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A FEW WORDS FROM SISTER M. STEPHANIE

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your condolences and prayers for Mom and all of our family after her death on April 25th. It meant so much to all of us.

This coming month we will be celebrating a most important group of people: our residents. This June will be Resident Recognition Month with the theme of "Residents: the Heart of our Home". We have many activities planned for the enjoyment of our residents, including Baseball Day, a Talent Show, Spa Day, an Ice Cream Social and much more! There will be some competitions to enliven the spirit, including decorating departments and Guess That Baby competition. If you have not submitted a resident baby picture for the competition, it's not too late.

Without our residents, where would we be? Well, jobless, bored, unfulfilled, and needing something fun to do. Thank you, residents, for helping us so much. You share your lives with us, your wisdom, your joys and your struggles. We are grateful for all of the ways in which you enrich our lives.

It is also in this month of June that we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the love that flows from the Heart of Christ that gives us the ability to serve with His merciful love and continue to be vessels of His compassion and grace. He has given us the opportunity to serve in this way at the Home for over 80 years now, and we pray that God continues to bless the work of our hands with great love and mercy. Each day, the Sisters offer all that the day entails to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May this Morning Offering be a source of strength and consolation in your own lives

*O Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, sufferings of this day,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the
world.*

*I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart:
the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, the reunion of
Christians;
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.
Amen.*

Sincerely,

Sister M. Stephanie

From the Chaplain

Recently, in the gospel at Mass, Jesus says: "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." Familiar? Certainly! Familiar too is the way most would explain what it means: After this life in time and space, if we have been faithful and free from sin at the time of our death, then we would know God directly for all eternity. Eternal life comes after death.

But this understanding doesn't reflect adequately what Jesus is telling us. There are two words that we need to explore. The first is "know." Generally we don't say that we know God. The Nicene Creed professes that we believe in God. We use the word "know" in contrast to guess, think, surmise, or believe. For us "know" is a strong word. When we say that people really know their stuff, we mean that they have mastered it. But John's gospel uses the word with almost the exact opposite meaning. We know God in John's sense, not when we master God, but when we let God, who wants to be present in and for and among us, embrace us in love and mercy, when we let every part of our life be touched by His love and grace, when we accept and delight in God's being at the very core of our being. We know God when we let God embrace us in love.

The second word is "eternal life." To convey more accurately the meaning of the Greek word usually translated "eternal life," other translations use "the age to come." The "age-to-come" reflects the Jewish context which used that phrase in contrast to "this age" to convey a time of renewal, redemption, freedom, all gifts from God. The age-to-come doesn't come after this age. *This age* is about how *we* want to live, *our* goals and objectives, *our* vision of life. *This age* is all about *us*. The *age-to-come* is *God's gift* of Himself in love and from that gift we learn how to live according to *His way*. They co-exist in time, but Jesus calls us out of "this age" into the "age-to-come." If we know God in the sense described above, then we are living in the age-to-come. This divine gift transforms our lives in time and over time. We are redeemed, renewed, and free. Because these are God's gifts, there is nothing we can do to earn them. But we can continue to grow in our relationship with God and be fruitful in sharing this life with others until the end of our earthly days and then beyond, because the presence of God leaves us only if we reject it. Those who are faithful to God's gift in the age-to-come in this life are drawn into life with God forever. There doesn't have to be an end to this relationship with God, this new kind of life. In this sense it is eternal. Eternal life begins now. May the Holy Spirit stir into flame this transforming love in our hearts! -- Fr. Ron



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

Welcome to New Residents

*Father William Overmann
Mr. Ed Schulte
Mrs. Louise Naumann*

With Deepest Sympathy

*Mrs. Dorothy Peters
Mrs. Nancy Belgeri
Mr. Gale Marler
Mrs. Ida Mary Henkler*

June Birthdays

Residents

*Mr. Harry Gleason - 1st
Mrs. LaMae Kempland - 1st
Ms. Marie Linehan - 3rd
Mr. Victor Elbert - 5th
Mr. William Emmerich - 9th
Mrs. Geraldine Adams - 12th
Mrs. Margaret Shaner - 13th
Mr. Arthur Krispin - 16th
Miss Rosemary Hennessy - 24th
Mrs. Thelma Espy - 30th*

Staff

*Tempestt Smith - 1st
Keisha Lyons-Mitchell - 2nd
Jessica Jones - 12th
Valeda Keys - 18th
Susan Loubek - 20th
Shyra Wilson - 21st
Patricia Morris - 22nd
Carla Lewis - 23rd
Jasmaa Grant - 29th
Bernice Lattimore - 30th
Brandi Thomas - 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.

