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Wreaths of Flowers that Convey Religious Truths



Did you know that there was an artist who used wreaths of flowers in his artwork of Mary to convey religious truths?

This artist, Daniel Seghers, was a Flemish Jesuit who lived in the early 1600s. Daniel loved flowers and used them in his paintings to inspire people to look more deeply at the image of Mary and see beyond her face and into her heart. Just as the buds of flowers burst open to reveal beauty, so Mary's soul is so filled with love of God that it bursts open to reveal her virtues and graces. Daniel uses flowers to convey truths and inspire hearts. Daniel saw flowers as having the power to remind people that just as spring follows the dark cold winter, so does Resurrection follow the death of Jesus and promises all of us that we too shall rise.

Father Daniel knew flowers and the traditional meaning and symbolism many flowers have. So, he used flowers around his religious images, especially around Mary to talk about the virtues of Mary related to the theme of the picture. For example, in the picture shown here of Mary and the Annunciation you see among the flowers, tulips, lilies, and baby's breath. These delicate flowers traditionally symbolize innocence, purity, listening to and obeying God.

Between the lilies and tulips are some bright red roses and poppies which symbolize suffering, bleeding, and death. These flowers are used by Brother Daniel to remind us that Mary's yes to God was not just a time of joy but also a time for Mary to become a companion with her Son in His cross and death.

Daniel Seghers used his artistic talent and his love and knowledge about flowers to inspire others to a deeper faith experience. Daniel Seghers used his talent to help others look more deeply into the heart and soul of Mary and find there the treasure of God's grace and love.

Sister Donna Marie, C.R.

Congratulations to the 2023 Jubilarians

On Sunday, June 3rd we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Sister Mary Leonette, Sister Carolyn, and Sister Gloria Marie. We are grateful for the gift each of these Sisters our Community, our Province, to each of us, and to all the many people they have and continue to serve.

All three of our Jubilarians spent a significant number of years ministering in parishes and elementary schools.

All three Sisters transitioned into other ministries. Sister Mary Leonette became a licensed practical nurse and later a hospital chaplain. Sister Gloria ministered in Argentina with orphans, in Alabama with the elderly and today she volunteers at Resurrection Medical Center. Sister Carolyn has been ministering at Misericordia for over three decades.

More information will be coming to the next issue of "A New Vision."



Sr. Carolyn



Sr. Leonette



Sr. Gloria



Resurrection College Prep High School Celebrates 100th Anniversary



On April 29th Resurrection College Prep High School closed the Centennial Anniversary Year with a fantastic gala. The gala took place in the school. The gym and cafeteria were decorated beautifully with ceiling to floor drapes, soft lighting, ice sculpture, red and white balloons, and a red carpet.

In the corridor were beautiful posters with pictures of many of the Resurrection Sisters who taught in the school. It was a special evening for our Congregation as the school community recognized the Sisters for building the school and staffing it for 98 years.



Sr. Stephanie

Many alumnae were particularly happy to see their former teachers Sister Stephanie and Sister Christine Maria. Many other reminisced about Sister Lydia Mary, Sister Jerome, Sister Marie Claire, and many



Sr. Donna

The President of the School, Doctor Richard Piwowarski, presented Sister Donna Marie with the inaugural Charity and Truth Service Award. The Charity and Truth Service Award recognizes a person who embodies the Resurrection Sister's motto of Charity and Truth, and the Christian Brothers' motto of Facere et Docere (to do and teach). The recipient is recognized for contributing to positive changes in community.

Sister was thanked for leading the process of transitioning the ownership of the school from the Sisters of the Resurrection to the Christian Brothers of the Midwest in May 2019.

Seven Sisters attended the event, Sisters Stephanie, Virginia Ann, Carolyn, Christine Maria, Gloria Marie, Dominic, and Donna Marie.



Sr. Carolyn



Sr. Christine

Student Center Named After Sr. Kathryn, C.R.



Recently, Our Lady of Tepeyac High School honored Sister Kathryn by naming their newly renovated Student Center after Sister Kathryn. To quote the school newsletter: "The renovated Student Center was named in honor of "our beloved principal Sr. Kathryn Wojcik, who served the St. Casimir/Our Lady of Tepeyac community from 1985 to 2003."

Complete with comfy couches, swivel chairs, booths, tables, and highboys, the renovated space is perfect for gathering before and after school, mentoring, college fairs, class projects, student meetings and so much more. Congratulations Sister Kathryn! We are very proud of you



and grateful for the way you have touched so many lives. Eighteen years of dedicated service certainly left an imprint on the lives and hearts of many students, parents, and faculty. Sister Kathryn by honoring you the Tepeyac Community has honored all the CR Sisters who served them over the many years!



