

# NEWS FROM HOME

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## A FEW WORDS FROM SISTER M. STEPHANIE

Dear Friends,

As spring comes rolling in, we are preparing for a special event for our Sisters and for the Mother of Good Counsel Home. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit of Mother M. Anselma Dinner. Mother M. Anselma was the foundress of our Community, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. Each year we present the Mother M. Anselma Award to someone who exemplifies some of the maxims or famous sayings of our foundress. In this Year for Priests, we have chosen to honor all priests. *For more information about the Spirit of Mother M. Anselma Dinner, please see the insert on page 4.*



Statues of Mother M. Anselma, Father Dall and village children in Thuine, Germany.

Priests have played an essential role in the history of the Mother of Good Counsel Home as pastors, residents and wonderful supporters. They have also played a crucial part in our Community from the very beginning. The priest who was most important in the founding of our Congregation was Father Gerhard Dall, who invited our Sisters to work in the village of Thuine, Germany. Together, Father Dall and Mother M. Anselma responded to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the founding of our Congregation which followed after St. Francis of Assisi.

Our respect for priests has a strong foundation in the teachings of St. Francis. He said to us, his followers, "We should visit churches often and show great reverence for the clergy, not just for them personally, but because of their high office, for it is they who administer the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."

May we thank God for priests and pray for them together, that God may bless them in their lives of service to the Church:

*Lord Jesus, we your people pray to you for our priests. You have given them to us in our needs. We pray for them and their needs. Let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread. Amen. St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for us!*

Sincerely,

Sister M. Stephanie, F.S.G.M.

## From the Chaplain

Depending on what time of day you come around the Home, you can see staff members taking care of the basic necessities of life for our residents: making sure that they get into their rooms, even calling on the Franciscan Moving Company to bring them beds and chairs; helping them get up, washed, and dressed; helping to feed many of them at meals; helping them to the bathroom; cleaning their rooms and the corridors; giving them baths; helping them to go to the various activities available; dispensing medications throughout the day; cleaning and bandaging wounds; helping them to ready our garden now that spring is in the air; fixing their hair and giving haircuts; answering their bells and fetching what they need; answering their oft-repeated questions; listening to them; praying with them; getting them ready for bed. All generally done with patience and joy, even when the staff is tired and worn out. But these are just the staff you can see. There are also all the people in administration, dietary, physical therapy, maintenance, and laundry whom you generally do not see, but who are working behind the scenes to meet the needs of the residents, to fulfill our mission.

Residents tend to think that by coming to the Home they have lost control over their lives. They can't do what they want, when and how they want. They think they are at the beck and call of staff. But after reading the above paragraph it should have become clear that it is really the staff that is at the beck and call of the residents, *servants* really.

In so doing *they are imitating the Lord Jesus* who on the night before he was put to death got up from the table where he was sharing a Passover meal with his disciples, poured water into a basin and then proceeded to wash and dry their feet, just as a *servant* would do. Simon Peter refused to let Jesus wash his feet, until Jesus said to him: "If I do not wash you, you can have no share with me." When Jesus finished, he said to them: "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you."

Day in and day out the example of the Lord Jesus is brought to real life by our staff, not just in ritual as many observed during Holy Thursday services in our parishes. May our residents see the face of the Lord Jesus in the people who care for them and care about them; may our staff, through their dying to self, see in the faces of our residents the Lord Jesus who loved his disciples to death. **CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!** -- Fr Ron



**MILESTONES  
BIRTHDAYS, NEW RESIDENTS,  
AND DEPARTURES**

*Welcome to New Residents*

*Mrs. Leora Emmerich  
Mr. William Emmerich  
Miss Betty White  
Mrs. Elizabeth Tringl  
Mr. Kenneth Baldwin*

*With Deepest Sympathy*

*Mrs. Billie Grasser  
Mrs. Patricia Stukel*

*April Birthdays*

Residents

*Mrs. Dorothy Peters - 1st  
Mrs. Mary McDermott - 3rd  
Mrs. Rosemary Flood - 8th  
Mrs. Betty Schaefer - 10th  
Mrs. Elizabeth Tringl - 19th  
Mrs. Exia Vaughn - 23rd*

Staff

*Joan Wright - 5th  
Lynn Brown - 10th  
Peggy McKinney - 10th  
Martha Strawbridge - 11th  
Jacqueline Mollison - 21st  
Mary Cook - 25th  
Debbie Edwards - 30th*

**Mass Intentions Offered at Mother of Good Counsel Home**

Our chaplain, Father Ron Chochol, is willing to accept Mass intentions to be fulfilled at the morning Masses he offers at the Home. All those connected in any way with our community can speak to Father Ron directly, mail the information to him at our address, or leave an envelope at the front desk with his name on it. Please provide the following information: the intention for which the Mass is to be said (if for a deceased person, please include name), date and time preferred, and the name and address of the donor. The usual stipend is \$5.00.

**Fundraising One Search or One Purchase at a Time!**

Check out [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) for your shopping needs online and [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) to search the internet.

**GoodSearch.com** donates 50% of its revenue, approximately a penny per search, to the charities designated by its users. Use it exactly as you would any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly – just 500 people searching four times a day will earn around \$7,300 in a year. It doesn't cost the users a thing!

Similarly with **GoodShop.com**, consumers are helping their favorite causes by shopping at hundreds of well known retailers including Amazon, Target, Apple, Macy's, Best Buy, Orbitz, Staples, and others. The shopping experience and the prices are exactly the same as going to the retailer directly, but by going through GoodShop, up to 37% of the purchase price is donated to the user's favorite cause!

