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General Chapter, Retreat and Elections



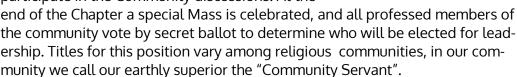
In our Rule of Life, it states that every 3 years we have to hold a "General Chapter." At a Chapter, we spend time in

prayer followed by a series of meetings, asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us "protect the patrimony of the community and promote a suitable renewal according to that patrimony." (CCL 631) This helps us to understand how we can live our vows ever more deeply, follow our Rule even



more closely and gives us an opportunity to discern who God has chosen to govern the community until the next Chapter. Each professed member of the commu-

nity can submit discussion topics and actively participate in the Community discussions. At the





This year, we held our General Chapter early this August at one of our favorite places, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. As religious sisters consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, it was like going home to Momma. One of the most meaningful things about this Shrine is the outdoor Memorial to the Unborn.



At the entrance to the Memorial is a fountain with a larger-than-life-size bronze statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe holding 3 unborn children of different ethnicities *(middle left picture).* Facing her is a bronze statue of St. Michael protecting



some children, surrounded by colonnade where unborn children are interred or memorialized. One of the Memorial Stones that was incredibly moving had 8 children from one family, two of them sets of twins. Included between the memorials were 4 bronze plaques quoting writings of John Paul II, from "Evangelium Vitae" and "Familiaris Consortio."



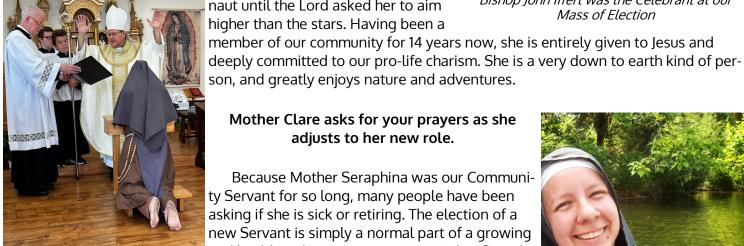
We were blessed to spend 5 days at the Shrine in prayer and discernment before returning for the Mass and Election of a Community Servant.

At this Chapter, we elected a new Community Servant! Mother Clare Marie of the Holy Eucharist grew up in McKinney, Texas, in a very actively pro-life family. She studied Physics at the University of Dallas, and

> was thinking of becoming an Astronaut until the Lord asked her to aim higher than the stars. Having been a



Bishop John Iffert was the Celebrant at our Mass of Election



Bishop Iffert gives Mother Clare his blessing

Mother Clare asks for your prayers as she adjusts to her new role.

Because Mother Seraphina was our Community Servant for so long, many people have been asking if she is sick or retiring. The election of a new Servant is simply a normal part of a growing and healthy religious community. Mother Seraphina is well and very proud to see one of her "daughters" elected to the leadership role that she herself held for so long. After a time of prayer

and discussion with the other sisters, Mother Clare decided that Mother Seraphina will continue to be called "Mother,"



as she is a founding member of our community and served as Community Servant for almost 20 years. The sisters are all unspeakably grateful for her leadership and look forward to enjoying her guidance and prayers for years to come.

We are also very grateful to you for *your* prayers

during this new "chapter" of our community's life!



The Franciscan Daughters of Mary would like to invite young women between the ages of 18-35 who are discerning a religious vocation to join us for a "Come and See" retreat.

"Master, where are you staying?" ome and see.

February 13-16, 2026

St Joseph's Convent, Covington KY

Please email fdmsister@gmail.com if you are interested in coming!



Along with Father Larry Schaeper and Deacon Adam Feinauer, Mother Clare was invited to throw an honorary first pitch at a Florence Y'alls baseball game this year.







We had some exciting adventures at Damascus Catholic Youth Summer Camp!



Our Sisters participated in the "Graced Girls" retreat at All Saints Parish in Lawrenceburg, IN, where our friend Fr. Jonathan Meyer is Pastor. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun!





Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please join us for our annual novena to our Lady of Guadalupe. Each day will include special novena prayers, a rosary procession to planed parenthood, and a time of fellowship. A fiesta will conclude the Novena!