Sr. Donna Marie, C.R. – 2023 Loyola University Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing 2023 Commencement Speaker

This year Doctor Lorna Finnegan, the Dean of the Loyola University Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing invited

Sister Donna Marie to be the Commencement Speaker at the School of Nursing Graduation.

In her introduction of Sister Donna, Dean Finnegan acknowledged and thanked all the Sisters of the Resurrection:

the Sisters of Resurrection gave our school of nursing a transformational gift of 4 million dollars to support scholarships for students in the CARE Pathway to the BSN. CARE stands for Collaboration, Access, Resources, and Equity, and the goal of the CARE Pathway is to recruit and retain underrepresented students to our BSN program.

The CARE Pathway will be a lasting partnership between our school of nursing and the Sisters of the Resurrection, demonstrating impact for many generations. Through this endowment, the Sisters will continue their legacy of serving those in need by helping students who need financial support achieve their aspirations.

Sister Virginia Ann accompanied Sister Donna to the graduation which took place on May 10th. 458 young women and young men received doctorate, master's, and bachelor's Degrees.



NEW GUEST ROOMS – E225 and A 414



The Provincial Council approved transforming one room in E 225 and



Sr. Virginia

one room in A 414 into guest rooms for our Superior General and her companion when they come for visitation, for retreat directors, and for family and friends of the Sisters.

During April and May the guest room in E 225 was completed on April 1, 2023. Thank you to Sister Virginia Ann for creating a lovely and comfortable guest room.

The guest room in E 225 is such a success that it has been used four times already for a total of nine family members.

Sister Carolyn is working to get the guest room in A 414 prepared by mid-June.

PROVINCE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

February 25 – All the Sisters who serve as power of attorney for health care agents for other Sisters, met with Sister Donna Marie to review and discuss the privilege, responsibilities, and best practices for serving in this role. The meeting lasted for almost three hours and was very productive.

March 5 – The Province came together for Vespers and dessert to celebrate the death anniversary of Sister Anne. Before starting Vespers, Sister Stephanie shared a reflection on Sister Anne and shared some interesting facts about Sister Anne which few of us were aware of.

March 7 - On March 7th, Sister Maria Marta, Sister Marilyn, and Sister Paulette welcomed Sister M. Florence to the Saint Joseph Local Community with open arms and a special treat.



Sr. Marilyn
Sr. Maria Marta
Sr. Florence
Sr. Paulette

March 12- The Emmaus Local Community celebrated Sister Virginia Ann's Birthday with common Vespers followed by dinner.

March 14 – Sister Hedwig, Sister Mary Patricia and Sister Virginia Ann joined Sister Donna Marie at a Maryville Academy Fundraising event, the Ed Block Courage Award Luncheon. This is a scholarship fund for Maryville residents. One of the students who received a scholarship gave a moving testimonial.

March 14 – Sister Mary Dominic joined the Ascension Living Resurrection Village Residents for a trip to Old Saint Patrick's Church. It is one of a handful of structures remaining in the city that predates the 1871 Great Chicago Fire.

March 15– Sister Christine Maria and Sister Mary Dominic with other Ascension Living Resurrection Village Residents on a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Irish American Heritage Center. The St. Patrick's Day Mass was followed by lunch and live Irish music.

March 17 – The Provincial Council had dinner with the Sisters of the Saint Joseph Local Community in anticipation of the feast of Saint Joseph.

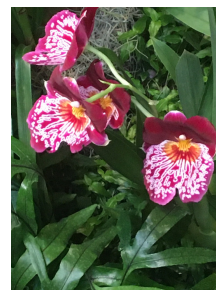
March 18 – Sister Donna Marie sponsored a half day retreat on “Jesus the Paschal Mystery and Living Community.” Using Scripture, Sister reviewed the blueprint Jesus laid out for Community living in His actions and words from Holy Thursday to His post-Resurrection appearances. The Retreat was followed by 4:00 p.m. Mass and a dinner in honor of Saint Joseph.

March 19 – The Resurrection Local Community anticipated Sister Donna Marie’s Feast Day with common Vespers and a very nice dinner.



Sr. Hedwig

March 21– Sister Carolyn Marie, Sister Hedwig and Sister Donna Marie joined other residents from Ascension Living Resurrection Village for a trip to the Botanic Gardens to see a spectacular orchid show. There were many orchids of different sizes and colors. After viewing the orchids, the whole group went to Panera’s for lunch.



March 25 – After the 4 p.m. Mass, the whole Province met in the Terrace Room to celebrate Sister Donna Marie’s Feast Day. There was a delicious dinner followed by gifts and time for sharing.

March 26 – The Resurrection Local Community celebrated Sister Carolyn’s Birthday with a Mexican themed dinner.

March 31 and April 1 – The XIV Provincial Chapter convened in the evening on Friday, March 31st with Vespers. The Chapter was continued on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Upon conclusion of the Chapter the Sisters attended the 4 p.m. in anticipation of Sunday.



