Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, responsive to the signs of the times — yesterday, today, and tomorrow!
Dear Friends,

These late winter days make us long for gentle spring days with buds and birds, longer days, softer light, and Easter on the horizon. Lent has begun. (The word Lent comes from the German “lente,” meaning the time of lengthening days.) During this season, we find ourselves pondering what it means to be a committed follower of Jesus. Questions help us probe our responsibilities. How much time do we give to prayer? How much to watching or playing on electronic screens? Maybe we are challenged with our consumption patterns. What do we really need, and how much is enough? What can we do for the sake of others who experience hardships with family responsibilities, employment, or illness?

As Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, we frequently ponder these questions. Due to your constant generosity, we are able to continue our ministries to those who are vulnerable and need our help. Also, many of you share in our ministries as volunteers. Without you, our capacity to care for God’s most disadvantaged people would be severely limited.

In our last Chapter (a gathering of the community to set priorities), the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, United States Province made a commitment to respond to the signs of the times with passion and urgency through:

- Vibrant Vincentian-Setonian Spirit
- Focused ministry with vulnerable populations
- Sustainable partnerships for action
- Expanded opportunities for participatory leadership

In this issue of Celebration, we share the story of a relationship between our community and the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans, a long-standing interracial partnership. We spotlight sisters involved for many years in prison ministry. In addition, we share our pride in Seton Hill University as it celebrates 100 years ministering to young people through higher education. It is our hope that as you see us responding to the needs of our times, you will realize how much you share in this response.

May this Lent bring you a deep sense of longing for what is of eternity, Divine Love.

In the name of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Sister Catherine Meinert, S.C.
Provincial Superior
Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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Mission Statement

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill is an international, apostolic community of women religious, baptized in Christ, and vowed to continue the mission of His Church. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Elizabeth Seton, the congregation conceives its purpose to be an active ministry on behalf of the Kingdom.

This service is informed by Gospel values, responsive to the needs of a changing world, guided by the prudent use of available resources, respectful of human dignity, protective of human rights, devoted especially to the poor and oppressed, rooted in faith, animated by prayer, supported by the common life, and performed in humility, simplicity and charity.

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The dreamer turns her back upon the future; she sees only the past, and keeps it with her in the present. The visionary faces only the future, and learns nothing from the past. The wise woman from her vantage point in the present contemplates the vista of history; she comprehends the reality of the past and the possibilities of the future.”

— Sister Mary Electa Boyle, SC
We are familiar with Jesus’ words about visiting the prisoner, and we hear about others who are involved in ministry to the incarcerated, but some people actually live out the mandate. Sister Edith Strong is one who does just that in Western Pennsylvania. She has shared many experiences over the years that illustrate some of the ways that she brings comfort to prisoners. One time she was in the local facility in Greensburg to attend Mass with the men, and she noticed a man in the lobby sitting near a box of his belongings. He told her he thought his bus was due in the morning and so had skipped breakfast, but then he learned he would not be leaving until afternoon. Several hours later Sister Edie found him still there, so she went and bought him a supersized meal from Burger King. He dove into the food as if it were his last meal, when instead it was his first as a free person. She talked with him about “paying it forward” and said he would have opportunities to make a difference—even in a small way—in others’ lives. A week later one of the guards handed Sister a wrinkled envelope on which the former inmate had written her a thank you note.

Ministering to prisoners has a long history for the Sisters of Charity. In addition to Sister Edie, Sisters Mary Agnes Schildkamp, Marian Clare McGurran, Mary Philip Aaron, Zachary Endress, Mary Dorothy Huber, Mary Noël Kernan, Lois Sculco, and others participated in various ways. They taught GED classes and also attended Mass with the men. One event that helped the prisoners get through the holidays was the annual Christmas party. For a few hours, the men were able to forget where they were and join in the spirit of joy that fills the rest of the Christian world as we celebrate God’s choice to become one of us.

