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Dear SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation Donors:

I am happy to introduce the 2024 Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation **Impact Report**. The celebrations, engagement opportunities, Sisters, and our bright future are captured in the names, words, and pictures on these pages.

We are grateful to share the impressive accomplishments and happy to share the everyday goings-on with you...you who made the Sisters feel safe and special because of your generosity.

The Foundation Trustees and staff will continue to put your gifts to good work for the Sisters' health and well-being. Also, we promise to persist in carrying out the Sisters' legacy by supporting their ministries and like-minded organizations.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts, questions, and ideas. Contact me at 814-836-4202 or almi.clerkin@ssjerie.org.

Holding you in our prayers today and always,



Almitra Clerkin
Executive Director



Almi, Carol, Carleen & Cathy: The Foundation Team



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SSJ Leadership marvels at the work the SSJMMF (the Foundation) has done this past year. God's grace is truly at work in them. Every phone call, contact, event, and appeal have a message that engages the listener. Their words and actions are grounded in the Word of God, speaking and demonstrating how God's word is alive through them. God's grace is in them whether working on a newsletter, a mailing, actions through pictures, or events, such as our October Founders Day Soirée. With boundless energy, they are always sharing the love and mission of the SSJ.

Our Sisters, many of whom move about in wheelchairs and walkers, can't do that for which they have "heart." They look to the Foundation staff as their cheerleaders and you, our donors, to respond generously to the ask. It's a homerun for us: our Sisters and their mission are well-cared for; the Foundation accomplishes its goal; and your kindness, love, and support make it all happen. We are truly blessed by a God whose grace is at work in all of us.

With a grateful heart,

Sister Mary Drexler, SSJ
President, Sisters of St. Joseph

A MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING BOARD CHAIR



The Sisters of St. Joseph first entered my life during my time at Villa Maria Academy, igniting a deep curiosity about my faith and building the pillars that I still lean on today. Their wisdom, compassion, and commitment to service left an indelible mark. Years later, Sr. Mary Drexler extended an opportunity for me to teach and eventually grow into the Dean of Students at Villa Maria Academy, both roles that became the springboard for my career.

Starting in 2025, I have been called once again to serve alongside them, this time as Chair of the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission & Ministries Foundation Board of Trustees. I hold an immense love and admiration for these women, who have not only shaped the trajectory of my career but have also shown me the true essence of faith, service, and leadership. They have paved the way for my journey as an educator and as a shepherd of God's love, and for that, I am forever grateful. On behalf of the Trustees, I am pleased to share our 2024 Impact Report.

Meghan Fuhrman
Chair, SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation

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The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation is proud to share the 2024 Donor Roll for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern PA. By their gifts, over 1,600 individuals, grantors, and businesses made a significant impact in the lives of the Sisters and those they serve. Many donors honored and remembered family, friends, SSJ, classmates, and more. As you take time to read the names, remember our thanks and the Sisters' prayerful gratitude for your continuing generosity.

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The Sisters of St. Joseph and their Foundation celebrated a successful 14th Annual Erie Gives Day. Thank you to our 348 donors (39 more than 2023), who gave \$48,560.99 (includes the prorated match), surpassing last year's total by \$8,872. (Our Erie Gives Day donors are listed in the Donor Roll.)

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Srs. Millicent Zimmer, Michele Healy, and Dorothy Wilwohl are the heart and soul of our Foundation Team. These Angels have made the Foundation their personal ministry and we are ever grateful for their daily support. Thank you, dear Sisters!

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2024 days and months were filled with activities and celebrations shared by the Foundation with the Sisters and the SSJ community. Here are several memorable highlights!



Annual Holiday Luncheon and Staff Recognition Performers Michael Malthaner, Bob Martin, and Joe Greulich entertained the Sisters and their staff with Broadway songs! Srs. André Feulner, Margaret Ann Hardner, and Millicent Zimmer shared their thanks after the show.



Fr. Jerry Simmons shares his spirit and words with our Thanksgiving Liturgy guests.

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Where in the world is Mary Fromknecht, SSJ?
 She is lovingly surrounded by the joyful children from the Quality of Life Center at the Urban Erie Community Development Corp, one of five new organizations that received a gift from the Sisters as part of the 35th Thanksgiving Dinner.



