

Franciscan Daughters of Mary

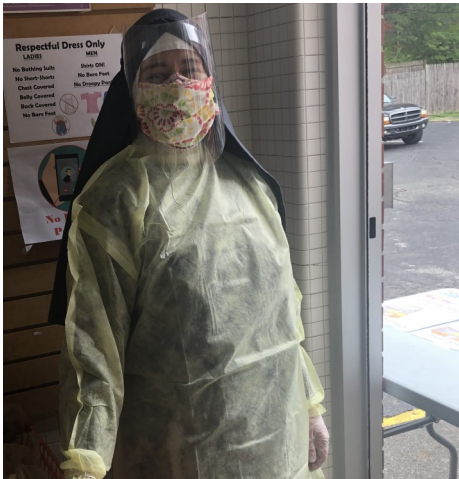
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Days of Pandemic

One thing Mother has said time and time again, "The more you trust God, the more He blesses you!" And we see God working and providing for us all the time...very often, without even asking! Just trusting that God will provide everything that we need according to His Will.



Protective gear for the Sister interacting with our neighbors included face mask, gloves, scrubs and a face shield made by one of our volunteers.

Weeks before the pandemic broke in to our lives in the US, the Lord started sending things we might need, like; skids of Clorox Wipes, 8 cases of industrial size disinfecting wipes, cases and cases of little hand sanitizers, a skid of toilet paper and 2 skids of industrial size toilet paper rolls, 2 dozen disinfecting sprays, and so many diapers that Mother looked at the supply and said to the Sisters, "God is preparing us for something!"

Then the days of the pandemic hit!

We saw God's providence played out everyday as we gave to our neighbors the things God had given us, items to protect



We love our very fashionable face masks made for us by a volunteer

the sisters and our neighbors from the virus and assist them in obtaining the necessary items that all-of-a-sudden couldn't be found in stores. We wouldn't say that we were surprised, but we were AMAZED at how our loving God had prepared us for this ahead of time, without any knowledge of what was coming.

Right as news broke about the Covid-19 pandemic, Volunteers, Donors, Friends and so many people we had never even met before responded with such generosity! One Rose Garden Helper's family gave us an outdoor canopy tent when they found out that we would be serving our neighbors from the door. Several other Helpers gave us fashionable masks they

had made.

Sheila Carroll, Director of the Rose Garden Medical and Dental Clinics, donated scrubs for the Sisters at the door to wear and allowed us to use their masks until the hand-made ones started coming in. One of our Mission Helpers made us protective face shields; and even our Neighbors dropped off boxes of unopened gloves!



We thought of "masking" the dogs...

We saw so much generosity on every side! One of the local grocery stores that lost power in a storm sent us many freezer items, enough to fill 2 chest freezers! One of our Mission Helpers purchased another skid of toilet paper (just as we ran out), bags and bags of non-perishables, much needed hygiene items, dish detergent, laundry soap, and baby items!

We are so grateful to each of you for your prayers and sacrifices and for your love for the Sisters and our Mission!



Newly Ordained Fr. Jonah Teller, O.P. imparts the Sisters with his First Blessing. Fr. Jonah and his family are long time Mission volunteers.

"You have no idea how grateful we are that you're open!"



Delicious Christmas treat made by the Sisters: Marzipan Nativity with chocolate covered pretzel log stable, starburst and candy canes!

