



## Sisters of Charity Foundations

Our Foundations have been going strong because 15 years ago they were established on a strong foundation. In 1996, the Sisters of Charity Foundations of Cleveland, Canton and South Carolina were formed as a result of proceeds from three 50/50 partnerships that were retransacted. The birth of these Foundations allowed the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA) and the Sisters of Charity Health System to go beyond healthcare, to expand the reach of their mission and ministry to individuals, families and communities.

The focus of the Foundations is to address the needs of the poor and underserved by understanding the root causes of poverty; nurturing the growth of healthy communities; emphasizing youth and families; and, measuring the outcomes of these efforts. The solid foundation on which these Foundations were built is based on Gospel values, Social Teachings of the Catholic Church, CSAMission and Philosophy, and application of Values and Beliefs in the Community leading to guiding principles.

These three Foundations strengthen the ability of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine to address the issues of poverty, to speak for the underserved and the voiceless, and to nurture healthy lives and vital communities.

As we take a look at each Foundation, we are reminded of the dedicated staff, Board members and volunteers whom make it possible to reach out far and wide to the recipients of the grant money that is available.

2011 is a year of anniversaries for the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA). The three Sisters of Charity Foundations are celebrating 15 years of responding to the needs of the people of God, especially the poor and the underserved. Through the ministry of the Foundations, the initial call of CSA to come to Cleveland from France in 1851 continues to be ongoing and very vibrant. Each Foundation will take time this year to celebrate in thanksgiving for the blessings of God on their work and in gratitude for all the wonderful co-ministers who have collaborated with them to expand their work.



Sr. Miriam Erb, CSA

The Sisters of Charity Foundation in Canton will host a luncheon with keynote speaker Sharon Lynn Kagan, the Foundation's longtime national advisor for the Early Childhood Initiative. She will share her views on investing in Ohio's youngest citizens to prepare them for success in this global economy.

The Sister of Charity Foundation in Cleveland is planning a window exhibit for the Halle Building (shades of the past Christmas displays) that will showcase the work of the CSA sisters over the years. There will also be an open house and inspirational speaker for the event. A booklethighlighting both the history and the important work of the Foundation, especially elder care, the Housing Initiative, the health literacy work and their focus on the Central Neighbor, is being written.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina is planning several events including a talk with keynote speaker, Secretary of State Mark Hammond, who will discuss available tools for non-profit success in challenging times, and a Grantee Recognition Luncheon. They are also creating new achievement awards. The first, for Individual Leadership, the second, Organizational Partnership, and the third for Diversity and Unity.

My congratulations to each of the Executive Directors - Joni Close, Sue Krey and Tom Keith - the dedicated staffs and Boards for their outstanding accomplishments.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, who were founded in 1851, mark this year with 160 years of community, prayer and ministry. Using the theme "Celebrating our History of Life, Love and Ministry," the sisters enter this year with deep gratitude for the graces of God's love, wisdom and faithfulness to us as we responded with faith, courage, risk-taking and joy to God's call. Added to this, CSA also celebrates our Associates who have journeyed with us for the last 25 years. Several gatherings for the sisters and Associates will take place this year, including special liturgies, days of prayer, story-telling and missioning.

I ask all of you to join with us in prayers of thanksgiving for God's abundant love and care for the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

### Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

It all begins with "Mission and Vision" for the CSA Foundation of Cleveland and the mission states they will work to "Improve the lives of those most in need with special attention to families, women and children living in poverty."

- At the 2004 Strategic Planning process, the Foundation Board determined that the primary focus would be to increase the community's capacity to meet the needs of the underserved with a special focus on the Central City of Cleveland.
- In 2009, the Foundation embraced its core value of collaboration in its strategic focus areas, health, education, housing and religious communities, and partnered with others to enhance its programmatic reach and impact. With the emphasis on the Central City of Cleveland, the Central Neighborhood Committee oversaw a comprehensive community engagement process which, in the end, targeted strategies to address health and education disparities in the Central Community.
- In the area of supportive housing, the Foundation celebrated with the community the opening of an additional 82 unit Housing First residence located in Cleveland's Clark Metron neighborhood. This is the seventh Housing First residence to be completed. It is the hope of the Foundation that the "housing first" approach is one that can ultimately end long term

