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150th Jubilee

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Sisters prepare for the

Beatification

of Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel

“Patience! Patience! My dear Savior, come soon!” With these words, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel prepared to meet her Spouse. After her death on February 6, 1905, her Sisters were confident that they now had a new intercessor before the throne of God. More than a century later, this confidence was affirmed by the Church when Pope Francis approved a “Decree of Miracle” on March 27, 2013. With this approval of the miraculous healing of a young boy from Colorado Springs, CO, the Community anticipates the beatification of our foundress on November 10, 2013.

The process towards sainthood began more than 50 years ago, so we rejoice that God in His Providence has bestowed this gift during the Year of Faith and our 150th Jubilee. At her death, the Superior wrote to the Sisters of her place in heaven, “There, at the source of divine love and grace, she undoubtedly has met a great multitude of her glorified Sisters with whom she will plead for blessings and salvation for her Sisters still on earth.” We join all of our Sisters on earth and in the heavenly kingdom in giving thanks to God for this great gift.

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and Windows*

JUBILEE 2013

From the Desk of the Provincial

Dear Friends,

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration continue to commemorate the 150th Jubilee of our Congregation. The news that Mother Maria Theresia will be beatified in November is a very special Jubilee gift. This has been a daily prayer intention of the Sisters for over fifty years, and to think it will soon become a reality is hard to believe. We have received requests from people all over the world asking for prayers through the intercession of Mother Maria Theresia. What a privilege it is to share this joy with so many! It's not by accident that this also coincides with the "Year of Faith" declared by Pope Benedict.

I am also humbled by the deep faith of our nine Sisters who celebrate their own Jubilees this year. These Sisters who are featured in this issue have faithfully followed in the footsteps of Mother Maria Theresia for 50, 60, 75, and even 80 years. We are grateful to them and continue to learn from their wisdom and example each day.

Also featured in the center of this issue is our home at Mount Alverno. It was a dream of Mother Benigna to have a convent large enough to accommodate the Sisters living at the motherhouse plus those Sisters coming in for retreat. Construction was initially delayed because of WWII but her dream became a reality on July 16, 1947. We are so grateful for our home at Mount Alverno, where the young Sisters can be formed, where the senior Sisters can enjoy the more contemplative years of their life, where the primary apostolate of Perpetual Adoration can occur, and where all the Sisters of the Province can come "home" for gatherings. It has also become a place where we welcome our co-workers and visitors with Franciscan hospitality.

May God bless each of you during these summer months with peace and joy!

Sister M. Angela



"Since devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was the abiding love of her life, we can surmise her fervent outpourings before the tabernacle in this cloister chapel. Her visits multiplied steadily, and the almost unconscious self-oblation of her First Communion Day now found a realization far beyond her years."

From the Wounds of St. Francis

DID YOU KNOW . . .



Professor of Medicine, author, and adult stem cell researcher, Dr. Keith L. March, M.D., Ph.D. was admitted to the University of Saint Francis in Ft. Wayne when he was twelve years old! In May, Dr. March gave the commencement speech at the University and urged the graduates to keep their knowledge planted in God. Here he is pictured with Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch.

Jubilee 2013



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets the Jubilarians before Mass.



Golden Jubilarians, Sister Eileen, Sister Dolores Anne, and Sister Rachel.



Sister Alfreda celebrates 80 years as a religious.



Bishop Rhoades greets Sister Mary Florence.



Sister Imelda (front) and Sister Raphael celebrate.



Sister Andrew celebrates 60 years as a religious.



From left to right standing: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Sister M. Imelda (75 years); Sister M. Rachel, Sister M. Dolores Anne, and Sister M. Eileen (50 years); Sister M. Raphael, Sister M. Andrew, and Sister M. Timothy (60 years); (sitting) Sister M. Alfreda and Sister Mary Florence (80 years).