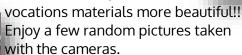
December 5th - 12th

Mark your calendars! More information will be available on our website soon.



Thank you!! In our previous newsletter, we asked if anyone had a good camera that they weren't using anymore. Many people replied, and we received a few REALLY good cameras!

We are grateful to all who responded for helping us make our newsletters, website and















AGreat Blessing

Our new building was blessed by Fr Ryan Maher on May 31st! We are deeply grateful to the Friends of the Rose Garden and to all our donors, who made this extension possible. This building has not only enabled us to welcome our neighbors

back into the lobby, but also gives us a place for organized storage of baby items, private areas for pregnancy testing and counseling, space to accommodate a greater number of welcome baskets, and more! Having two separate areas for the food pantry and the baby supplies has also made the lines move quicker, which is greatly appreciated by neighbors and volunteers alike!











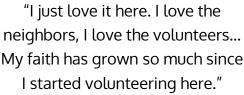
"This is the first place I recommend to anyone who has a newborn."





I Love the Nuns Here!!!!
Everyone is extremely nice.
I was definitely going through a hard time, and was met with NOTHING but Kindness!
THANK YOU













T-shirt fundraiser

We would like to give a big thank you to a dear volunteer who coordinated a t-shirt fundraiser to benefit the Rose Garden. The t-shirts were a big hit among the volunteers! We also would like to thank Threads Embroidery for supplying the custom t-shirts at a major discount.

P.S. If you ordered a t-shirt and haven't picked it up yet, please stop by the Rose Garden and see one of the sisters.

NEEDED

Someone to help drive the box truck for our bread pickup once per week on either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Call Mother Seraphina to coordinate. ~also~

WE NEED BABY FORMULA

Save the Dates!

Believe it or not, the Holidays will be upon us sooner than we know it. Please mark your calendars now, and be sure to come and join us for our Thanksqiving and Christmas Giveaways!! Set-up days and times will be announced via E-mail.



Thanksgiving Giveaway

November 25th

If you would like to sponsor one or more turkeys, please mark your donation, "Thanksgiving Turkeys" We will also have an increased need for canned goods, especially Thanksqiving "Fixin's"

Christmas Giveaway December 18th

We are always in need of toys for kids ages newborn – 12 years old. You can drop off un-wrapped gifts anytime during the hours of 10am-5pm Monday—Thursday from now until December 17th or call us to set-up a weekend drop-off.

Favorite Toys (Suggestions)

- Play doh sets
- Baby dolls and accessories
- Trucks/Cars
- Stuffed Animals
- Sports balls/equipment
- Classic/"Retro" toys

- **Blocks and Legos**
- Craft kits
- Pretend kitchen toys
- Pretend cleaning sets
- Pretend tool sets
- Pretend doctor sets

- Dinosaurs

- Shape Sorter
- Bicycle Helmets

Art sets Educational toys Rattles and Teethers

We do ask that you refrain from donating dragons, trolls, monsters, and other magical, mythical or "New-Age" themed toys. Thanks for understanding!



Prayer: the heart of Bootcamp



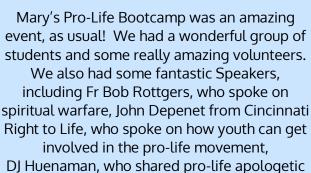
BOOTCAMP 2025



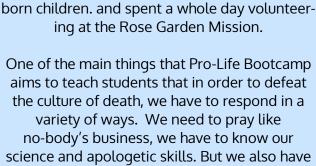
Praying the "Living Rosary"



Pro-life challenge talk



skills and Dr Chuck Kelly who taught us about Fetal development. Students were introduced to the Liturgy of the Hours, participated in Daily Mass, and had many opportunities for Adoration and Confession as well. We prayed at an abortion facility, visited a cemetery for un-



to be willing to get out there and serve the moms who need help, the sick and handicapped who need assistance, and the elderly who need our care.