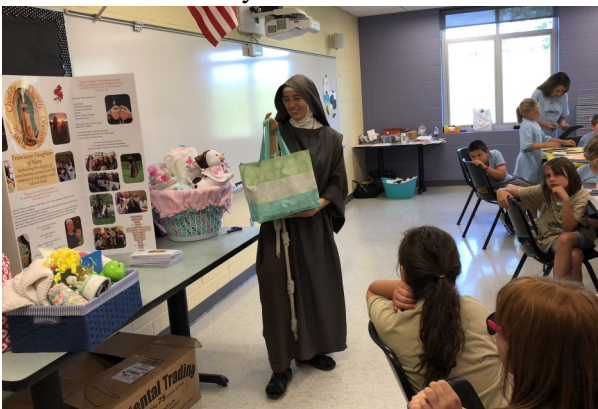


Sister Veronica creating a vegetable garden mural



Above: Sister Mary Elizabeth engages the young women at this year's Called to Love Retreat sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker

Below: Sister explains to students at St. Timothy's School about the Mission's New Baby Welcome Baskets



While Sr. Therese, Sr. Mary Elizabeth and Sr. Veronica traveled to Washington DC for the National March for Life (above)



Mother Seraphina was a speaker at March for Life Northern KY (below)



At Left: Sisters at Wright State University Campus Plunge

At right: Sisters kneeling to pray for preborn children in front of Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati



Spiritual Communion

One of the most difficult things that we sisters had to endure these past few months of the pandemic has been an inability to receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist! Praise the Lord for making it possible for us to return to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!! Certainly many of you had the same or similar experience.



The Sisters participating at the Easter Vigil

We found a great consolation, however, in participating at Mass via live-streaming on the computer. At the time of Communion, we would unite our hearts to Christ's by making a Spiritual Communion.

Spiritual Communion, St. Thomas Aquinas defines as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace, as though we had already received Him."

A Spiritual Communion is a genuine, though less Sacramentally perfect, sharing in the Body and Blood of the Lord. Holy Church grants a partial indulgence for each Spiritual Communion, and we can apply this indulgence to the departed, who cannot receive Communion

any more. What a wonderful way to assist those who long to see God in the Heavenly Banquet!

"May they all be one Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You" (John 17:21)

In his encyclical letter, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, Saint Pope John Paul II wrote: In the Eucharist, "unlike any other sacrament, the mystery (of Communion) is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: Here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins Himself to us in the most perfect union." Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of "Spiritual Communion," which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by Saints who were masters of the spiritual life. St.

Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a Spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." (The Way of Perfection, Ch. 35)

In his book, Jesus Our Eucharistic Love, Father Stefano Manelli explains what the effects of a well made Spiritual Communion may produce. He says, "Spiritual Communion, as St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Alphonsus Liguori teach, produces effects similar to Sacramental Communion, according to the dispositions with which it is made, the greater or less earnestness with which Jesus is desired, and the greater or less love with which Jesus is welcomed and given due attention."



The Sisters processed from the convent to St. Benedict's Marian grotto to crown Our Lady of Fatima




All of this demonstrates Our Lord's great love for us, that there be so many opportunities in this life to be so very closely united to Him, that we may be one with Jesus Christ, Our Lord."

"I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that You sent Me, and that You loved them even as You loved Me. " (John 17:23)



May Crowning

Two Marian images in our convent chapel crowned with roses from our garden. The Sisters are consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, but we have a great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima as well.

Save the Date
Mass of Perpetual Profession of Vows
Sr. Mary Elizabeth
of the Holy Family, fdm
September 5th 2020, 10am
Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
1140 Madison Ave. Covington KY



HOME MISSION

Note from a neighbor:

To All the Nuns who stood by me,

So glad to have you to talk to, you are so nice. You help me out when I really need it, you are always there for me when I need it. You are really special.

God bless them, Lord.

Ten Years at 2040 Madison

February 22, 2010 was the day we opened the Mission in its new location! In the past 10 years we have served our neighbors *on average yearly* with:

- 46,500 Visits
- 900 Moms
- 1,900 Babies
- 8,500 packs of diapers
- 175 Baby Baskets
- 850 Christmas Toys
- 750 Turkeys



2010 picture above, Bishop Foys blesses the

I just wanted to come by and say Thank You!

I used to come here all the time when I needed help. Now I'm doing better, I have a job and a car.

I just want to thank you for all the little things.