The sister volunteers collaborated with Father Lawrence Hoppe who was the priest chaplain there. Together they encouraged the men to grow in prayer through times of quiet, reading the lives of the saints, praying the rosary and celebrating reconciliation. As they continued to investigate the place of the Spirit in their lives, the men began to learn how to express their growing realization of God’s presence.

Once, as Sister Edie passed a cellblock with bars between her and the inmates, she began a conversation with one man, inquiring as to whether he had seen Pope John Paul II on TV. She says his reply, “No, he doesn’t mean much to me. You are the one who comes to see me,” was a life-changer for her. She realized just being among the men, having...
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Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Sister Edie’s class members composed a gratitude statement: “These men know the God of Mercy and they read the scripture and they pray in a way that humbles me,” declared Sister Edie.

Sister Edie’s students at the prison also wrote a statement to answer the question, “How can we be ‘Church’ so clearly that this institution and all who live here will recognize our faith community as disciples of Christ?” Their pledge of commitment prompted Sister Edie to say, “These statements certainly strengthened and enlightened my faith.”

Pledge of Commitment

Openly bless ourselves before meals. Respond to the needs of others with kind words, friendliness, encouragement, and spiritual guidance. Be proud of our faith and open about the articles of faith that we use. Reflect on the scripture. Pray personally and communally for others. Welcome newcomers to Mass. Befriend inactive Catholics and those who search for the meaning in life. Greet and respect others. Avoid being judgmental. Be grateful and express our gratitude.
Sisters of Charity Louise Grundish, Vivien Linkhauer, Miriam Richard Soisson, and Sister Alicia Costa,SSF

Celebrate
FRIENDSHIP AND CHARISM
PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

New Orleans is well-known for its spectacular Mardi Gras celebrations. But last fall, three Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill traveled there for another impressive event—the grand finale of a year-long celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity Louise Grundish, Vivien Linkhauer, Miriam Richard Soisson, and Sister Alicia Costa,SSF.

Although Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the Holy Family Sisters’ founder Henriette Delille were alive at the same time for a period of nine years, it is unlikely that they knew each other. When Henriette was born in 1812, Elizabeth was already in Emmitsburg in the early days of her community there. Both women felt the call to proclaim the Gospel, teach the little ones, care for orphans, and open their hearts to the poor. Elizabeth became the first native-born American to be declared a saint and Henriette is the first native-born African American to be on the way to sainthood. Their paths have crossed, however, in the long and deep friendship between their respective religious communities of sisters that began almost a century ago.

After the rise of the KKK in 1915 and the Race Riots of 1919, a plea for help went out from the Director General of the Colored Mission Board to communities of women religious from the North to help educate black Catholic Sisters ministering in the often violent, racially-segregated South. In 1921, Mother Mary Joseph Havey responded by sending six Sisters of Charity to New Orleans to teach summer classes to the Sisters of the Holy Family. Although the African-American sisters had been teaching children in the South for many years, state regulations and segregation practices prohibited their attendance at local schools, preventing them from meeting educational regulations imposed in the 1920s. The Sisters of Charity developed a curriculum to help the Holy Family Sisters attain teaching certificates from the State of Louisiana. After four summers, ten candidates passed the Louisiana State Teacher’s Exam with high scores. A new problem surfaced when Louisiana began to require college credits for teaching certification. Black students were refused admission to Southern colleges in those days. Fortunately for the Sisters of the Holy Family, Xavier University, the first Black Catholic university, accepted them as students. With this development, the Sisters of Charity limited the summer program to courses that prepared their Southern students for university studies. The summer sessions continued through 1957 when civil rights legislation enabled the Holy Family Sisters to establish a junior college to educate their teachers. When the program ended, Mother Claudia Glenn wrote a letter on behalf of the Sisters of Charity to Mother Mary Philip in New Orleans, “Our interest in your beloved Community will never change.” Mother Mary Philip’s reply read, “Thirty years is a long time … we know this mutual relationship will not be severed.”