April 1 - After the Provincial Chapter Sister Donna Marie's brother and sister hosted a surprise Birthday Party for Sister Donna and all the Sisters. Because Sister Donna's Birthday would be on Good Friday the celebration was in anticipation. There were several different pizzas, salads, and a big, delicious cake.

Mary Jo, Sister Donna's sister, made beautiful bouquets for the tables. The Provincial Councilors helped with the set-up.

April 6 – On Holy Thursday, prior to the evening services, the Provincial Council and the Local Superiors came together for a Holy Thursday Meal and spent time praying for the Sisters of the Province and all their needs. Emphasis was placed on the example of leadership as service which Jesus gave us at His Last Supper.

April 9 – All the Sisters of the Province joined at the 9 a.m. Easter Mass in the Ascension Living Resurrection Village Chapel.

The Sisters of the Saint Joseph Local Community celebrated together over lunch. The Resurrection and Emmaus Local Communities each had an evening meal together.

April 10 – Easter Monday, Father Paul Sims had 4:30 p.m. Mass for the Sisters in the Ascension Living Resurrection Village Chapel. Following Mass, we had an evening meal in the Terrace Room. The meal was catered in from the Blossom Café.

April 18 – Sister Mary Dominic joined the Ascension Living Resurrection Village Residents for a tour of the "Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii", the oldest continuing Italian American Church in Chicago, located in the heart of "Little Italy".

Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna Marie attended a fundraiser luncheon for the Maryville Crisis Nursery. Sister Donna was asked to give the opening prayer at the luncheon.

April 19 – Ascension Living Resurrection Village honored all the residents who give volunteer services. They provided a lovely and delicious brunch. Sisters Stephanie, Virginia Ann, Kathryn, Kathleen, Dominic, Donna Marie, Carolyn Marie, Hedwig, and Mary Patricia were all honored for their services.

The Resurrection Local Community had a belated Birthday celebration for Sister Donna Marie. The theme was a delicious Italian meal.

April 22 – Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna Marie attended the Solidarity Bridge Fiesta. This is an annual fundraiser sponsored to raise funds to help with medical care and surgeries for the poor of Bolivia. Sister Donna Marie has been serving on this board for ten years.

April 25 – Sister Mary Dominic enjoyed an outing with other Ascension Living Resurrection Village Residents to “Casa Italia”, the Italian Cultural Center in Stone Park where the residents enjoyed a tour of the Italian American Veterans Museum.

April 29 – Sister Donna Marie hosted another session on Healthcare Power of Attorney. This time it was for the Sisters who do not serve as agents. The purpose of this session was to inform the Sisters of the responsibilities and services their agents are expected to provide for them. The meeting ended with lunch.



Sr. Gloria & Sr. Carolyn

April 30 – The Resurrection Local Community celebrated Sister Kathryn and Sister Kathleen’s feast days. The local community came together for supper and recreation.

May 4- Sister Mary Leonette celebrated her 80th Birthday. Sisters visited her throughout the day bringing her a Birthday cake, flowers, gifts, Mass Cards and lots of love.

May 7 – The Province gathered for “May Crowning” and Vespers in the Terrace Room. Sister Carolyn and Sister Gloria Marie

presented flowers to Mary during the singing of the Magnificat. Both Sisters are celebrating their Jubilees this year and so the presentation was a special honor for them. After the May Crowning, we had a slide presentation honoring the anniversaries of 111 years since our Sisters purchased the land on Talcott, the 100th or Centennial Anniversary of Resurrection College Prep, and the 70th Anniversary of the opening of Resurrection Medical Center. Then everyone enjoyed an ice cream treat.

May 14 – The Resurrection Local Community celebrated Sister Goretti's Birthday with recreation and a delicious dinner from *Olive Garden*.

AN ARTIST IN OUR MIDST

Congratulations to Sister Maria Goretti on the beautiful artwork she is doing at the day care. The attached samples were made by Sister for the parents of the infants at the day care. Note the rabbits made from baby footprints. And the other rabbits are made from plastic milk bottles.



Sr. Goretti



BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

Sister Mary Leonette – Celebrated May 4th

Sister Maria Goretti – Celebrated May 18th

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Sister Gloria Marie – June 13th

Sister Rosemary – June 15th

Sister Dominic – June 16th

Sister Kathryn – June 30th

Sister Hedwig – August 16th



FEAST DAYS

Sister Virginia Ann – May 31st

Sister Christine Maria – June 16th

Sister Mary Florence – June 20th

Sister Paulette – June 29th

Sister Maria Goretti – July 5th

Sister Maria Marta – July 29th

Sister Dominic – August 8th

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Renewal 2023

Evening of November 10th, all day the 11th and all day the 12th