A volunteer told Sister of her recent involvement with prison ministry. She was praying with a woman who didn't seem to have much of a faith background, but she knew the Angelus. Surprised by this, she asked how she heard of it. She replied, "From the Nuns at the Rose Garden!"

You all feed a lot of people. Actually, coming here is what got me back into religion again, and teaching my children religion.

A long time friend of the Mission met a homeless couple and asked if they knew about Jesus on their Rosaries.

They told her, "Oh, the Nuns at the Rose Garden already told us all about Jesus."

I just had to walk up here to talk to you. My Father-in-Law (step father) just died. He was the only one in my family that I was close to. I'm really going to miss him. I just had to come up here and see you, I knew that you would care.



Above, Bishop Foys imparts a blessing at Open House, 2010

Picture below, Christmas 2019



I really appreciate what you all have done for me! I used to come in here and think I was better than everyone else. I didn't believe in God then, but I do now and He is teaching me to be humble and remember where I came from, that I used to have nothing.



Mom couldn't wait for Mother Seraphina to meet her newborn



After this year's Thanksgiving Give-Away, we shared all of the leftover turkeys and "fixin's" with our neighbors at St. John the Evangelist Church in Carrollton, KY, located about 63 miles southwest of Covington



Above, Fr. Nick Rottman stopped by to help us serve our neighbors

(On right) The Mission's beautiful Mary Grotto in front of our sprouting vegetable garden





Serving the Lord

in our neighbors at the Rose Garden is a joy, even with Covid-19 accommodations! The first week of the pandemic, one of the sisters put on protective gear and we began helping people from the door. On April 1st, we sent an email to volunteers that it may be better for them to refrain from helping at the Rose Garden, to avoid any exposure to the virus.

As the weather turned warmer, we set up tables in the parking lot and began helping people outside, weather permitting.

At first, we were very busy assisting our neighbors with things for babies and all of the food that was donated. When our neighbors began receiving their stimulus checks, it slowed down some, but after a week or two become very busy again.

When society began to open more and more, we opened the Mission to volunteers again, providing they had no symptoms of the illness and were willing to wear



personal protective equipment.

Many of the Rose Garden's regular Helpers began volunteering once again, praise the Lord!! But like always, we are still looking for more people to help us serve our neighbors by upholding the dignity of every human person at the Rose Garden.



Above, Great thanks to the Lynch Family Foundation for blessing us with 100 car seats and 100 pack and plays for the our new Moms!

Below, our 1st car seat /pack and play ensemble given to a Mom with her New Baby Welcome Basket



Thank you all for being there for me through these times. You still cared about me and everybody during the Virus.

If you are available and not in the "at-risk" population email us at: rosegardenmission@gmail.com, or just stop in.

After reopening from Easter Week: "The week Y'all were closed was the hardest week ever! I thought I would die!"

Below, Truck full of toys and food and clothing left over from our Christmas giveaway, taken down to Fr. Terry Hoppenjans in Paintsville, KY, about 170 miles southeast of Covington. Fr. Terry assists needy families in Appalachia.



Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing

Health Ministry / Free Clinic



DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ONLY ONE PATIENT WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLINIC FOR A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT. NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO WAIT INSIDE FOR THE PATIENT.



Tamara Neculqueo, RN is one of our Spanish translators, which helps her

During a pause in the conversation, she reached toward me and straightened my lab coat collar in a motherly fashion. (It gets bunched up with moving my stethoscope.)

After a few more instructions and checking for any other questions her whole face changed into the most angelic smile I can ever imagine. Through the interpreter she told me how grateful she is for the way we care about her and for the care we give her at the Rose Garden Center for Hope & Healing.

Praise God for placing me in His clinic!