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### Sisters of Charity Foudation of South Carolina

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina addresses the needs of the poor and underserved in all 46 South Carolina counties. The Mission states: *In response to God's call and in the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, the Foundation strategically uses resources to reduce poverty through action, advocacy and leadership. The Foundation's vision for the future is: Families in South Carolina have the resources to live out of poverty.*

- By 2009, the Foundation had awarded 95 grants totaling \$2,159,815 to faith-based and non-profit organizations working to address poverty.
- The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families coordinates program development and provides technical assistance, funding support, and community capacity-building for several non-profit organizations serving low-income, non-custodial fathers in eleven counties. These fatherhood programs provide fathers with a comprehensive 24-week program. The Center also advocates state and federal policies.
- Working to strengthen and sustain Sisters' ministries, the Collaboration for Ministry Initiative convenes meetings, provides technical assistance, facilitates transition of leadership of Sister-affiliated ministries, provides grants and evaluates these efforts.
- Capacity building is a major focus; individuals can participate in select workshops of the Foundation's

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## Sister Marian Durkin



Going on a field trip to Parma Dale when she was in elementary school was all it took for Marian Durkin to know what she wanted to do with her life—take care of orphans. However, that activity has turned out to be one thing she hasn't done as a religious. But her journey as a religious has taken her to other rewarding places. Born in Akron, Ohio, Sister Marian entered the order in 1955. She is the third child of Francis and Barbara. The oldest in the family is her brother Jim, followed by Barb. Her younger sister Rita currently lives in Oklahoma. Her father was a foreman for Goodrich, one of the large tire manufacturers in Akron. He worked hard but in trying economic times, they lost their house once. They were forced to move but rather than being a bad time for the family, Sister Marian thought that living in the projects was one of the happiest times they had. It was a great place to live because of the people there.

Sister Marian attended St. Paul Elementary, staffed by Dominicans, and St. Mary's High School, run by the Immaculate Heart of Mary congregation. When she was a high school junior, she left to enter the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Despite never having Sisters of Charity teach her, she joined the only congregation she knew that took in orphans. She finished high school at St. Augustine Academy.

After graduating from St. John College, she began her teaching career with fourth graders at Assumption School. Later she taught at St. Luke in Lakewood, St. Thomas Aquinas and was principal of St. Philip Neri School for six years. The children she taught remember her as Sr. M. Barbara Ann, the nun who liked baseball. She was part of the high school faculty of St. Augustine Academy in the early 1970's.

In 1987 she was named the administrator of Mount Augustine. Sister Marian was living on the east side of Cleveland and traveling to Mount Augustine but had enough free time that when she saw an ad looking for volunteers for a "Buddy Program" she joined. The program was centered in Cleveland Heights and was looking for volunteers to accompany AIDS' sufferers to doctor's appointments. Through it she met Gayle Fires, a social worker, and in 1993 they started The Open House, a drop-in center for those afflicted with AIDS. The programs and services expanded during the years it was in operation, from accompanying clients to doctor's appointments, to massages, and help with medication. She continued her ministry at The Open House on a part-time basis until early 2002. Because of her contact with the gay community, she helped establish and has directed a retreat for the gay community and their families; the Emmaus Retreat celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> retreat in October 2010.



Sister Marian was selected to congregational leadership in 2001, and 2005. She completed her service by July 2009.

The change in her ministry status from teaching to administration also brought about commitments to several board of trustee positions. She was a member of two hospital boards, St. John Hospital, and Providence Hospital in South Carolina. She was also on the board of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland until September 2010. She is very satisfied with her Foundation Board work because of the good it has done by the grants given. She is grateful that she was given the opportunity to participate.

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### Cleveland

chronic homelessness as we know it in this community.

- In the area dedicated to Women Religious, the Foundation continued its goal of strengthening and sustaining the ministries of women religious.

The Foundation was proud of its success in bringing the "Women and Spirit" exhibit to the Cleveland area in 2010. The exhibit told the history of women religious in America.