Praying at planned parenthood



Praying at a cemetery for unborn children



Volunteering at the Rose **Garden Mission**

For more great pictures from our Boot-camp retreats, go to prolifebootcamp.org and click on "News"



Bootcampers making "Pacecounter Rosaries"



Learning how to get involved



Volunteering at the Rose **Garden Mission**



Students performing a pro-life skit for their families





New at both of our Bootcamp retreats this year was the Rosary line. Each camp had a clothesline with a number of Rosaries hanging on it. As a visual reminder, the number of rosaries on the line equaled the estimated number of children in the US who would be aborted during the time of the retreat, with each BEAD representing one of these children. 219 Rosaries - 53 per Rosary, representing 11,613 babies in the 98 hours at our Highschool Bootcamp and 42 Rosaries - 53 per Rosary, plus 26 extra beads, representing 2,252 children aborted for the 21 hours of the Middle School Bootcamp Jr. Every time we said the rosary, each student could take a rosary off the line and place it in a bassinette below. Families could also call in and let us know if they prayed a rosary, and a rosary would be taken down for each person who prayed. The goal was to see if we could pray enough rosaries so that each baby would have a "Hail Mary" prayed for them. We are happy to inform you that this was a great

success, and each baby was prayed for! The rosaries were then donated to the Rose Garden Mission and given to new moms who receive a New Baby Welcome Baskets.









Students got to witness a live ultrasound— A first for most of them. The 12 week old baby was very active!

In this 3D bar graph, each "dot" on a lego piece represents 100,000 people killed. The tall stacks represent abortion since legalization, and the small ones represent various wars.



Decorating Onesies



Baby doll dressing relay race



Very attentive listeners



Students presenting a poster they made explaining what they learned

BOOTCAMP JR 2025

Our second annual Bootcamp JR took place this past July. Everyone had a wonderful time! The 2-day event included Daily Mass, some pro-life talks, prayer in front of planned parenthood, 3D digital baby model learning, service projects, games, and of course, a water balloon fight. For our service project, we decorated baby onesies and put together gift bags for new moms, including a Rosary that the students handmade, and a 12week fetal model that the students made little swaddles for. These were donated to the Rose Garden as a special gift for women who just found out that they are pregnant.

We are so grateful for all who made our Bootcamp events possible! Thanks to you, the Pro-life movement continues in these young people who are learning to be leaders even now.





Gift bags for new moms



Prayer at planned parenthood



Water ballon fight!!



Rose Garden Center for Health Ministry / Free Clinic



Goodbye, Sheila!

After 16 wonderful years, our beloved Sheila Carrol is retiring from her volunteer position as Executive Director of the Center for Hope and Healing! Sheila was instrumental in the founding our clinic. From our tiny beginnings at our 18th St location, all the way to our current, fully operational Medical and Dental clinic, Sheila has worked tirelessly to ensure that our patients are always given the dignity and care they deserve as children of God. She been a fantastic Director, a favorite among the patients, and we cannot find words to express our gratitude to her! A retirement party was held on August 19th, during which it was announced that the clinic will be honorarily renamed, "The Sheila Carrol Center for Hope and Healing".

Teresa Furnish, APRN, (pictured with Sheila at left,) has been appointed Executive Director in Sheila's place.

Teresa has been a volunteer at the clinic for years, and she is excited to begin her new role.

Please join us in prayer as we thank God for the years of service and leadership that Sheila has so graciously offered, and welcome Teresa into her new position!

Reminiscing By Sheila Carroll

What is mine to do? This was my daily prayer for a year before official retirement and then for another three months before I was led to the Rose Garden Home Mission and Mother Seraphina.

"The mystery of the poor is this: That they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him."— Servant of God Dorothy Day















I remember how Earlene Barker, APRN (retired) and I (retired) started, a weekly Health Ministry through St. Elizabeth Parish Nurse program in the Sisters' previous location on the corner of 18th and Madison. Patients could "earn" a roll of toilet paper for every blood pressure reading. (Today's reward is a choice: either TP or a new pair of socks!) In 2011 the Sisters moved the Mission to the current location, which had space enough for a medical clinic. Joan Ziegelmeyer APRN (retired) joined us, and we saw over 4,000 visits in the first year at our newly constructed medical clinic. We added a dental clinic in 2018.