St. Joseph Day
 Abigail Cook, 16, owner and baking artist of Abigail's Sweet Treats (Northeast PA), delivered 55 dozen cookies commemorating St. Joseph Day. She designed a beautiful Lily in honor of St. Joseph to commemorate the celebration.



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SSJ Leadership Carol Morehouse VMA '67 and Mary Drexler VMA '63, along with Cass Alberstadt Shimek VMA '78, thank Jackie Giacabello Nicolita VMA '80 (second from left) for gifting two Jim Sabol prints - Villa Maria College West 12th St. Gate and Cathedral Prep West 9th St. Doors.

Sisters in the Sun for the Solar Eclipse!

The Sisters gathered to celebrate a stunning event. Srs. Peggy O'Brien and Linda Fusco relax into the view of the eclipse stages.



Rick Klein Photography captured before, during, and after totality stages in Cambridge Springs. Thanks for sharing, Rick!

Nancy and Charles Donnelly

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**St. James Haven monthly Community
Drive-thru Dinner**

The Sisters and the SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation partnered to sponsor the Thursday, May 16th, Community Drive-thru Dinner on North Main St. in Meadville. All donations for the home-cooked meals support the St. James Haven Mission. Almi and Carleen joined Samantha Stump, SJH Executive Director.



Ruthanne Beighley and Bill Steger - Saint Mary's Carriage Homes residents and supporters of the Sisters - joined Srs. Mary Drexler and Margaret Ann Hardner, Bill's first cousin, for a lunchtime visit.

**Srs. Lucille DeStefano and Mary Rita Kuhn**



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**SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation Presentation to the Sisters**

We had the pleasure of presenting the mission, purpose, and vision of the Foundation to 35+ Sisters and a handful of staff. The Team shared those integral to our work, what that work is, and the impact of the Sisters decision to begin the work 10 years ago. The Sisters asked thought-provoking questions and shared ideas. We received kudos, including this note from Rosemary O'Brien, SSJ: "Thanks for the excellent presentation. (I) very much appreciate all the ways you live the Mission through the ministry of the Foundation."

**Styles & Smiles Dedication**

The Foundation received a generous grant from The Norbert H. Hardner Foundation to remodel the 1993 hair salon into a modern and colorful place worthy of the Sisters. Sr. Mary, Chris Fatica – Angelo's Salon Development Group - and Cass Shimek celebrate the renovation! Stylist Pam Zbrzezny loves the new salon!

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In memory of Sr. Jean Baptiste DiLuzio, SSJ

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VMC Alumnae Sisters Marianne Stuckert, Michele Healy, Millicent Zimmer, Moira Sullivan, Rosemary O'Brien, and Nancy Fischer gather in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel following the liturgy celebrated by Gannon Chaplain Fr. Michael Kesicki.

Villa Maria College Alumnae Liturgy and Brunch at Gannon University



A brunch followed the Liturgy with Hosts Dr. Mary Iwanenko (on Sr. Mary's right) and Susan Forquer (sitting second from the left), and other alumnae following conversation, comments, and university updates.

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20 Sisters attended a matinee of the Erie Playhouse musical GUYS AND DOLLS! In a beautiful thank you note to the Foundation, Sister Lucille DeStefano shared, "What a fantastic show! It could rival any show on Broadway! Thank you so much for the tickets."



Srs. Catherine Manning, Margaret Ann Hardner, and Mary Herrmann with Sisters in the Sun Bench Campaign donors David Cyr and Nellie Orr Cyr.



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Gannon's Shakespeare Summer Nights



Sr. Catherine Manning and one of the 12 actors, Brian Bowersox (Sir Andrew Aguecheek), met and shared their love of Shakespeare's comedy! A special thank you to Sr. Catherine for greeting our actors and guests!



Gannon University's Shakespeare Summer Nights performed TWELFTH NIGHT for 30 Sisters, Saint Mary's Carriage Home neighbors, Agrégées, Associates, employees, and friends!



Sr. Veronica Mittal, lovingly known as Sr. Andrea to her Sacred Heart first-grade student Mary Zenner, enjoyed a trip down memory lane and a delicious lunch together at the SSJ Community Living Center.



