

Gazette
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THE
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GUILD

Dedicated to aiding the Little Sisters of the Poor in the operation of Saint Augustine Home

A Message from Debbie Simmons, President of the St. Augustine Guild.

The theme for this year's **Hats Off to Spring Luncheon** fundraiser will be *The Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters of the Poor*. Over the past eight months, I have seen this spirit demonstrated by Guild members who, in addition to volunteering for the longstanding activities and services, volunteered to help with additional ones to help the Little Sisters and the Residents of St. Augustine Home. These new activities and services were the Turkey Drop, the Christmas Baking Project, and the Parish Collection Weekends.

The Guild's Christmas Party for the Residents brought out this *Spirit of Love* in so many ways. Our Chairwoman, Helen Dammann, dealt with many last-minute surprises. When Santa cancelled the day before due to illness, Helen miraculously found a Santa suit, and Jim Bagnoli (Angie's husband) stepped in as Santa. St. Theodore Guerin High School Choir and Orchestra gave a splendid performance for the Sisters and Residents. My most memorable moment was witnessing many of the choir members mingling and visiting with the Residents while the set up for the show was occurring. To top it off, a Guerin choir member, Therese, offered to return with her family on Christmas Day to perform for the Residents. And on Christmas Day, Therese, with her mother on keyboards, sang Christmas tunes for 45 minutes and then gave gifts to each of the attending Residents.

As a Guild, our hands are guided by our mission to be "dedicated to aiding the Little Sisters of the Poor in the operation of the Saint Augustine Home," our hearts are guided by "The Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters," and we are reminded by the sign in the lobby of the Home to make our actions be "Love Made Visible." Share the story of the Guild with others. After hearing it, who wouldn't want to be a part of it?

Upcoming Scheduled Events - Refer to Your Guild Roster for Details

Coffee Meeting and Mass for the Deceased Guild Members - February 7th

Coffee Meeting - March 7th

Day of Reflection - March 14th

Hats Off to Spring Luncheon and Style Show Fundraiser - May 2nd

Spring Luncheon Meeting and Installation of New Officers - June 6th

PLEASE READ - VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

WE NEED A TREASURER FOR THE 2018-2019 BUSINESS YEAR

The Guild needs a member to volunteer to be the Treasurer for the 2018-2019 business year. No one has stepped up to volunteer for this position and this situation threatens the future of the Guild. **Without a treasurer the Guild is not able to take in money or pay expenses. Essentially, the Guild cannot function as it normally would.** The treasurer's position will require someone with bookkeeping experience, knowledge of the financial requirements of a 501(c)(3) organization, and familiarity with Excel and accounting software, such as Quicken. Trish Damler has faithfully served as the Guild's treasurer for 3 years, and she is making herself available to help the new treasurer transition into the role for the first few months of the 2018-2019 business year. If you have these skills, please contact JoAnne Spellman @ (317) 965-8279 to volunteer.

News From The Sisters....

Dear Guild Members,

We hope you and your loved ones had a blessed Christmas season. Thanks to your generosity and kindness, our Residents enjoyed some wonderful events during the holidays. Your very special Christmas party and your annual "Twelve Days of Christmas" really made our Residents happy. They always look forward to your special events for them and we are truly blessed with ALL you do for us – year round!

Thank you for your generous check in the amount of \$12,909.16 from your Christmas Bazaar. Lanagan Hall really glowed with an abundance of special decorative gifts on display along with many sweets and treats. We greatly appreciate your love and dedication in making this such a very successful event every year to help us lovingly care for our Residents.

In October we welcomed our New chaplain – **Archabbot Lambert Reilly** – There is something in the Irish accent that gives comfort, especially when it comes from a Roman Catholic priest. We have that blessing here at St. Augustine Home in our own Archabbot Lambert Reilly who is now a cherished member of our 'little family'.

We were also blessed with a New Little Sister – **Sister Erin Mary** from New Zealand who arrived in November. The new year, 2018, is treating us well already, as we welcome **Sr. Angela Clare Marie**, a novice from our novitiate in New York. As a novice, Sr. Angela will have six weeks of apostolic training, and we are blessed to have her here with us.

2018 also marks 150 years since the Little Sisters arrived on American soil. While the Little Sisters did not arrive in Indianapolis for another five years, we remember with gratitude those first Little Sisters who prepared the path for many other Little Sisters to follow, which opened our doors to many elderly finding comfort and solace in our homes since 1868.

We look forward to joining you on Wednesday, February 7th for your Annual Mass for Deceased Members of the Guild and their immediate families. Please know all of you are remembered in our daily prayers. Every day I learn more and more of the wonderful things the Guild does for the home, the Residents and the Little Sisters. Your thoughtfulness and dedication are exemplary. YOU ARE A GIFT TO US! God bless you for ALL you continue to do to make St Augustine's Home such a loving Home for our dear Residents. Everyone here wishes you a happy, healthy and holy New Year.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Mother Francis Gabriel and all the Little Sisters

Upcoming Day of Reflection

When: March 14, 2018

Where: St. Augustine Home

Cost: \$15.00 (Please may your checks payable to "SAG" and send them to Tricia Damler, 11813 Rolling Springs Drive, Carmel, IN 46033

Your check will serve as your reservation. **Reservations must be paid in advance.** Deadline for reservations is **Thursday, March 1, 2018**

Schedule for Day of Reflection:

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Program begins

11:00 Mass

12:00 Lunch

2:30 Program ends

Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB, will be our presenter. He is a Benedictine monk and the former Archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. He served as Archabbot from June 2, 1995 to December 15, 2004. After his tenure as archabbot, he returned to his work of preaching and giving retreats. For more than 40 years, Archabbot Lambert has distinguished himself as a retreat director and speaker on issues of spirituality and prayer. He has given countless retreats, in particular to groups of bishops, priests and sisters, and has conducted parish missions throughout the nation. He has been a frequent retreat master for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in the United States and Indiana.