This amazing ministry of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine always remains true to its vision, "a community in which opportunities for growth and equality of life are shared by all."

### South Carolina

Leadership Academy or apply for the Non-profit Leadership Training Certificate Program in which non-profit leaders earn 9 graduate credits. Using video-conference technology connected to four remote sites, the Learning Academy was able to expand its reach so that on September 28, 2010 more than forty non-profit leaders attended a diversity workshop.

- In September 2010 Board members journeyed to Bennettsville, SC to listen to high school youth speak about issues that surround poverty—their 4<sup>th</sup> listening session as they visit communities across the state.
- Through collaborative efforts with others, the Foundation proactively gathers and disseminate knowledge, mobilizes resources of individuals and communities, develops systemic approaches and seeks to be engaged in the public policy process as an advocate for the poor.

**Mr. William Vorndran**, Maintenance Director for Regina Health Center, received the "Excellence in Caring-Indirect in the State of Ohio" award from AOPHA, on September 1, 2010.

The St. Patrick Restoration Committee congratulated Fr. Mark DiNardo on his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of St. Patrick Church, Bridge Ave. The Committee also congratulated 2010 Honorees Fr. Francis Curran and **Sr. Mary O'Grady** for their love, friendship and loyalty to the people of St. Patrick Parish.

**The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton** was chosen as a 2010 Catholic Charities "Voice of Hope Award" recipient. The award was given at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Voice of Hope Dinner in September. The event began with a Mass at St. Columba Cathedral. Dinner and the formal program were at Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown. Jacqueline Bollas Caldwell accepted the award for the Foundation.

**Regina Health Center** received no deficiencies from the State of Ohio in its Annual Survey of its Assisted Living Residents. The survey covers all the State of Ohio Rules and Regulations for licensure requirements and is given for commitment to quality care in assisted living.

## Recognitions

**St. Vincent Charity Medical Center (SVCMC)** received from Project: Learn their "2010 Friends of Literacy Award." This initiative began at SVCMC in 2007 in collaboration with Project: Learn. SVCMC has gone above and beyond in its commitment to promoting better health literacy for its patients, according to Richard Petersen, executive director of Project: Learn.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star designation for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection was earned by **Mercy Medical Center** in Canton Ohio recently. Mercy also had the opportunity to present an overview of its growing energy conservation and recycling program at the Catholic Health Association.

**The Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC)** celebrates Ten Years of wonderful work. This ministry began in 1998 when the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton announced that the "Board commits \$1,000,000 to Quality Child Care Initiative." The Resource Center opened in March 2000. The Center provides education, resources, and support to early childhood professionals and families with young children. Today the Center is far more than the original dream. It has developed and implemented a comprehensive training system for the early education and care providers, has added mentoring services to ensure that the concepts learned in its classrooms are actually put into practice, and has provided leadership training and assistance to the administrators of early education and care centers. Geri Grove, the founding director, and Scott Hasselman, the present director, are to be congratulated for making this Center a crucial resource for the community of early childhood teachers and caregivers.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine welcomed three women into the Associate Program on September 12, 2010. The commissioning ceremony took place during the Mass at Mt. Augustine Chapel. With their varied backgrounds, these women bring with them the desire to continue the CSA charism through prayer and by volunteering.

Originally from Philadelphia, **Dianne Phillips** is married to Donald. Together they raised five children, three boys and two girls, now all adults. They have also been blessed with seven grandchildren.

Dianne was very active in St. Cecilia Parish before it closed in April 2010. As part of the Pastoral Care staff, she visited the sick and shut-ins. It was at St. Cecilia's that she came in contact with Sr. Rosella Holloman, CSA and learned of the Associate Program.

She volunteers at South Point Hospital two or three times a month and feels that the health and wellness of others can be achieved through prayer, service, and by participating in outreach ministries with the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

**Marsha Denis** also became acquainted with the Sisters of Charity at St. Cecilia Parish, where she took a bible study class given by Sr. Rosella Holloman, CSA. A graduate of Ohio University, Marsha is a teacher employed by the Cleveland Public School System. Currently, she teaches high school French. She also volunteers when she can; one of her volunteer activities is leading independent study groups for students at the high school.