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The Provincialate

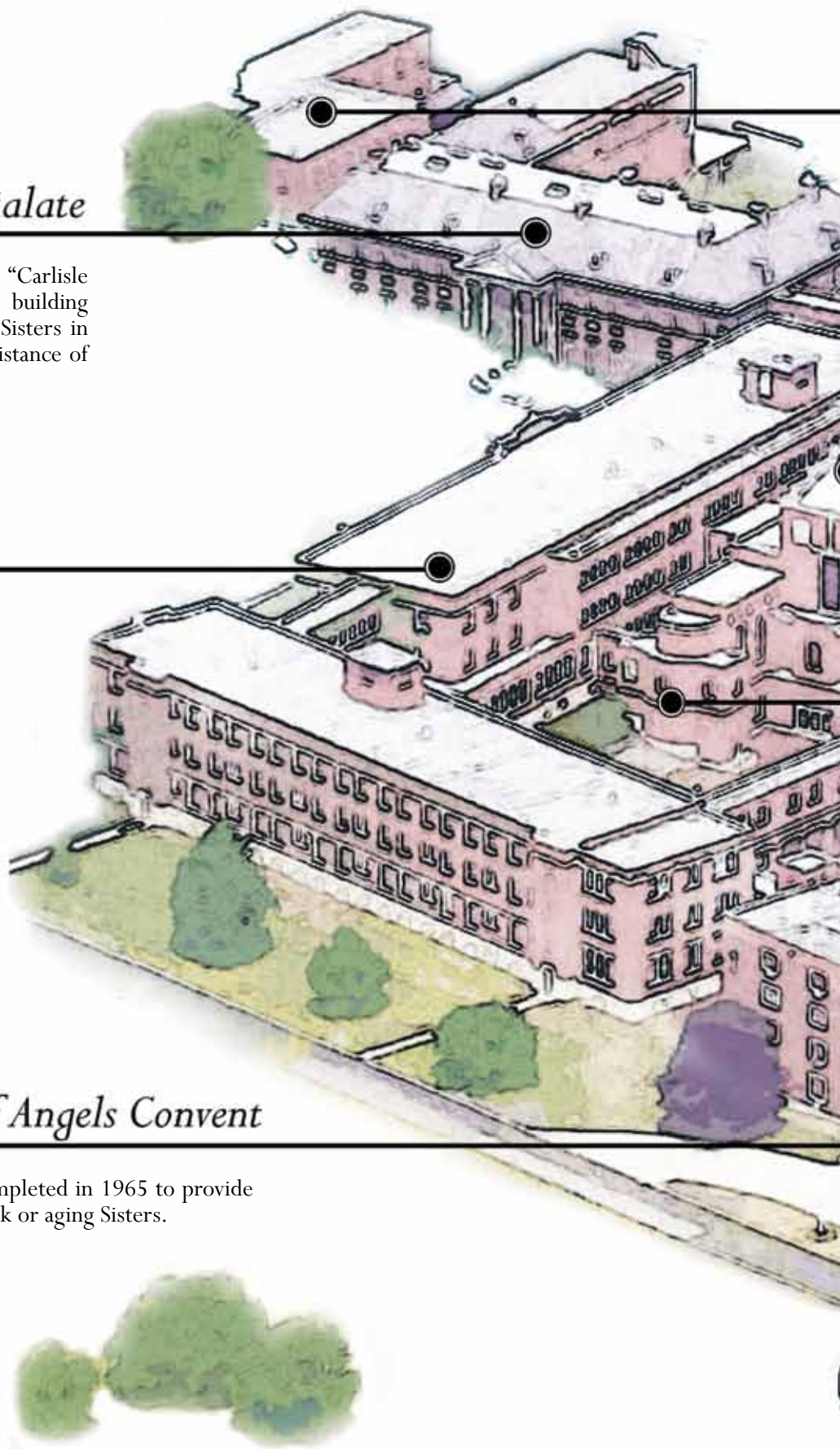
Built in 1919 as the “Carlisle Manor,” this historic building was acquired by the Sisters in 1943 through the assistance of Bishop Noll.

St. Francis Convent

The Sisters living at our main convent, completed in 1950, serve their Sisters and guests in many capacities. Inside the cornerstone were placed a statue of St. Joseph, a Sacred Heart badge, a picture of Mother Maria Theresia, and the names of the Sisters currently stationed at the Motherhouse.

