



News From Home

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A Few Thoughts from Sr. M. Christine

Dear Friends,

In June, we set aside a special day just to honor our fathers; our physical, as well as our spiritual fathers. All men – including Pope Francis, St. Joseph, pastors in parishes, priests, fathers, sons, uncles, teachers, mentors – are acknowledged and honored with handmade drawings, cards and gifts of all kinds. We remember the living and the dead; these men from whom we learn the meaning of manhood and the protective and loving care of God our Father. There is a resident here at the Home who was a teacher in a high school. He suffered a stroke while in the classroom teaching. Since he has been here, each year close to Father’s Day, a large group of people (forever increasing in number) show up to honor him with a barbeque in the backyard. They tell me he was a great “spiritual father” to each of them.

My own father was a man who knew no strangers. He was genuinely interested in everyone he met. He loved his job at the St. Louis Cardinals stadium, where he worked until he was 81 years old. He took pride in his job and in his family. At the age of 60, he had been forced to become both parents to my siblings and me when our mother died. I am sure that my father grieved deeply and often wondered how he could be both a father and a mother to us. Yet, he didn’t complain or show his fears; instead, he turned to his faith and relied on his heavenly Father to give him the guidance that he needed to raise us.



From my father I learned how to cook and run a household. He led by example, steering us toward living a faith-filled and purposeful life; that is what being a good

parent or role model means. My dad also knew, as every parent has experienced, that one day he would “have to let us go.” And, although he wanted his children to become independent, that did not mean that he would not continue to love or miss us when we had gone. All three of us children felt safe and secure in his love, and even after so many years since his passing, still find comfort in our beautiful memories of this loving and thoughtful man whom we called “Dad.”

In a series of talks on the family, Pope Francis spelled out the essential, but demanding qualities that it takes to be a good father, stating, “The most important is in being by his wife’s side, to share everything, joys and pain, hard work and hope, and by being there for his children as they grow. A father knows how to firmly correct children’s mistakes without demeaning or demoralizing them, as well as protect them at all costs. Guidance does not come from a father who is weak, yielding and a softie.” Pope Francis continues, “A good father knows how to forgive sincerely from the heart and to be patient and merciful, like the father in the Gospel account of the prodigal son. How much dignity and how much tenderness there is in a father who is waiting by the door for the child who has strayed.” Pope Francis summarizes his sentiments with a simple reminder: “Yes, fathers must be



Future Sr. M. Caterina with Dad.

patient. So many times there is simply nothing left to do but wait, pray and wait with patience, tenderness, and mercy.”

On this Father’s Day – June 16 – we wish all of you men a blessed and special day. We thank you for your sacrifices and your fidelity, and for witnessing to us, like



Future Sr. Mary Elizabeth tending flowers with help from Dad.

Jesus, the unconditional love and everlasting care of our Father in Heaven.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sister M. Christine

Sr. M. Christine

New Residents
Flora Bonkowski
Mary Enkelmann
Frances Gallagher
John Keller
Patricia Maher
Charles Naeger

With Deepest Sympathy
Marie Buechert

June Birthdays
Residents

Mary McGrath—5th
Ann O'Toole—15th
Mary Enkelmann—20th
Ann Kuszaj—20th

Staff Members

Keisha Mitchell-Lyons—2nd
Kathy Barnes—13th
Susan Loubek—20th
Jacqueline McGhee—20th
Shyra Wilson—21st
Patricia Morris—22nd
Cora Haynes—23rd
Carla Lewis—23rd
Eric Deisner—24th
Joyce Scott—26th
Tari Crockett—29th

Happy Father's Day!
Thank you for your presence
in our lives!



**My father gave me the greatest
gift anyone could give another
person, he believed in me.**

Jim Valvano

Go to www.mogch.org for all
the details about our Home!

Items needed for Gift Baskets!!

We are currently working on silent auction baskets for the golf tournament dinner. Please donate any new or very gently used items for gift baskets. We can use almost anything!



Most of our golfers are men so items that appeal to men are very welcome. Please contact Marsha Heine at 314-383-4765 or mheine@mogch.org with your items or for any questions. Thank you.

Winner of the Mother's Day Quilt:

Mary Jane Gilfoil

Winner of the Baby Quilt:

Kim Furrer

Winner of the May Quilt:

Jean C. Reust



Annual Golf Fundraiser!

Join the Sisters for a day of golfing, food, and a silent auction with great prizes!

The MOGCH Annual Golf Tournament will be on Monday, September 23rd at Glen Echo Country Club.

Save the Date cards have already been mailed out. Watch your mailbox for your invitation.

If you did not get a Save the Date card and would like one or want more information about the tournament please contact Marsha Heine at mheine@mogch.org or call 314-383-4765.





CHILI DOG POTLUCK!

Join us on June 11th at 5 pm in the Activity Hall for our chili dog potluck! The Home will supply the chili dogs and fixings, drinks, and dessert. Please bring a side dish to share. If you plan to attend please contact Sr. M. Juliana at smjuliana@mogch.org, call 383-4765, sign up at the front desk, or tell a member of the Activity staff.

Visiting with Residents

With a new resident comes new visitors. Here are a few things to know as MOGCH becomes a place to call home:



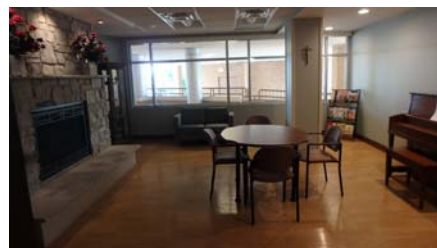
On the ground floor level in the backyard is a courtyard with patio furniture for enjoying the sunny, warm weather.

Further down is a park with paved trails along with a large gazebo with several picnic tables and BBQ pits available for your use.



The Activity Hall is another option for a large family event. It is available after 4 p.m. on the weekdays or anytime on the weekends. Just go to the front desk and the receptionist will help you reserve the location to ensure its availability.

The Great Room, Music Room, and classroom are other options as a courtesy of Mother of Good Counsel Home. Enjoy!



Extra tables and chairs are available for use; set up/clean up are the guest's responsibility.

June Coming Events

Playing Cards/Games—Mondays

Bingo—Tuesdays /Saturdays

Birthday Party—4th

Sing-A-Long w/Ed—10th

Baseball Day—6th

Exposition/Benediction—7th

Chili Dog Potluck—11th

Music w/Sr. Brenda & Louise—13th

Banana Split Day—14th

Sock Hop w/the Steely Dames—20th

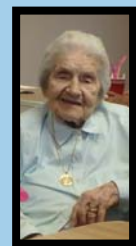
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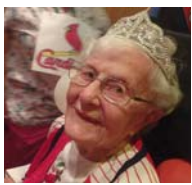
Round Table/
Fold & Deliver NFH—28

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Happy 100th
Birthday, Ann Kuszaj!





A surprise Cardinal Baseball themed parade/party for Grace's 100th birthday!



Residents, families, staff, and Sisters stop on each floor to honor Grace's love for line dancing by engaging in motley versions of popular line dances!



See Facebook for more photos!



Mother's Day at MOGCH!



- Facts about Mother's Day in America:**
- About 122 million phone calls to Moms are made.
 - President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed May 9, 1914 the first Mother's Day.
 - The Carnation is the flower most often associated with Mother's Day-red and pink for moms who are still living and white for moms that have passed away.
 - Nearly \$25 billion was spent on Mother's Day this year.



Louise Naumann had this year's honor of crowning Mary during the May Crowning ceremony. Residents in attendance offer a rose to Mary, the Mother of God.



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OF THE MARTYR ST. GEORGE**

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