The mother of a grown son, Marsha wanted to become an Associate so she could further share the Christian life with others.

The third new member is **Betty Greene** who was born in Greenville, South Carolina. She lived all over the country before her parents finally settled in Ohio. After graduating from Cuyahoga Falls High School, she married. They had seven children, one of whom is deceased. She is now the proud grandmother of 31 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Before retiring, Betty worked as a paraprofessional accountant. She still volunteers at Holy Family Parish in that capacity by keeping track of the money for different activities in the parish, like fundraisers and the Honduras Medical Mission. Betty became acquainted with Sisters of Charity through Sr. Catherine Walsh, CSA who was a member of the Medical Mission. Meeting her led Betty to volunteer at Catholic Worker House in Akron and later the Associate program. She plans to continue volunteering as long as she is able.

## New Cleveland Associates

**Sr. Marian Durkin** led two prayer days at the Jesuit Retreat House (JRH), one last summer and the other in early fall. The themes were "Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary" and "Magnificat and the Rosary". In addition to the insights and prayerfulness of the day, the participants were able to enjoy the beauty of the grounds at JRH. 🌿

In October, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina gathered all the sisters from the Diocese of Charleston for a weekend of prayer at Myrtle Beach. **Sr. Miriam Erb** was the opening speaker. She reflected on the "Women and Spirit" exhibit and questioned where we will find the "Spark of the Spirit" in the future. The 50 sisters in attendance used this time to nourish their spirits as well as renew friendships. 🌿

The Women's Leadership Group of Catholic Charities invited **Sr. Carol Kandiko** to share the solstice story with them to help deepen their awareness of God's presence in nature. The day of prayer and reflection was held at Parmadale in June. 🌿

"Gratefulness to God for all Creation" was the theme for the CSA Associates' day of prayer in October. It was facilitated by **Sr. Carol Kandiko** and held at Mt. Augustine. The beautiful weather, the rhythm of prayer and sharing provided a perfect setting to reflect on gratitude. 🌿

The Samaritan Women's Program offers days of reflection and retreat to women who live in the city of Cleveland and homeless shelters. **Sr. Marian Durkin** is privileged to be part of the team doing these prayerful and energizing days. 🌿

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joseph's Home was celebrated with a luncheon last summer at Windows on the River. The event commemorated Joseph's Home ministering to over 400 homeless men in need of health care and recognized all the programs that have been put in place to enable each man to leave Joseph's Home with a renewed sense of self, better health and new opportunities to face the challenges of living on their own. **Sr. Joan Gallagher** was recognized for her vision and role she played in developing the first programs. She was presented with a beautiful portrait of herself painted by one of the residents. The event raised funds for the programs at Joseph's Home. 🌿

**Sr. Judith Ann Karam** was invited to speak at the Cleveland Public Library to honor immigration lawyer, Margaret Wong, from Margaret M. Wong and Associates. The speech was entitled "Saluting the Dreamers" and noted many of Ms. Wong's great accomplishments. 🌿

The University of South Carolina Department of Religious Studies holds the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin lector series annually. This last year the guests speakers were John Langan, SJ, and **Sr. Judith Ann Karam**, CSA. Rev. Langan is chair of the Board of Georgetown University Press and rector of the Jesuit Community in Georgetown. He presented a paper on "Ethical Vision and Political Considerations: The Continuing Relevance of Cardinal Bernardin." Sr. Judith Ann Karam was invited to give a response to his paper. 🌿

September is dedicated to the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. During the celebration at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, **Sr. Mary Denis Maher** gave an excellent presentation on Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA along with the history of Rosary Hall. 🌿

AOPHA (Advocate of Not-For-Profit Services for Older Ohioans) conducts an annual creative writing and art contest for the nursing home residents of Ohio. Regina Health Center has succeeded in having many winners for both the individual and group projects each year. Among the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine/RHC residents, **Sr. Ruth Ann Patrick** won first place for her prose fiction, and **Sr. Ruth Kerrigan** won honorable mention for her Picasso-inspired watercolor. 🌿