He is the author of two books, *Because There Is Jesus* (Abbey Press, 1997), a collection of his homilies and conferences; and *Latin Sayings for Spiritual Growth* (Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2001), a compilation of spiritual reflections on his favorite Latin sayings and New Testament.

We look forward to your attendance at this day as anyone who has ever heard Archabbot Lambert Reilly O.S.B. speak knows his talks will be something very special and riveting.

Susan McIntosh
(317) 938-8950

The Little Sisters Have an Immediate Need That We Can Meet

Mother Francis Gabriel has requested our help in supplying St. Augustine Home with copier paper. This is a need we can easily meet if everyone would go to your nearest office supply store, such as Staples, Office Max, Kinko's, Costco, and purchase several reams of **copier paper**. One ream of letter-sized (8.5" x11") copier paper usually costs between \$6.00 - \$9.00. Many stores will have their generic brand on sale. You can drop off the paper at the Home the next time you volunteer, or you can bring it to the Coffee Meeting on February 7th prior to the Mass for the Deceased Members. Please help the Little Sisters meet this need.

Time to Start Getting Revved-Up about our Major Fundraiser for the Little Sisters

The 2018 *Hats Off to Spring Luncheon and Style Show Fundraiser* will be the Guild's 50th HOTS and plans are underway to make it a fun and the most profitable one yet. The planning and leadership of this HOTS has a new format that is working well to distribute the large amount of work required to put on this event and to assure efficient and effective communication among the volunteers. The administrative leadership team consists of Debbie Simmons, Debbie Cragen, Sylvia Purichia, and Christy Troxell. Each of these individuals has responsibility for collaborating with the leads and volunteers that organize and work the different components of the event. The breakdown of responsibilities are as follows:

- **Debbie Simmons** - Collaborating with Joanne Dyer to finalize the logistics of the event with the Ritz Charles, with Dennis Glanders to provide music, and with Susan Spafford to organize the fashion show.
- **Debbie Cragen** - Collaborating with a new team of 12 Guild Members and Dottie Eveleigh to secure corporate sponsorships and with Angie Bagnoli to secure Patron sponsors.
- **Sylvia Purichia** - Collaborating with Angie Bagnoli to finalize the gaming activities at the event, with Dottie Eveleigh to develop the invitations and event program, and with Sally Littlejohn on publicity of the event.
- **Christy Troxell** - Collaborating with Nancy Wilberding, Donna Schelonka, and Sara Wissler on the Silent Auction, and with Joanne Dyer and Sherry Porter on the Reservations & Hospitality.

The leadership team will keep the Guild membership informed of progress, and volunteer opportunities via future email, phone calls, and updates in the April 2018 Gazette. Our financial goal is to net **\$60,000** to help the Little Sisters of the Poor purchase the required beds and locking bedside cabinets for the residents at St. Augustine Home. Here is the overview of the 2018 HOTS.

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m. — Silent Auction begins followed by Luncheon and Style Show at 12 Noon

Where: Ritz Charles, 12156 North Meridian Street, Carmel, Indiana

Theme of 2018 HOTS: *The Spirit of Love for the Little Sisters of the Poor*

Entertainment: Music by Dennis Glanders and Fashions by The Secret Ingredient

Cost: \$55 per person

Please direct any questions about this year's HOTS Luncheon and Style Show fundraiser to Christy Troxell via email at Christy.troxell@att.net or (317) 345-3459

A Tisket A Tasket, We Need Silent Auction Baskets

Gift baskets are popular items in the Silent Auction at the HOTS Luncheon Fundraisers. Last year, the Guild raised \$967 from gift baskets alone. Our goal this year is to raise **\$1400** from the gift baskets, and we need 25 baskets of different themes to do this. This is an opportunity for Guild members to be creative and work together to make a basket. For more information contact Donna Schelonka at (H): (317) 844-7837 or (C): (317) 697-3812.

Please Remember the Deceased in Your Prayers

Patricia Manley - Entered into eternal life on December 23rd. She had been a Guild member since 1984. Her obituary can be viewed at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/patricia-manley-obituary?pid=187632705&view=guestbook>

Donald McHolland - Entered into eternal life on January 11th. He was the husband of Guild member Theresa McHolland. His obituary can be viewed at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?n=donald-r-mcholland&pid=187839587&fhid=10947>

Please Keep the Following Guild Members in Your Prayers

Mary Malatesta - Guild member since 1989.

Faye DiNardo - Guild Member since 2013 and mother of Joanne Spellman. Also note a change of address for Mrs. DiNardo. Her address is: 11851 Cumberland Rd., Apt. 215, Fishers, In 46037

Message from the Editor: Any questions about the content, selection of content, or delivery of the *Gazette* should be directed to me, Christy Troxell, at Christy.troxell@att.net or at (317) 345-3459. The next *Gazette* will be published in April 2018. Please submit submissions for that edition by March 15, 2018 via email to me.

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