Our state license makes the Center for Hope and Healing an official ambulatory primary care clinic, but the staff members affectionately call it "God's Clinic," because God provides for everything; all of our needs including all of our generous medical volunteers. Due to the blessing of gifts from our volunteers and benefactors, we are able to help the hundreds of people who

come every year seeking better health. We have had over 200 volunteers since opening!

God's commandment is to love our neighbor, for us, meaning anyone in need (Luke 10:29-37). Here at God's Clinic, we call patients "friends," and we help all who ask to the best of our ability.

In my past sixteen years as a volunteer with the Rose Garden Home Mission I have seen the Gospel come to life over and over again in our friends and in our volunteers. In the Gospel of John the lonely invalid says, "I have no one" (5:7). I see worried families and friends, as in Luke: "...All who had people sick with various diseases brought them" (4:40). I see healings of both young and old (Mark 5:21-43), and I hear the pleas of foreigners who have nowhere else to turn (Matthew 15:28).

I also see greater gratitude in our patients than our Lord had from the tenth leper!



One time a patient and I were seated in the waiting room, talking, when a group of Covington Latin students came through on a tour. "Dan" stopped them and said, "These ladies saved my life. I would have been dead because I can't afford my medicine." That tour had a great impact on those students.



Sheila with our friend on his birthday



Volunteers take a CPR class



Many blessings to Theresa Furnish APRN as she beigns her new role as RGM Clinic Medical Director

Dental

We are still in urgent need of Dentists to volunteer with us. We have capped our waiting list at about 150 patients. If you are a dentist, or if you know one who is interested, please contact us at rghmclinic@gmail.com for more information.

Even if you are only able to volunteer a few hours a few times a year, it would help tremendously!



Partners in Hope for the Poor Annual Dinner 2025



As you can see, our annual dinner this year presented a FULL HOUSE!

Over 425 people joined us on June 5th for a beautiful evening of inspiration, followship and prayer.



Father Jonathan Meyer was our keynote speaker this year. Father gave a beautiful reflection on the goodness of the human body as made in the image of God, as an instrument of service to others, and as a communicator of God's love. He also spoke on the importance of making ourselves available to God, allowing Him to work in our life according to His Will.

Our Honorees this year were Greg and Gloria Iona, and John and Sharon Lang.

Greg and Gloria are among the founding members of the Friends of the Rose Garden. Greg has served as Chairman of the Board for since the beginning. Greg and Gloria are huge supporters, wise leaders and very good friends. We have been wanting to honor them for guite sometime now, and



they finally accepted! As Greg shared that night, "You can only so 'no' to Mother so many times..."



John and Sharon have been volunteering at the Rose Garden for close to 5 years now. John started fixing thing right away, and has been fixing everything from Boilers to A/C units at the mission AND the convents ever since. Sharon, for her part, is willing to help out just about anywhere. She is a master organizer, and has organized the entire basement of the mission. Anyone who has spent much time at the mission knows what an huge task that was!









Our 12th annual Golf Outing was fantastic! It was a beautiful, sunny day, and much cooler than our area's usual late august. We had about 204 Golfers come out for the event. It's always nice to hear golfers say things like, "I go to a lot of golf events, but this one is like no other!" This year, Tyson Foods sponsored lunch,, City BBQ did a wonderful job catering the dinner again, and BroDJ Flynn provided the music. It was really a joy-filled, fun event, and we hope to see everyone again next year!!





















It takes a lot of work to coordinate such great events, and everyone always has such a good time. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Annual Dinner and Golf Outing so successful! God bless you!!



- Baby Formula Especially Similac
- New Baby Clothing 0-3m, 3-6m for Welcome Baskets
- New or gently used baby clothing, all
 sizes
- Children's Clothing, Especially 2t-8
- New Infant Car seats
- New, 5 point harness car seats
- Strollers (new/used)
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Wash/Shampoo
- Your Prayers

We are truly grateful for you! Your prayers, support and volunteer work are what make the works of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary and the Rose Garden Mission possible.

You are always in our prayers.

The Lord Bless you and keep you!

The Lord set His Face upon you and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and grant you His peace!

-Mother Clare and the Sisters



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