Mother of Good Counsel Home recently registered with both sites, giving its supporters a chance to raise money for the Home every time they search the internet or shop online.

While doing a search or shopping online please make sure to indicate Mother of Good Counsel Home as your designated cause.

**Do You Need a Gift?**

There are gifts displayed in the showcase on the 1st floor across from the new elevator. The items found in the case are music CD's, cookbooks, home-made greeting cards, and various hand-made craft items. If you would like to purchase anything from the showcase, please see the Receptionist at the front desk.





**Cardinal Baseball Day  
"Home Opener"**  
St. Louis vs. Houston  
Monday - April 12th  
3:15 p.m.  
(doors open 2:45 p.m.)  
Activity Hall



All MOGCH residents, family, and friends are invited to come watch the game on the big screen and enjoy ball park food for supper. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Receptionist or one of the Activity Staff no later than Friday, April 9th.



**Spring Pot-Luck & Movie**  
Tuesday, April 20th  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Activity Hall

All MOGCH residents, family and friends are invited to join us for dinner and a movie. The Home will provide the meat, dessert, and drinks. Family and friends are asked to bring a side dish to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Receptionist or one of the Activity Staff members, no later than Monday, April 19th.



**Nacho Day**  
Thursday, April 15th  
10:30 - 3:30  
Activity Kitchen



The Activity Department will be selling Nachos and Chili Dogs throughout the day. All staff members, residents, family and friends are



**Irish Dancers**  
Sunday, April 18th  
2:00 p.m.  
Physical Therapy Room

**Mark Your Calendar**

Cinco de Mayo Pot-Luck  
May 4th - 5:00 p.m. - Activity Hall

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Mother's Day Brunch  
May 9th - Following Mass - Activity Hall



**Sweet Treats**  
Friday - April 9th  
Friday - April 23rd



**Help Us Recycle**

- ☼ **Clothing:** A collection container that looks like a miniature yellow barn is located **next to the garages** just inside the gate leading to the back of the Home. If you have clothing to donate, please drive in, push button to open the gate, and drop off donations.
- ☼ **Used printer cartridges** (Laser and ink jet).
- ☼ **Cell phones** (Condition or age doesn't matter): If you have cell phones and/or printer cartridges, please drop them off at the front desk, give them directly to Rhonda Hansen or one of the activity staff members.

*Your support is greatly appreciated!*

**Reserving Rooms at the Home**

The following rooms are available for the residents and their guests to use: the **Activity Hall**, the **dens on 2nd, and 3rd floors**, and the **private dining rooms on 2nd and 3rd floors**. Reserve early, because there is a limited number of rooms available.

If at any time you would like to **reserve** one of these locations, please call the **1st Floor Receptionist** to reserve the Activity Hall, **2nd Floor Nurse's Station** to reserve 2nd Floor Den or Private Dining Room, and **3rd Floor Nurse's Station** to reserve the 3rd Floor Den or Private Dining Room.

**April Coming Events**

Rosary - every Wednesday      Baseball Day - 12th      Birthday Party - 14th      Nacho Day - 15th  
Irish Dancers - 18th      Spring Pot-Luck - 20th      Sing-A-Long - 23rd      Resident Round Table Meeting - 30th



### Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Mass

**Holy Thursday**

10:00 a.m. - Communion Rounds  
6:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**

10:00 a.m. - Communion Rounds  
3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday**

No Services today.

**Easter Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Mass

### Charter Communications Changes EWTN Channel

As many residents and families have seen, it is no longer possible to get EWTN on Channel 25 at the Mother of Good Counsel Home. Charter has changed the location of the station to Channel 152. Unfortunately, this channel is only able to be accessed if an individual leases a digital cable box from Charter. We will be installing one of these boxes in the Activity Hall. If a family is interested in leasing a box for their loved one for a nominal fee, please contact Kelly Klosowski at 314-383-4765 or [kellyk@mogch.org](mailto:kellyk@mogch.org).

### A Giving Heart

Have you ever experienced the desire to give to a cause in which you believe and support wholeheartedly, but in your day to day financial experience, do not always have the funds to do so?

Have you ever considered planned giving? This technique of arranging for gifts to a favorite charity makes it possible to plan for the future while leaving a lasting remembrance of your kindness.

A major way that the Mother of Good Counsel Home is able to provide for those in need is made possible by the support of generous donors. Please consider the Mother of Good Counsel Home in your estate planning, in the writing of your will, or in your charitable remainder trust or charitable lead trust. In order to establish such a gift, contact your financial advisor.

We thank you for your support of our mission: that the skilled nursing care we provide is done in the spirit of the Merciful Love of Christ, that the respect and dignity of the elderly may be upheld. God bless you!



***Spirit of Mother M. Anselma Dinner  
Sunday, May 16, 2010  
6:00pm  
Norwood Hills Country Club***

*Mother M. Anselma Award presented to all priests; accepted by Cardinal Justin Rigali.*

*Join us for an evening of cocktails, entertainment, dinner, and wonderful company in support of the Mother of Good Counsel Home. Sponsor a priest to show your support and appreciation.*

*Tickets: \$250.00 per person*

*Priests: \$150.00 per person*

*For more information, contact Connie Ortvals at [cortvals@mogch.org](mailto:cortvals@mogch.org) or at 314-383-4765.*

### Activity Department Request

As you do your spring cleaning, please keep us in mind. Listed below are a few items that we could use in the Activity Department.

**Mardi Gras beads and decorations**

**Easter decorations**

**Sombreros**

**Any seasonal/holiday decorations**

**Bingo Prizes**