The Sisters and Charity Foundation of Cleveland, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the staff from the Maltz Jewish Museum teamed together to bring the "Women and Spirit" exhibit to Cleveland. **Sr. Marian Durkin** and **Sr. Joan Gallagher** were among the many women religious and Jewish women who were docents at the museum. They gave guided tours to groups of children, young adults, parish groups and religious congregations. The experience broadened the understanding of the roots of American women religious and the leaders of our day. 🌿

**Sr. Joan Gallagher** also had the opportunity to be on a panel with four women religious at the College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State. The panel addressed the social justice issues of the day. Sr. Joan spoke about rehabbing the Notre Dame Academy building and the founding of Joseph's Home for homeless men in need of health care. Other topics were advocacy issues, sustaining transitional housing for women, and developing urban housing for both low-income families and singles. Other speakers were: Sr. Catherine Pinkerton, CSJ, Sr. Donna Hawk, CSJ and Sr. Beverly LoGrasso, OSU. 🌿

**Sr. Marian Durkin** was part of a panel at the Maltz Museum comprised of Jewish women and Catholic sisters, who discussed their experience of being docents and developing new friendship along the way. 🌿

Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Associate **Don Davies**, was one of two Northeast Ohio's 2010 Advocacy Award Recipients at "Join the Voices for Recovery." The 8<sup>th</sup> annual recovery celebration was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Cleveland on September 24<sup>th</sup>. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership and dedication. Don has been active in the field of behavioral health services since 1979.

**Sr. Evelyn Flowers** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Foundation of Cleveland.

**Sr. Cheryl Keehner** was elected to the Board of Directors for Joseph's Home, a ministry that cares for homeless men in need of health care.

**Sr. Judith Ann Karam** was elected to the Center for Health Affairs, Board of Directors and to the Advocacy Board of the Department of Health Services Administration at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

### Board Work

## Early Childhood Resource Center

"Unique" aptly describes the Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) which offers resources found nowhere else in the Stark County region; resources which nurture early childhood teachers and caregivers.

The year 2000 was a banner year for Foundation initiatives, among them ECRC, which officially came into being that March. Prior to its birth, however, there were at least two years of careful research and planning touched off by the Clinton administration's push for welfare reform. The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, with their usual thorough approach, realized that in order for welfare reform to succeed, quality child care would need to be a primary focus.

Community focus groups held by the Foundation's Quality Child Care Initiative discerned that accreditation and professional development would be the tools to dramatically improve early childhood education and care, and a resource center supporting those who work with young children would best address that need. Foundation leadership announced that the envisioned center would "provide education, resources, and support to early childhood professionals and families with young children," and that Geri Ash Grove was well qualified to be its first executive director. "Never before had I seen a project that was so well designed, so comprehensive in its scope, nor financed by an agency and organization so committed to making a difference and staying with the project for the long term; it was an honor to be hired to shape the ECRC."

### The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

"The Foundation's outreach is far beyond what we, CSA, could even imagine. How blessed we are to have the efficient staff and dedicated Board who have captured the mission, vision and charism of the Sisters. Through the Foundation, I have been privileged to work on behalf of the poor and underserved across Ohio. One aspect of the ministry that I find very rewarding is the on-site visits to ministries that have been funded by the Foundation. It is there that I can see the great benefit of the many hours we spend in the boardroom. It is gratifying to see the children who are prospering. The present is good and their future is brighter because of the Early Childhood Education Initiative and SPARK Ohio. The Gospel comes alive today through the ministry of the Foundations. For that I am very grateful."  
Sister Catherine Walsh, CSA  
Board Member

Growth was rapid. Staff grew from two to eight. Services expanded from a comprehensive training system to include mentoring services, leadership and business training. Several forms of technical assistance were available to administrators of early education/care centers and family child care providers. A Stark County District Library satellite site was housed at the Center and includes a teacher production lab for creating educational materials.

Under the new executive director, Scott Hasselman, the ECRC is off and running into the next decade with a soon to be new and larger facility, and expanded offerings such as those for kin caregivers and stay-at-home dads. Connections with the Dept. of Job and Family Service, local mental health agencies, the Family and Children First Council, and area parent groups as well as other types of collaboration are stepping stones to the future in an endeavor which may well be a model for the State.



