



Together we live the Legacy that is The Daughters of Divine Charity.

Heartfelt Gratitude for Gifts

As many of you know, the Sisters have spent their lives giving to God's people through their ministries. Many of those who received the love of the Sisters shower them with gifts during the Christmas season.

Although we have already entered into the New Year, the Sisters' home is still brimming with joy, happiness, and love; and even sweet treats, cards, and flowers. Nothing boosts the Sisters' spirits as much as these special presents from loved ones and former students.

Well, there is one exception. No matter where the Sisters are living, how they are feeling, or what other duties are still on their to do lists, they stop and enjoy their time when children from their missions visit to sing carols and share hugs with them over a cup of hot cocoa.

In addition to the gratitude for the holiday presents, the Sisters have also expressed a deep, heartfelt thanks to those donors that responded to the Christmas appeal to assist with the operating costs of the missions in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and California.

The Sisters' Development Office will be distributing the funds raised across five states and seven missions. In addition, a portion of the donated funds go directly to benefit the retired Sisters. As a result, the people of God served by these missions will continue receiving a superior education, a safe living environment, religious education, or care in their senior years. The Sisters continue to oversee these various missions, and the service is the same quality as in the past when the Sisters were the sole staff of these institutions.

As you are aware, the Sisters can never repay your generosity, but they can and will repay you in the spiritual realm. You and your loved ones are remembered daily in the grateful prayers of the Sisters.



Notes from The Editor...

This special edition of our newsletter has given us the chance to kick off the new year, 2017, with a thank you to all who have given so much to the Sisters. No gift, note, or kind word goes unnoticed. We are truly grateful.

As we move forward into 2017, we begin the countdown to our annual St. Joseph's Day celebration on Sunday, March 19th. We will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with a Mass and potluck dinner at the St. Joseph Hill Convent. The Sisters ask that you save the date! Look out for an invitation coming your way soon.

What else can you find in this newsletter? After celebrating its one year anniversary in October, the St. Joseph Retreat Center continues to thrive. With a variety of programs every month, there's a chance for everybody to visit the Retreat Center for one of our day programs or overnight retreats.

The Love of God, *Amor Dei*, defines the Daughters of Divine Charity. By remembering the Sisters in your will or estate plan, you choose to support their mission of love and care.

Finally, as such faithful supporters of the Daughters of Divine Charity, you can take a chance to win a week at a beach house in Belmar!

Retreat Center Continues to Thrive: Calendar of Events February to August

12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life

Facilitated by Grace Conte

Fee: \$20

February 7, March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6, July 11, and August 1 from 7-9pm

Join us in an environment of trust and safety that enables us to be transparent and receptive. We will integrate the universal principles of patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love in order to be motivated and inspired to carry hope forward.

Meditation Monday

Facilitated by Grace Daquila

Fee: \$20

February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12 from 7:30-9pm

Start your week off feeling refreshed, renewed and restored. The evening consists of faith sharing, reflection and prayer; it wouldn't be complete without coffee and dessert!

Come journey with others and experience a deeper, exciting personal relationship with God.

Fostering Collaboration in Ministry

Facilitated by Joanne Hall

Fee: \$25

Tuesday, February 28 from 1-3pm

How does a commitment to collaboration in ministry foster the work of the Body of Christ? During this workshop we will identify the obstacles preventing collaboration and explore ways to enhance relationships, build trust and strengthen our communities as we live out our call to mission and deeper spirituality.

Lenten Guided Retreat

Facilitated by Sister Gerrie Contento, MPF and

Sister Josita DiVita, FDC

Fee: \$200-\$250

Friday, March 24th through Sunday, March 26th

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by March 17th.

Midway through Lent, let us check the ground we are standing on, and turn our gaze to Jesus, to take the opportunity to enter more deeply into His heart. This weekend will provide you with time and silence for prayer, Eucharistic Liturgy, and a daily reflection offered by Sister Gerrie. Both Sister Gerrie and Sister Josita will be available for spiritual direction on Saturday, for those who wish to schedule a session.

The Mind of God Toward "Non Believers"

Facilitated by John DeLisa

Fee: \$25

Wednesday, April 26th from 6:30-8:30pm

"Outside the Church there is no salvation", is a belief held and taught by the Church Fathers of the early Church. In the 1960's the Church's Vatican II Council addressed this question, "What then is the destiny of the millions of Non Christians?" The Council, while remaining faithful to the Church's teaching, presented a fresh understanding and appreciation of the abundant mercy and goodness of our loving God. Come and open your minds and hearts to be touched by the mind and heart of God.

RSVP Today!

Book online, call, or email our main office to reserve your seat. Space is limited.



St. Joseph Retreat Center

850 Hylan Boulevard

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SJRetreatCenter.org



Vacation Raffle, Win a Week in Belmar!



Need a summer vacation?

We are pleased to announce the Vacation Raffle is being offered for the second time this year.

Tickets are \$100 per chance.

Take a chance to enjoy a week in Belmar!

Beach House Highlights:

Comp. Value- \$5,500

1.5 blocks from the beach ▪ 6 bedrooms with 8 twin beds ▪ 3.5 baths ▪ washer/dryer ▪ garage ▪ 4 car driveway ▪ full kitchen ▪ screened in side porch ▪ outdoor patio ▪ grill

Please detach and return no later than May 31st

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Prize drawing June 1st. ▪ Winners will be contacted immediately.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For information contact: ecotter@stjhill.org

Wednesday 6/28- Wednesday 7/5
Limited to 500 Tickets

\$100 x # =\$

Total Due (June-July Week)=\$

Thursday 8/31- Thursday 9/7
Limited to 500 Tickets

\$100 x # =\$

Total Due (Aug.-Sept. Week)=\$

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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