Sr. Mary Ann White and Braxton

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GAMESts – Gardening, Art, Music, and Exercise for the Sisters - continues into year two, strengthening the physical, mental, creative, and spiritual well-being of the SSJ. Sr. Carmel Rojek loves to be in the gardens tending her flowers and vegetables!

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Sr. Lucille DeStefano reminisces with former piano student, Lucille Strobel, and friend and Associate, Marlene Scully.

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Srs. André Feulner and Mary Fromknecht enjoy their lunch on the new patio furniture donated by the Foundation and the VMA Class of 1976!



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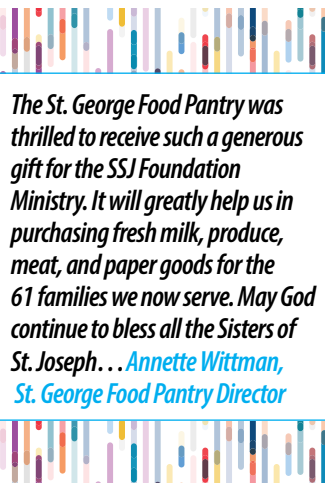
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*The St. George Food Pantry was thrilled to receive such a generous gift for the SSJ Foundation Ministry. It will greatly help us in purchasing fresh milk, produce, meat, and paper goods for the 61 families we now serve. May God continue to bless all the Sisters of St. Joseph... **Annette Wittman, St. George Food Pantry Director***

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"I'm ready for my Closeup, Mr. DeMille!"

Sr. Lucille DeStefano is one of many SSJ who interviewed for the SSJ Neighborhood Network Legacy Documentary Project. A 2024 Foundation Grant was awarded to help fund the documentary created by MenajErie Studio. From the Steering Committee to an anticipated Spring 2025 debut release, the Foundation has been happy to help where needed. We thank the Sisters for all they have done to make this project a genuine success!



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The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation Trustees, including the SSJ Leadership, thanked outgoing Chair Jim Bird for his five years of leadership. Meghan Fuhrman (center) begins her role as Chair for the Foundation's second decade, continuing to fulfill our mission to support the Sisters and their ministries in perpetuity.



Judy Alstadt (right) – donor and Villa Maria Academy Class of 1948, and classmate of Sr. Margaret Ann Hardner (left), shared memories over a hearty lunch. Donors enjoy visiting the Sisters. All are welcome!



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Sr. Mary and Corey Ferraro, Erie Catholic School System Campus Minister, had the opportunity to thank the elementary students for 1,300+ handmade cards shared with our neighbors on Thanksgiving Day. Although all six schools participated, we visited St. Jude, St. Luke's, and Our Lady of Peace. Thank you Blessed Sacrament, St. George, and St. James!

**Sr. Rose Marie Chisholm**

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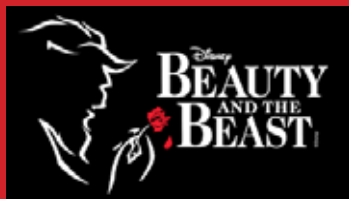
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Cathedral Prep Show Choir seniors with Sr. Perpetua Dickant.



The Foundation's holiday gifts to the Sisters continued past Christmas Day as Norma Hiller, SSJ Activities Director, and Paul Morris, one of the Sisters' official drivers, accompanied the Sisters to see this lovely 'tale as old as time.' The Erie Playhouse professional performance did not disappoint!

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SSJ**

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Fronzaglia-Schaaf*

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Gladys Shimek*

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SSJ, Margaret O'Brien, SSJ, and
Nancy Fischer, SSJ*

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SSJ, Margaret O'Brien, SSJ and
Nancy Fischer, SSJ*

In memory of Sr. Mary Therese

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Pat Smith

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SSJ*

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In honor of Paul DeSante

**Society of Holy Trinity Group
#240***In Memorium*

Loving unity was personified in these three amazing servants of God. They have touched thousands of lives with their love, strength, humor, faith, and good work. God bless, Sisters.

