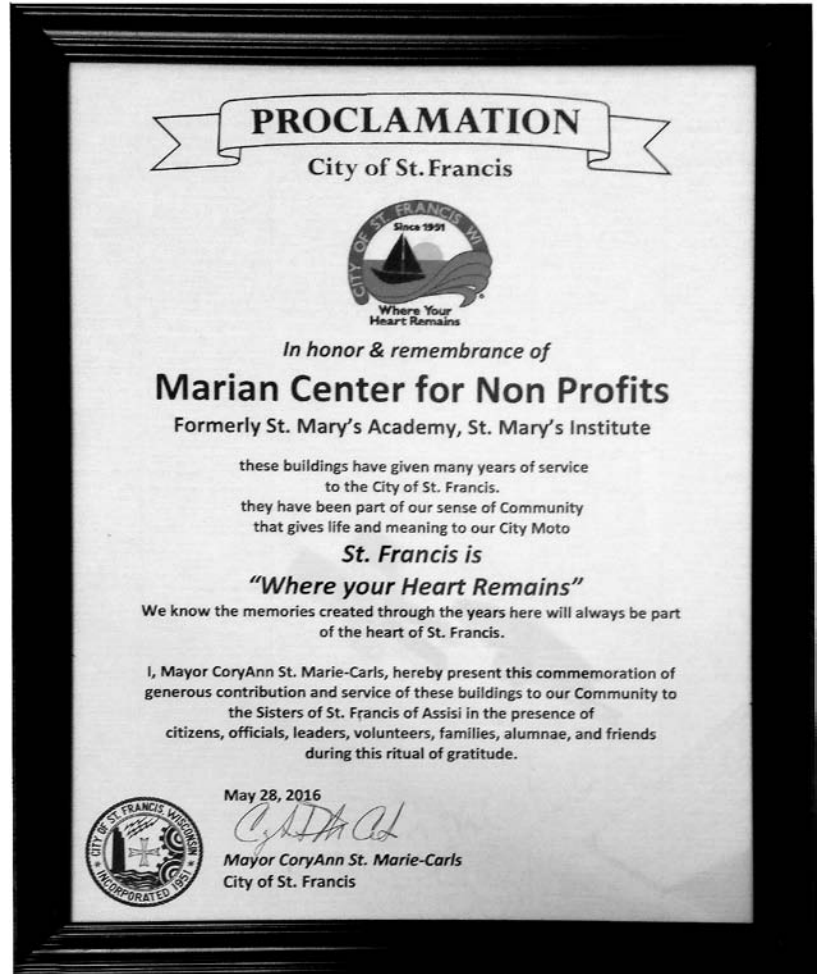
Foundation Day Celebration Includes Ritual for

Gratitude for the Marian Center for Nonprofits. Sisters, friends, alums of SMA and neighbors gathered at the grotto of the Center to acknowledge the history and significance of the facility.

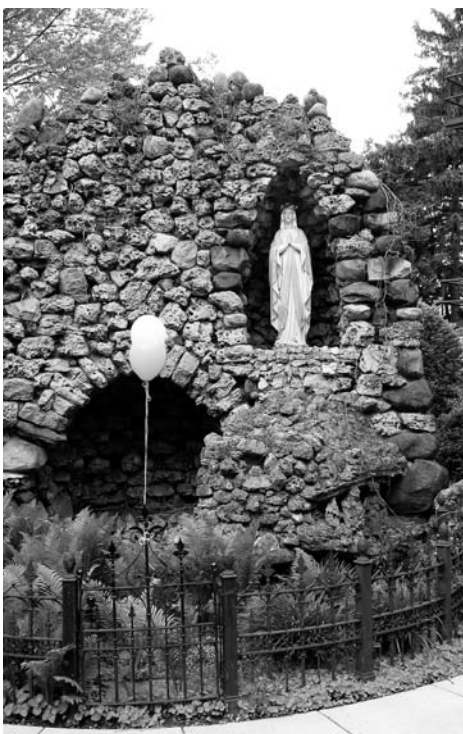
In addition to its most recent function as a home to nonprofits and its original purpose as a high school, it is also the location of the founding of Clare College, now Cardinal Stritch University.

The Loretto Hall portion of the building dates back to 1904, when the congregation established the Academy as a high school for girls. It, along with the 1921 addition, Rosary Hall, has served so many. Sr. Diana De Bruin, director of the congregation, said in her welcome, “We come together today to jointly thank God and celebrate the many ways lives and hearts have been touched on this sacred ground.”

Bishop Richard J. Sklba expanded on this in his remarks, “We gather to say



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Closing of Marian Center for Nonprofits

thanks to God this morning, not only for the bricks and mortar of the walls under this rooftop, but more importantly for the people around, within and under, before and after them who have passed through the doors, looked out the windows and dreamed dreams and to countless generations of Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi who worked so hard and generously to make all those dreams real.”

A “Litany of Thanksgiving” was prayed by Charlane O’Rourke-Hertig, executive director of the Marian Center for Nonprofits, and Linda Mrochinski, who represented the SMA Alumnae Association.

City of St. Francis Mayor Cory Ann St. Marie-Carls also spoke of the significance of the buildings and emphasized that, “What was experienced inside these walls will live on; the courageousness and kindness in the hearts and minds of everyone who remembers special moments in time ... mission and purpose will live on here. We celebrate that today with gratitude.”

After the closing prayer, attendees were invited to follow bagpiper Gary Byers and the sisters to the front entrance of Loretto Hall for a moment of silent prayer, the singing of the SMA school song and the “Canticle of Saint Francis of Assisi.”

Earlier in the ritual, when Sr. Mary Lea Schneider had read the passage from Ecclesiastes, “To Everything There is a Season,” it was a reminder that all things are in God’s hands. The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi have existed for 167 years in great part because of their dependence on God.



Centenarian Sister Fêted



Sister Theodora Bies, seated, celebrated her 100th birthday on June 17, with morning Mass and lunch with the Administrative Team. Pictured from left to right around Sr. Theodora are Sisters Sylvia Anne Sheldon, Marcia Lunz and Diana De Bruin.

Bequests

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Sister Honored for Service to Franciscan Federation

The Annual Franciscan Federation Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wis. June 17 to 20. Sister Linda Tan, pictured below, was among the past presidents and executive directors who were honored as the Federation marked its 50-year anniversary.



In the exhibit hall, several sisters helped with the Poverello Creations table which was organized by Sr. Helene Mertes.

Sister Stella de Venuta (pictured below at right) exhibited her artwork and is showing a piece to one of the attendees. Additionally, Sister Diane Oman had a display of the jewelry she creates.



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