

FOUNDATION NEWS

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY TRIVIA BELOW!

(Answers on page two.)



♥ True or false: St. Valentine is the patron saint of numerous things, including beekeepers and travelers.

♥ ♥ Who wrote the 1375 poem, "Parliament of Foules," commonly believed to be the first record that depicts Valentine's Day as a romantic day?



♥ ♥ ♥ Which company created Sweetheart Candies?

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ Who is credited with publishing the first commercial valentine in the United States?



♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ February 14 is celebrated as National Chocolate Day in which country?



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Thank you for being our Valentine as you share your love and kindness with the Sisters and their ministries through the Foundation! Please see the attached donor list!



2025 marked the most delivered Thanksgiving dinners in the 37 years of serving a holiday meal to our neighbors: 1,724. Thanks to the generosity of our Sisters, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and partners, we will continue to meet this need together.

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The Foundation received a lovely note from Sindy Biernacki, who lives in CA. Her son, Henry, died in April 2025. He had a once-in-a-lifetime experience meeting Mother Teresa, three days before she passed in 1997. His book, A Steppe Away, is Henry's personal journey to 160 countries. Thank you, Sindy, for gifting us this treasure. The book is available in the Sisters' Library.

Holiday Trivia Answers:

- ♥ True
- ♥ ♥ English Poet, Geoffrey Chaucer
- ♥ ♥ ♥ Confectionery Company (Necco)
- ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ Esther Howland...1848:
She started selling valentines in her hometown of Worcester, MA. She used colorful paper and lace to create her cards. Esther was given the nickname...
"Mother of the American Valentine."
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