**Jean Baptiste DiLuzio, SSJ**

Born in Erie, PA, on June 7, 1925

Entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from
Holy Rosary Parish in Erie, PA,
on February 2, 1944

Took final vows on August 15, 1949

Served 81 years of religious life

Born to eternal life, at the age of 98, on
March 30, 2024

**Mary Rachael McGuire, SSJ**

Born in New York, NY, on August 24, 1918

Entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from
St. Agatha Parish, Meadville, PA,
on September 4, 1940

Took final vows on August 15, 1946

Served 84 years of religious life

Born to eternal life, at the age 105,
on April 27, 2024

**Joseph Marie Fitzgerald, SSJ**

Born in Erie, PA, on July 11, 1939

Entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from
St. Peter Cathedral Parish
on August 27, 1958

Took final vows on August 15, 1966

Served 66 years of religious life

Born to eternal life, at the age of 88,
on August 12, 2024

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This past November, with the continued support of our donors and volunteers, and with the blessing of our Sisters, we delivered 1,340 Thanksgiving dinners!

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7



\$76,600 gifted to 56 nonprofits who feed our neighbors year-round.



641 donors



900 pounds of turkey



10 cases of potatoes



\$78,094 gifts of support



seven cases of stuffing



**1,400 Mega Chocolate
Chunk cookies**



14 cases of corn



four cases of gravy



Sr. Rose Marie Chisholm and Almi share a joyful moment following the Liturgy.

TO THE 56 NONPROFITS WHO FEED OUR NEIGHBORS YEAR-ROUND –

Your gifts to fulfill God's expectations are abundant and complement the Sisters of St. Joseph, their mission, and their ministries. Thank you for your time and talents, fulfilling God's expectations through your unique expression of the Spirit for all.

Each January, the Sisters celebrate a Sunday Liturgy, brunch, and check presentations to the nonprofits. In the months that follow, the Sisters and their Foundation receive many kudos. A few are scattered throughout this report.



Nonprofits from across the Erie Region join the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Foundation Team for the annual Thanksgiving Day Liturgy, Brunch & Check Presentation. Peter Lyons (sitting left) started the Thanksgiving Dinner with Srs. Teresa Marie Bohren and Mary Fromknecht.

Over 100 volunteers made up of families, donors, staff, and Sisters start their Thanksgiving Day with the tradition of preparing, packaging, and delivering holiday meals. A cheerful greeting and the Sisters' prayers and good wishes go with each of them to every door. Thank you, volunteers, for keeping this tradition alive!



Srs. Claudia Dombrowski and Rosemary O'Brien check in with volunteer Barb Lee before delivering holiday dinners.



Agréégée Tammy Van Buren, center, with Srs. Mary Fromknecht and Ann Marie Cappello, organize over 1,300 dinner requests alphabetically by zip code.



Associate Pat Marshall, Activities Director Norma Hiller, and Sr. Marianne Stuckert on the phones recording the dinner reservations.



Almi, Cathy, and Brittany Travers, Metz Culinary Management, prepare the HQ for dinner deliveries.



Carleen, Abby, and Daryl Onuschak pack meals in preparation for the volunteer drivers.



Srs. Nancy Fischer and Mary Fromknecht with Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM, and Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB, from Catholic Rural Ministry.



Volunteers Séamus Clerkin and Trustee Joe Kloecker wheeled 1,340 hot meals from the Gannon Kitchen to the 'Garage' volunteers who bagged and prepped for the volunteer drivers.



Volunteer drivers Mike DeAntonio and Trustee Meghan Fuhrman with Thanksgiving morning volunteers Cass Shimek, Trustee Joe Kloecker, Jean Peterson, and Sr. Carol Morehouse.



Almi with DJ Amy Sas on Wake Up Happy 92.7 talking about Thanksgiving 2024.



Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network

425 West 18th St.
Erie PA 16502
www.ssjnn.org

Originating with door-to-door surveying of neighbors by two Sisters, the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network (SSJNN) has grown to 9 full-time employees, 32 part-time employees, teams of seasonal teen workers and over 330 volunteers. In its 24 years of service, SSJNN has carried out a range of initiatives that exhibit its capacity to impact change. Projects have included countless collaborations, and the organization has earned a reputation for successful execution of strategic neighborhood plans, local and municipal grants, and management of many programs, donors, and volunteers.