Our Lady of Angels Convent

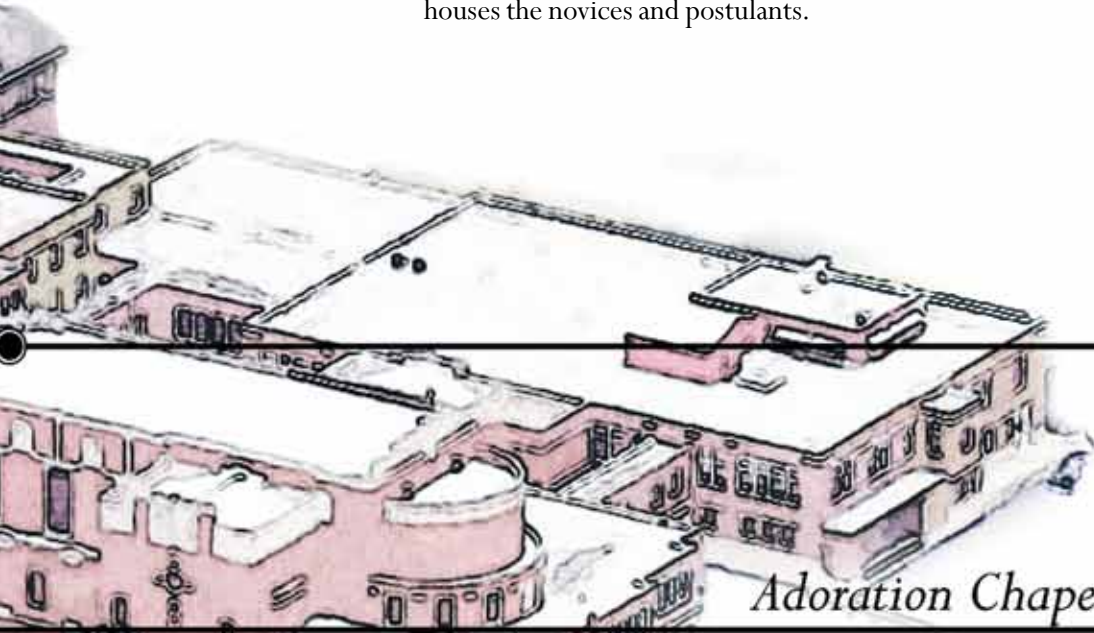
This building was completed in 1965 to provide loving care for our sick or aging Sisters.



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Saint Clare Center

Originally servants' quarters for the Carlisle Estate, this building houses the novices and postulants.