2019 Year in Review

Clinic

- 710 Total visits
- 209 Individuals served
- 795 Prescriptions paid
- 393 Laboratory tests
- 65 Diabetic A1C tests
- 22 Meters
- 61 Boxes Diabetic Strips
- 32 Students, Smoking Cessation

Health Ministry

1854 Total Visits
482 Individuals served

Diagnoses

- 34% Hypertensive
- 24% Emphysema/ COPD
- 22% Mental Health
- 17% Diabetes



Mom gets to see her baby for the first time!

¿Hablas Español?

By Sheila Carroll

As a Nurse Practitioner, there is always the question, "How is this patient receiving the medical/health information I am giving?" This is especially true where there is a language barrier.

Our Guatemalan patient "A" is 6 months pregnant with gestational diabetes and blood glucose of 346. (Normal fasting 80-100). In the exam room, speaking through the interpreter I very directly told her the potential harm to herself and her unborn baby if it went untreated. I did not get much response or any questions.

Later, with medication in hand, and again through the interpreter, we discussed each medicine and the intended results.



Connie Calvert APRN and Jan Clemons RN on Clinic day bringing the patient tent outside



The Sisters help Terry Burg, RN erect the patient tent

We began the year 2020 remarkably busy with dental clinic, hygiene and a triage clinic. We were just beginning to get caught up with hygiene visits when the COVID19 pandemic came.

We are so very grateful to all of the dentists who have donated their time to see our patients!

Dr. Daniel Sheridan, D.M.D.

Dr. Michael Cummins, D.M.D.

Dr. Jeff Peter, D.M.D.

Mark Glockner, D.M.D.

Thomas Goeke, D.M.D.

Dr. Kristen Thompson, D.M.D.

Thank You All!

May God reward you for your generosity to Him!



Dr. Mark Glockner and Shawna

Rose Garden and everyone here are absolutely amazing!!

I was nervous walking in, but the staff made me feel so much better!

I love this place and definitely the people!

I can see God in everybody here.

I love everyone that works here! If it wasn't for them I would be suffering and would not have a chance to get well.

We are still looking for more dentists and hygienists to care for a backlog of over 100 individuals needing care when we are able to begin again.

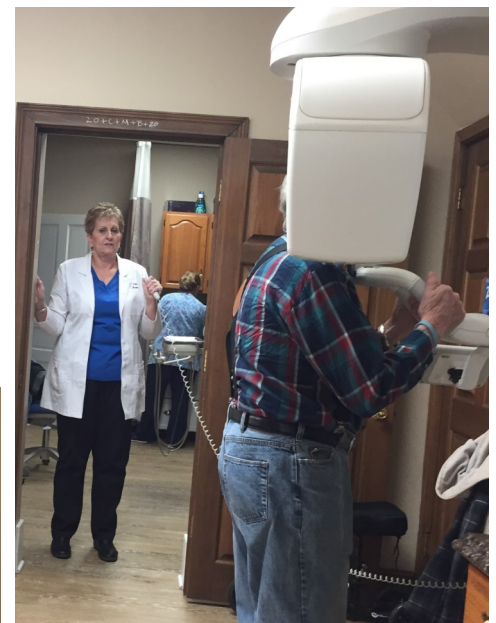
Anyone interested in sharing their dental skills with the Rose Garden, call the clinic at 859-261-0323



Dr. Daniel Sheridan



Dr. Goeke with patient. Leah Britt assists on right



Dr. Pam Reidinger takes pictures on the Panorex



Dr. Kaeli Etheridge And Terry Brass



Dr. Jeff Peter and Crystal Bonati

My experience was better than I could have imagined!



Friends of the Rose Garden Mission



Ten Years at 2040 Madison

Dear Friends,

Thank you for “10 Years” of generous and continuous support of the Friends of the Rose Garden Home Mission through our two annual fund-raising events, the **Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner** and our **Golf Outing!** Your generosity throughout these 10 years has enabled us to uphold the work of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary by providing the Mission with a location for their ministries as well as providing materially for all of their programs.

After much prayer and discussion, we decided that both events should unfortunately be cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your health and safety, and that of the extended community, was the top priority of the Friends of the Rose Garden Mission and Sisters in making this difficult decision.