The SSJNN provides programs and projects in community Development, Community Services, Revitalization and Stabilization, and Arts & Culture.



Sr. Phyllis Hilbert and Jenn Kennedy

The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation was pleased to award a \$50,000 grant toward an \$80,000 Legacy Documentary Project to capture the incredible stories of the Sisters. With this project, SSJNN served as the main project coordinator with a tremendous creative partnership with MenajErie Studio - located just one block away from SSJNN's Little Italy office and creators of several award-winning documentaries at film festivals across the country. In addition, the entire SSJ community, including a steering committee of SSJ Leadership, Sisters, sponsored ministry leaders, and other identified stakeholders told stories of the Sisters in this region to preserve their legacy.

Susannah Faulkner, SSJNN Development Director, shared "Jessica and her MenajErie team spent countless hours at the Community Living Center, at the ministries, and out in the community capturing stories about the Sisters' 165-year legacy in Northwestern PA. We cannot wait to share the documentary with everyone!"



Flower gardens and murals in the neighborhood network footprint.



Saint Mary's Home of Erie, one of the Sisters' ministries, was established in 1883. The Sisters continue their work through communion visits, as board members, and spending quality time with the residents.

Thank you, Saint Mary's Home of Erie, for your loving-to-care approach to your senior residents.



St. James Haven

779 N. Main Street
Meadville, PA 16335
www.stjameshaven.org

St. James Haven in Meadville, PA is an outreach ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania. In keeping with the Sisters' mission of 'unity of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God without distinction,' St. James Haven provides a place of welcome, refuge, food, and comfort for homeless men each night.

In 2023, St. James started a Third Thursday "Drive-Thru" Community Dinner, in which they offer our local community a delicious, home-cooked meal in exchange for a donation. Samantha Stump, Executive Director, reports "This has been a tremendously successful



Take out the old...



Bring in the new!



endeavor and, as a new income stream, has moved us forward to focus on our long-term objective to renovate the shelter."

The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation was pleased to partner

with Samantha and the St. James Haven Board in 2024 with a \$34,000 grant toward a complete kitchen renovation. "The Foundation is pleased to support this ministry," says Cathy Fresch, SSJMMF Chief Vision Officer and Grant Committee member, "building St. James' capacity to do their good work every day for the men they serve."



Foundation Team members Almi and Carleen (ends), with St. James Board member Kim Adsit, and Executive Director Samantha Stump.



Drive-thru Community Dinner guest with Samantha Stump.



St. Patrick's Haven

239 East 12th St.
Erie, PA 16503
www.stpatrickshaven.org

*Happy 40th Anniversary
1984 to 2024*

For over 40 years, St. Patrick's Haven has provided a place of welcome, nightly shelter, food, comfort, and friendship to men experiencing homelessness. Each year, they serve 250 guests who need a safe place to sleep.

In honor of the Sisters and the loving work of St. Patrick's Haven for their guests, Shelby Folga, Executive Director, requested two projects totaling \$30,000:

Summer 2024: Haven Backyard Revitalization – a secure outdoor area with a new 6' fence, 10' x 10' slab for stability and easy of cleanliness, a pavilion offering overhead coverage to protect guests from inclement weather, two benches for seating, and a stationery ash tray to mitigate smoking-related risks and littering.

Winter 2024: St. Patrick's Haven's 40th Anniversary Guest Blessing Bags – purchase and distribute 60 Blessing Bags with essential winter items for guests, providing tangible support and acknowledging their importance during this milestone celebration.

Thank you to Sr. Mary Fromknecht, SSJ, and the Board of Directors for assembling the bags with care.



Friend and donor Kate Sullivan, Agrégée Deb Seng, and Sr. Moira Sullivan wrap presents for St. Patrick's Haven guests.



Cass Shimek, Leadership Liaison, Shelby Folga, Executive Director, and Sr. Carol Morehouse, SSJ Leadership

ENEZ CÉLÉBRER! Soirée



Over 130 Sisters and donors celebrated the SSJ Founders Day at the first-ever VENEZ CÉLÉBRER! Soirée on Oct. 19. Jubilant camaraderie and delicious food and drink filled the time together as we marked 164 years of the SSJ mission and charism in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Sisters who participate in a biweekly art class with artist Lee Steadman - as part of GAMESts - Gardening, Art, Music, and Exercise for the Sisters - displayed their paintings in their very own 'Montmartre' in the heart of Paris!