Mother Claudia had already taken steps to strengthen the relationship. She established a scholarship program at Seton Hill as a gift to Sisters of the Holy Family on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of their foundation in 1942. The sisters who came to study in Greensburg grew in their understanding of the North. They gave their classmates, who had little exposure to diverse cultures, the opportunity to meet black women religious. Holy Family Sister Sylvia Thibodeaux (then Sister Rita Frances) was a scholarship recipient and a 1967 Seton Hill graduate. She went on to become the superior of her community and to found a community of Sisters in Nigeria. Now one of Seton Hill University’s distinguished alumni, Sister Sylvia says that being educated at the Hill was “a life-changing experience” for her. The scholarship program remained in effect until 1976.

Sisters of Charity Louise Grundish, Vivien Linkhauer, Miriam Richard Soisson, and Sister Alicia Costa,SSF
Sister Vivien Linkhauer was happy to share memories with her Seton Hill classmate Sister Mary Charlotte Rubit, SSF. Both communities were involved in elementary and high school education, and as the civil rights movement escalated in the mid-1960s, the Sisters of both communities inaugurated a faculty exchange program to bring about racial integration among faculty members in schools of both congregations. From 1967 to 1979, this initiative gave the sisters from both groups the experience of a culture different from their own, and gave the Catholic schools where they taught the benefit of integration of the races at a time when it was sorely needed.

Sister Miriam Richard Soisson was part of the teacher-exchange program at St. Joan of Arc School in New Orleans from 1967 to 1969. Her principal, Holy Family Sister Roberta Marie, now deceased, was very gracious to Sister Miriam Richard, helping her adapt to Southern culture. “She had a smile one could not forget. I learned many lessons of discipline, management, and how to relate to students and parents,” explained Sister Miriam Richard. “I felt accepted within the community and the school system in Louisiana.”

Friendships among members of the two communities were many. When Sister Vivien Linkhauer became the Provincial Superior of the United States Province, she met up with her classmate Sister Sylvia, who was then the Superior of the Holy Family Sisters. Sister Sylvia offered to send Holy Family Sister Alicia Costa, who had just completed her doctorate, to Seton Hill to teach as a gesture of thanks to the Sisters of Charity for the years that they taught in Louisiana. She also learned to drive at that time with the assistance the Holy Family Sisters who genuinely loved their “Seton Sisters.”

Currently the Treasurer General for her congregation, Sister Alicia was a key planner for the 175th Anniversary celebration. “The Sisters of Charity added to our wonderful celebration,” she reflected. “When I worked with them at Seton Hill University, I was impressed with how they lived up to their motto: “The Charity of Christ Urges Us.”

At the annual Seton Hill “Lunch with Liz” in 2006, Sister Alicia gave a powerful presentation explaining how the Sisters of Charity worked “out of the charism
Congratulations, Sisters of the Holy Family!
The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill have been proud to be part of your history since 1920. That will continue to be made! 

Imagine the intercultural bonds of friendship educated them to see the inherent goodness of each person. Teachers, torchbearers of compassion and justice, who two communities will pass on the legacy of their students of the future through students they have empowered of Charity and the Sisters of the Holy Family will thrive women, mothers and fathers. "are also good Christian African American men and the proud heritage of the Sisters of the Holy Family "have risen to leadership positions in local government and other professions around the country: the first female Police Captain in New Orleans as well as the Deputy CAO of the City, the first African Americans in New Orleans through the work of the Sisters of the Holy Family." Students of the Sisters of the Holy Family "have risen to leadership positions in local government and other professions around the country: the first female Police Captain in New Orleans as well as the Deputy CAO of the City, activists, principals, teachers, college professors, computer scientists, architectural and civil engineers, doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. In doing so, they embodied the charism of their founder, Henriette de Lille, who became a prophetic witness of compassion, liberation, healing, and empowerment to all peoples.