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.

Fundraising One Search or One Purchase at a Time!

Check out www.goodshop.com for your shopping needs online and 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.

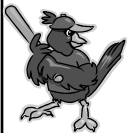
While doing a search or shopping online please make sure to indicate Mother of Good Counsel Home as your designated cause.

Do You Need a Gift Or A Card?



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.





Resident Recognition Month!
Cardinal Baseball Day
St. Louis vs. Arizona
Wednesday - June 30th
1:15 p.m.
 (doors open at noon)
Activity Hall



All MOGCH residents, staff members, family, and friends are invited to come watch the game on the big screen and enjoy ball park food for lunch. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Receptionist or one of the Activity Staff no later than Tuesday, June 29th.



June 2nd
2:30 p.m. – Prayer Service in the Chapel to start off this wonderful month.

June 9th
2:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social in the Activity Hall. Ice Cream, Cake, and Entertainment!

June 16th
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Spa Day in the Activity Hall. Come and get pampered!

June 23rd
10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Talent Show - Activity Hall
MOGCH Staff Members will entertain you with their wonderful talents. Please join us for the fun!

June 30th
Baseball Day (1:15 Game)
Doors open at 12:00 noon.
Join us for lunch and baseball!



We are doing a baby (or young person) picture guessing contest June 23rd - 30th. Please give us your picture. The resident and staff member who have the most answers correct will win a prize. We need pictures from residents and staff members.

Family and friends are invited to join us for any or all of the planned events. If you have any questions regarding the month, please contact Rhonda Hansen, Lynn Brown, or Maria Brown.



Nacho Day
Thursday, June 24th
10:30 - 3:30
Activity Kitchen



The Activity Department will be selling Nachos and Chili Dogs



Sweet Treats
Friday - June 4th
Friday - June 11th



Mark Your Calendar

BBQ Pot-Luck & Entertainment
Tuesday, July 13th
5:00 p.m.
Activity Hall



June Coming Events

Rosary - every Wednesday Pot-Luck - 8th Birthday Party - 9th Spa Day - 16th
 Sing-A-Long - 18th Talent Show - 23rd Nacho Day - 24th Resident Round Table Meeting - 25th Baseball Day - 30th

We Need Your Help!!



We need baby pictures of our residents. If you don't have a baby picture, a small child or teen picture would do. We are going to have trivia of sorts for our staff and residents. We will post the young pictures of our residents and staff members and give everyone the opportunity to try and guess who they are.

Here is how it works: 1) Put a copy of the picture in a sealed envelope. 2) Put all the resident's info inside the envelope, such as name and age. 3) If you would like the photo returned to you, please put your name, address and phone number on the inside of the envelope and we will return it to you. 4) Turn the envelopes in at the front desk or to Rhonda Hansen no later than June 14th.

This is one of the "fun things" we will be doing during Resident Appreciation Month.

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda at **extension 200** or via e-mail, **rhansen@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!

SAVE THE DATE



Tuesday, August 31, 2010
Golf Tournament
Norwood Hills Country Club
Shotgun Start—Noon

For more information, contact Connie at **cortbals@mogch.org** or 314-383-4765

Proceeds go to benefit the Mother of Good Counsel Home

Lend a Hand



It's amazing that a simple handshake conveys feelings of mutual respect, trust, and comfort, and symbolizes the building of new relationships.

On June 21, 2010 put your handshaking skills on display for World Handshake Day. If you really want to "get a grip," also celebrate National Handshake Day on June 24, 2010.

The handshake can mark an informal greeting, or it can seal business agreements and establish friendships and treaties between nations. Most importantly, the handshake embodies a spirit of equality, offering the intimacy of a touch to a friend or even a stranger. On June 21st, the creator of World Handshake Day asks everyone to place their hands in the sea and let the waves carry their handshake throughout the entire world.

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. Thank you for all the donations, they are greatly appreciated!

Mardi Gras beads and decorations, Easter decorations, Sombreros, Baseball decorations, Any seasonal/holiday decorations, and Bingo Prizes