Guests could select a painting that called to them or was

painted by a Sister who made an impact on their lives. Donations to the Foundation to support the Sisters' GAMESts program totaled \$4,230 from 32 donors.



Srs. Martha Howick, Colette Palmer, and Linda Fusco with GAMESts artist and teacher Lee Steadman.

A special thank you to

Jack and JoAnne Bertges for sending a case of their favorite wine all the way from California. It made the event extra special for all who attended. Merci à tous!

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MISSION & MINISTRIES FOUNDATION
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ALMI.CLERKIN@SSJERIE.ORG
MERCI BEAUCOUP!



Norma Hiller, Activities Director, and Sr. Catherine Manning don their french attire for a fun afternoon.



VENEZ CÉLÉBRER! Soirée



Srs. Peggy O'Brien, Angela Marie Servidea, and Marjorie Adams



Srs. Michele Healy and Rosemary O'Brien



Jean Clemente and Cathy Freshch greet our guests.



Sr. Mary Fromknecht and friend Claire Petruso



Joe Rys and his wife, Chris, with Sr. Clare Marie Beichner



Sr. Marie Timmons, Archivist, and Almi



Carleen Onuschak, Foundation Team, displays a painting by Sr. Mary Francis Becker (1940-2019).



Christine and Warren Beaver thank Sr. Catherine Manning and all the SSJ for their decades of prayerful love and service.

Florida Donor Visits

Top right: On the Road Again! In March, Almi had the opportunity to visit some of our Florida donors. Pictured left is Dr. Mary Kruszewski, OBGYN, VMA '67, and Marilyn Kendall, Ph.D., VMA '65, VMC '69. We enjoyed a lovely lunch in The Villages with SSJ supporters Sue and Jim Latham.

Bottom left: It's a small world after all! As Michele & Carl Carlotti met Almi for lunch in Orlando, who walked by but Jim Rutkowski, Jr.! You can meet friends of the Sisters everywhere!

Bottom right: Bon moment! Capt. Eileen MacKrell (USN) Ret., VMA '73, asked that I pass on a big 'Merci!' to Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ, for sharing her love of French. Eileen spent one-month in total emersion at the Ville Franche Institute (2023).



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Thank you!

2024 Grants to the Sisters

*Thanks to a wonderful grant from **SOAR! - Serving Our Aging Religious** - the Sisters were awarded \$38,874 for an updated Emergency Call System and 15 upgraded I-PADs and Cases.*

The Emergency Call System includes:

- upgrades to 35 receiver locations inside and outside the Community Living Center
- new, battery-operated pendants for 2024 and 2025
- a new computer and a Central Alarm Receiver (CAR), sending a pendant signal to the nurses and nurse aides
- a database that restores all receiver, pendant, and pull-cord programming, plus an uninterrupted power supply and testing

The 9th Generation 15 I-PADs with 256-GB Memory and Otterbox Symmetry Cases:



15 new I-PADs

In 2020, SOAR! helped the SSJ purchase Apple I-PADS for all the Sisters who live at the Community Living Center through their COVID Emergency Grant Cycle. In 2024, SOAR! supported the SSJ request and received an upgrade to 15 new I-PADS. The Foundation will support the next 15 I-PADS in 2025. Since COVID, personal ownership of digital tech is on the rise with the Sisters. There is an uptick in their willingness to include technology in their daily

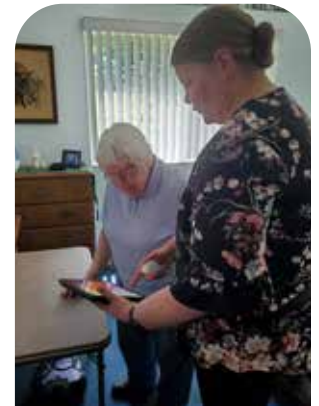
lives while enjoying the increased opportunities for individual learning and shared programming.