Speaking at Seton Hill University, Sister Alicia gave her audience a vision of the impact spawned by the Seton Hill/New Orleans connection. "The fruits of the Sisters of Charity have spanned generations of African Americans in New Orleans through the work of the Sisters of the Holy Family." Students of the Sisters of the Holy Family "have risen to leadership positions in local government and other professions around the country: the first female Police Captain in New Orleans as well as the Deputy CAO of the City, activists, principals, teachers, college professors, computer scientists, architectural and civil engineers, doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. In doing so, they embodied the charism of their founder, Henriette de Lille, who became a prophetic witness of compassion, liberation, healing, and empowerment to all peoples.

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Sister Jon Frances Vallade—

Serving Her Sisters as Benefits Advocate and Administrator

Persons reaching retirement age often become overwhelmed with choices that will ensure that their future years are truly “golden years.” After signing up for Social Security benefits, senior citizens face the daunting task of choosing Medicare coverage and supplemental insurance that will provide adequate benefits for evolving healthcare needs that come with aging. Then comes the mind-boggling experience of filling out the forms and managing claims from multiple insurance plans of the Medicare mix. Having an advocate is a great help.

As Coordinator of Health Insurance and Social Security for the congregation, Sister Jon Frances Vallade is no stranger to the bureaucratic systems she navigates. In her out-of-the-way office, she is surrounded by beautiful African Violets and gentle classical music playing in the background. There this self-proclaimed “paper pusher” calmly processes mountains of mail, sifts through stacks of statements, and generates numerous reports each month. “It is important to me that each sister receives the best services and benefits,” says Sister Jon Frances.

Prior to taking on the role of benefits advocate and administrator for her congregation, Sister Jon Frances served as a teacher and principal in Catholic schools, and a teacher and principal in Catholic schools of the Dioceses of Greensburg, Altona-, Johnstown, Wheeling, and Steubenville for 48 years. In 2007, when Sister was recuperating from knee surgery in Greensburg, she was asked to help the late Sister Barbara Mary Koval, who was at that time, in charge of health insurance for the Sisters of Charity. Sister Jon Frances began to learn about the processes involved with enrollments and claims as she filed records. After Sister Barbara Mary’s retirement, Sister Jon Frances became fully responsible for health insurance administration for the community. Three years later, Sister Jon Frances started to assist the late Sister Jeanne Ellen Morris who handled Social Security matters for the sisters. Sister Jon Frances assumed those responsibilities when Sister Jeanne Ellen retired.

Over the past ten years, Sister Jon Frances has utilized the knowledge she acquired to streamline health insurance and Social Security processes for members of the congregation. Her self-taught computer skills have optimized efficient processing and filing of paper and electronic documents for enrollments, claims and benefits. Her Internet savvy and people skills have empowered effective advocacy for the members of her congregation. She stays abreast of legislative changes on government benefits by studying agency websites and attending public information sessions sponsored by human service agencies. This knowledge prepares her to tackle difficult issues. The members of the U.S. Provincial Council rely on Sister Jon Frances’ knowledge and careful research when they must make decisions about insurance providers and benefit services for the congregation.

For sisters still actively employed, Sister Jon Frances monitors funds the congregation pays into Social Security on their behalf. These payments are based on the code of regulations for members of religious orders who have taken a vow of poverty. When a sister becomes eligible for Social Security, she assists her with enrollment procedures and forms. Sister also monitors the direct deposit of funds for each sister receiving benefits to ensure that the correct distribution is made to the beneficiary’s place of residence. And in the event of a sister’s death, she notifies the Social Security Administration.

Medical insurance issues are a little more complicated. When a sister reaches 65 years of age, Sister Jon Frances provides assistance with Medicare enrollment and verifies the sisters’ eligibility for state-provided benefits that help to cover all medical costs. These programs include Medicaid and the PAC program, which help with the cost of prescription drugs. If a Medicare-eligible sister is not qualified for state assisted programs, Sister Jon Frances helps her to enroll in a supplemental insurance program.

When sisters have medical claims, she makes sure all claims are paid on the sisters’ behalf and resolves problems when claims are in question. Sister Jon Frances also works with consultants to help administer the insurance of sisters still actively employed and receiving benefits through their employment.