Friends of the Rose Garden give the last payment on the mortgage for the Mission to Mr. Lyle Thomas of Heritage Bank

But Praise the Lord! Because the ministries of the Rose Garden are essential to our local community, the Mission has been able to remain open throughout this time by making some modifications in procedures and by following the safety protocols.

During these unprecedented times we are asking you to join us in witnessing to the community the importance of the works of the Sisters at the Rose Garden by continuing your financial support even though our yearly fund-

raisers have been cancelled. If you are unable to give at this time, we definitely understand, and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

Contributions are tax-deductible and can be sent directly to the Rose Garden Home Mission, P.O. Box 122089, Covington, KY 41012-2089. Or, if you prefer, you can visit the Mission’s website at www.f dofmary.org to make your gift online.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support. May God Bless each of you!

In the Heart of Christ,
The Friends of the Rose Garden Mission

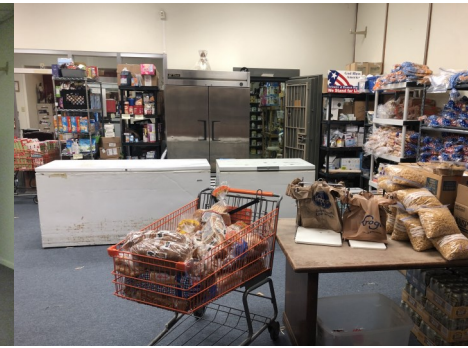


Original Members of the Friends of the Rose Garden Mission, Joe Bessler, Greg and Gloria Ionna and Shawn McCormick



Current members of the Friends’ Board stand with last year’s Dinner Honorees, Bishop Roger J. Foys, D.D. and Art Schneider

2010 / 2020



"You don't understand, nowhere else can people go and find what they find here at the Rose Garden. Here, people aren't given a number and told to stand in a long line for hours with someone shouting, "Next!"



"I just want to tell you that without you all to help us, we wouldn't have eaten. After rent and bills, there is no money left over. I wanted you to know how much we appreciate you."

We are very grateful to God for the gift you are to us! It is through your prayers and donations that the Franciscan Daughters of Mary are able to serve God in the Northern KY & Greater Cincinnati area!

In addition to our daily prayers for you, once per month Mass is offered in our convent chapel for your intentions.

May God abundantly bless you for all of the ways you love Our Lord through your kindness toward us!!

Mother Seraphina & the Sisters



Sr. Clare, ready with her "social distancing" devices, i.e. 6 foot pool noodle, nitrile gloves, goggles, face mask, all-purpose cleaner and squirt gun loaded with hand sanitizer—just in case anybody gets too close.



Mission Needs

- Volunteers!
- Wipes
- Size 6 Diapers/ 4-5T Pullups
- Baby Basket Items
- Personal Care Gifts for Moms
- Adult Hygiene items
- Toddler Clothes - 2T - 6x
- Baby Wash, Shampoo, Powder
- Strollers
- Toddler Beds

Ways to Give

- Prayer!
- Cash/Check
- PayPal (www.f dofmary.org)
- Legacy Gift through Estate Planning (friendsrghm@gmail.com)
- Stock or CD Transfer (friendsrghm@gmail.com)
- Bequest (friendsrghm@gmail.com)



The easiest & cheapest way to donate to the Rose Garden Mission: Kroger's Supermarkets
The Mission receives Rewards when you use your store card

Last Quarter 646.14 received from 115 households!!! THANK YOU!!!

To enroll:

- go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- click on Cincinnati, Ohio
- enter NPO # 82777
- designate Rose Garden Home Mission for the rewards

Then, when you shop using the Kroger Plus Card, the Rose Garden will receive a reward check each quarter
This in no way interferes with the fuel points rewards
Any questions can be directed to Mother Seraphina.
Thank you! God bless you!