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# Sustain me, O Lord

“Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.” (Psalm 36:5)

With these words the 2010 Jubilarians entered into their celebration on September 19, in the Chapel at Mt. Augustine/Regina Health Center. Many guests commented on how much they were touched by the interactive Communion reflection of gratitude and thanksgiving that the Jubilarians prepared for the Liturgy. This was a wonderful day of thanksgiving for the presence of these Sisters in the community of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, and the many years of service through the ministries in which they were, and are, involved.

The Jubilarians celebrating 60 years were: **Sr. Margaret Mary Casale, Sr. Mary Jacob Yelcho, Sr. Rosella Holloman, Sr. Joan Gallagher, and Sr. Cabrini Ferritto. Sr. Mary O’Grady, Sr. Mary Dorothy Tecca, and Sr. Kathy Andrews** celebrated 50 years.

It is truly evident in the lives of these Sisters that God’s unfailing love and faithfulness have been present throughout their years in religious life. Currently **Sr. Margaret Mary, Sr. Mary Jacob** are retired at Mt. Augustine/Regina Health Center. **Sr. Rosella** is retired and is a member of the Local Leader Team for the CSA Sisters who live at Mt. Augustine/Regina Health Center. **Sr. Joan** is retired but continues to be involved with FAMICOS FOUNDATION, and is presently involved in developing an outreach program to provide housing for homeless men. **Sr. Cabrini** lives at Mt. Augustine/Regina Health Center and is in ministry as the Treasurer of the Congregation. **Sr. Mary** is the coordinator of care for the CSA Sisters who live at Mt. Augustine/Regina Health Center. **Sr. Mary Dorothy** is in ministry at St. Mary’s Parish in Elyria, Ohio as Parish Catechetical Leader. **Sr. Kathy** is a Councilor on the CSA Leadership Team.



(l-r) Sr. Margaret Mary Casale, Sr. Mary Jacob Yelcho, Sr. Rosella Holloman, Sr. Joan Gallagher and Sr. Cabrini Ferritto



(l-r) Sr. Mary Dorothy Tecca, Sr. Mary O’Grady, and Sr. Kathy Andrews



In preparing for this article, our Sister Jubilarians were asked the following questions: “Why do we as CSA do what we do?” and “What drew you to CSA and what sustains you?” In response to these questions, the Sisters offered the following thoughts:

### Why do we as CSA do what we do?

“As I reflect upon 60 years of being a woman religious in CSA, I realize the depth of our charism to charity.”

“We carry on the mission of Jesus because of our baptismal call and our commitment to live our charism: ‘In all things Charity.’ We live in a spirit of responding to the emerging needs of God’s people.”

“I think that we strive to continue the work of Jesus today—preferential service for the poor.”



“Maybe the better question is ‘Why do I do what I do and have done for six decades?’ Motivation is an impelling force for contemplation and action. Sometimes motivation is clear, sometimes vague, and sometimes non-existent. I realize that LOVE of God and others is for me the reason I do what I do.”

### What drew you to CSA and what sustains you?

“Our celebration on September 19<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful day to rejoice with family and friends, and everyone from Regina Health Center was so helpful at all times.”

“I wanted to work with children, but I didn’t want to teach. One of my earlier ministries was at Parmadale.”

“What drew me was the Sisters’ ministry at Parmadale. It was so evident that the Sisters truly cared about the children who lived in the cottages. As I look back on my decision to enter and what continues to sustain me is THE GRACE OF GOD. God blessed me and continues to bestow

blessing on me. I am grateful for the Gift of every day.”

“I was an R.N. at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, and I was impressed by the Sisters.”

“I became acquainted with CSA through my work at St. Ann Hospital. As I grew and developed in my associations and relationships, I learned to admire the willingness of the religious women to give deeply of themselves to minister to us and to our families. They seemed to sacrifice a great deal to bring Christ to us and us to Christ. With the support of my sisters in community, I am sustained in our common goal.”

“I was drawn to CSA by the call of the Spirit to give myself tirely to God and to serve others. I am sustained by the love of God

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