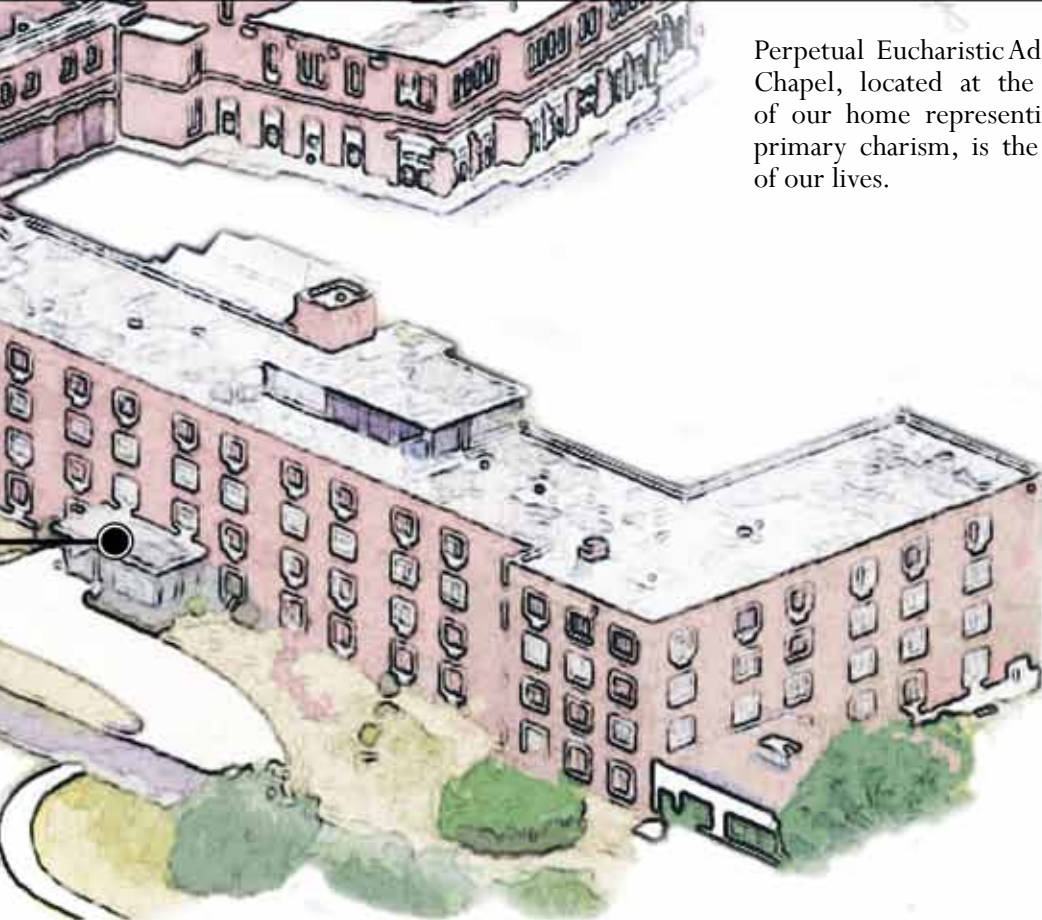


St. Francis Chapel

Throughout the year, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass unites the entire Congregation. St. Francis Chapel was dedicated to St. Francis on June 12, 1952 by Bishop John Francis Noll. Windows depicting the life of St. Joseph, originally from St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis, TN, were installed in 2002.

Adoration Chapel

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, located at the center of our home representing our primary charism, is the center of our lives.





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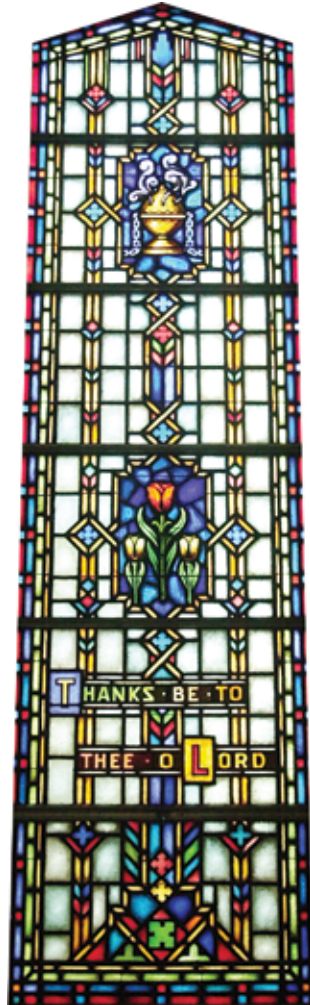
*Combining the Contemplative Life with the Active
in Perpetual Adoration and Works of Mercy*

Adoration Chapel Windows: The four stained glass windows in the Adoration Chapel are symbolic of the four ends of prayer: adoration, thanksgiving, petition, and reparation. Each window also features a flower with special significance.



My Lord and My God

This window depicts Adoration. The lilac's delicate scent represents prayers poured out continuously in loving adoration of God.



Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord

This window depicts prayer of thanksgiving. The flaming tulips suggest the Divine Fire of Love of the Trinity, the Source of all good.



O Lord, Hear my Prayer

This window depicts prayer of intercession. The sunflower, whose gaze follows the sun along its course from dawn to dusk, symbolizes our unceasing prayers offered to God day and night.



O Lord, I am not worthy

This window depicts penitential prayer. The thorny holly leaves along with the red berries suggest the wounds and blood of our Lord.

Our Life in Pictures



Sister Petra (left) and Sister Anna Joseph recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Franciscan University of Steubenville, respectively. Sister Petra earned a Masters in Business Administration, while Sister Anna Joseph earned a Masters in English Education.



Sister Rose Agnes was presented with a Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Saint Francis by Sister M. Elise, President.



Sister Lois and the Postulants, Angela and Patricia visited several of our Lafayette-area missions. They are pictured here with Sister Julie Marie and a co-worker at Franciscan St. Elizabeth Heath.



Students from St. Anthony de Padua School visited the Sisters at Our Lady of the Angels Convent. The students paused for a photo with Sister Arlene after giving her a daisy.



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Mission Statement

We, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, participate in the mission of the Roman Catholic Church by living the Gospel after the example of Saint Francis and our foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. We strive to combine the contemplative life with the active through perpetual adoration and the works of mercy in education, healthcare, and other ecclesial ministries.

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