JV Electronics technicians upgrade and install the Emergency Call System.



Sr. Margaret Frank wearing her Emergency Pendant.



Sr. Dorothy Wilwohl and IT Director Vickie Pangratz discuss new I-PAD features.

SSJMMF Support of the Sisters

In addition to helping with the Marycrest flooring, the Foundation supported the following 2024 projects for the Sisters:

- Removal of five dead trees on the campus
- Purchased patio furniture for seasonal, outdoor dining, partnering with the VMA Class of 1976
- Installed a spiral staircase on the Administration Building patio for a second entrance/exit

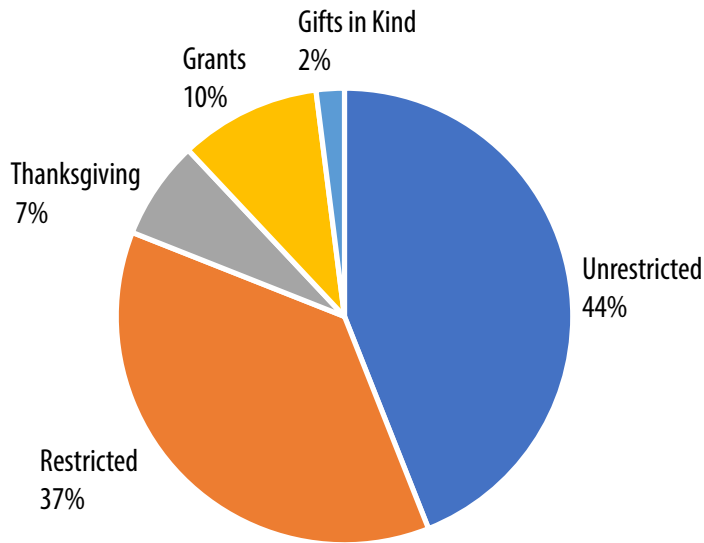
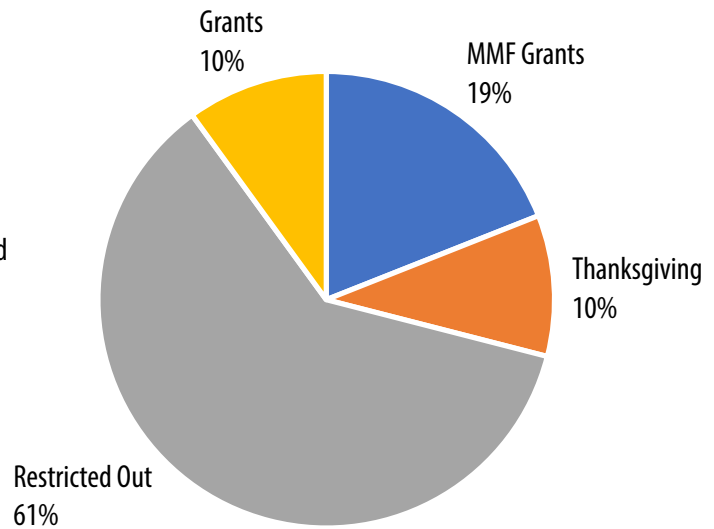
The Sisters chose to replace the flooring in the Marycrest Dining Room with a generous \$5,000 grant from the Norbert Hardner Foundation.



With support from the Foundation donors and the Hardner Foundation Grant, the Marycrest Dining Room floor was replaced.



Sr. Nancy Sonnenfeld enjoys meals in the Marycrest Dining Room.

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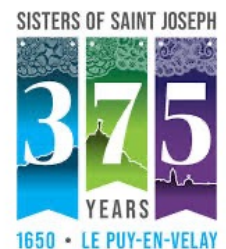
2025 marks the 375th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph who began their ministry in Le Puy, France, in 1650.

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faith and purpose of the
Sisters' lives and work with your **annual gift**.

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November 27 **37th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
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December 2 **#iGiveCatholic**



In 2024, \$4,100 was donated from 13 donors on December 3, including a \$750 prize supported by an anonymous donor. Our thanks goes to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest PA, and Elizabeth Rathburn, Catholic Foundation Development Associate, for coordinating this special donor day.

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