To most, it would appear that Sister Jon Francis has fun with her clerical and administrative duties but the work is not easy. Her biggest challenge, according to Sister Jon Frances, is keeping up with the workflow. However, Sister has refined the system to an art form and her organizational skills and methodical thinking make her a calming presence to those she helps. Her service to the congregation is a labor of love. “I loved teaching, but I also love helping my sisters,” she explains. Even in her free time, Sister Jon Frances, relaxes by helping others. She spends many hours crocheting baby items, no doubt while listening to classical music, to donate to underserved families in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Sister Susan Jenny understands the benefit of having support with insurance services at a time when it is most needed. “I don’t know what I’d do without Sister Jon Frances!” exclaimed Sister Susan. “She’s been an advocate for me when confusing charges appear on my medical bills. She understands both government programs and our private insurance policies. When she says, ‘Just send that bill to me and I’ll take care of it,’ I relax, knowing that she’ll research, write letters, and make phone calls on my behalf until everything is resolved.” With a great sense of humor and a gracious personality, Sister performs her duties in humility, simplicity, and charity to support the common life of her community. Having an advocate like Sister Jon Frances is a great blessing to the Sisters of Charity.
January 26, 2018, marked a significant moment in the history of Seton Hill University as the Community gathered to “swing the gates of a new era,” a new century in the life of the Institution.

In preparing for the Centennial Year, we pause to give thanks for all that has been and to look forward to the “new” in this century which lies before us. We cherish the memory of those courageous women who, in spite of countless obstacles, kept their eyes on the prize of a new beginning. We stand on the shoulders of countless women who shaped our past, our present, and continue to shape our future. Did our foundresses have a glimpse of “what could be” as they forged ahead in spite of challenges and obstacles?

Countless changes have taken place in these 100 years: new buildings, new programs, challenging athletic programs, expansion, technological advancement and so much more. What has remained constant is our identity as a Catholic Liberal Arts College/University rooted in the spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Sisters of Charity, her daughters. The four pillars which define us are as strong and steady as they were 100 years ago: Welcoming, Learning, Celebrating, and Serving.

The charge of the Office of Campus Ministry is to enable our students, staff, and faculty to live these pillars, to live our Setonian tradition at its best. The challenge of this Centennial Year is to deepen our commitment to our Mission, to make it visible to the world. In the words of Elizabeth Seton: “to transform that world in which we are destined to live”.

Students are eager to be agents of transformation in that world which can place obstacles in their way. We, along with them, realize that defining and living the principles of Catholic Social Teaching can be a formidable task. But, we continue to Hazard Yet Forward; 100 Years Forward!

When asked to respond to the query, “What does the Centennial mean to you as a member of the Class of 2018, the Centennial Class, Fitzgerald Robertson responded: “To me, the centennial celebration highlights how well Seton Hill’s mission and vision are incorporated into academic and extracurricular life. As a graduating senior entering into my final semester, I have had time to reflect on the total panorama of my experience at Seton Hill University. I am proud to be a member of a community that is rooted in strong traditions that guide us to become strong, compassionate and grounded leaders, with firm ethical and moral compasses. The centennial celebration also serves as a charge to the graduating seniors to ensure that we use our unique educational experience to enhance and impact our local, national and global communities.”

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Sister Maureen shows Fitz Robertson where she was sitting for the 1975 Canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Rome on a picture of the event appearing on the “Centennial Wall” displayed at Seton Hill University. The mural depicting milestone events of the University’s 100-year history is located in the second floor hallway of the Administration Building.

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Sisters who are currently serving at Seton Hill University include: Sisters Lois Sculco, Ann Infanger, and Vivien Linkhauer (seated from left to right) and Sisters Maureen O’Brien, Mary Kay Neff, Victoria Marie Grubschaw, and Susan Yochum (standing from left to right).
Q&A

INTERVIEW WITH DR. JAMES J. KELLY

by Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro, Esq., Director of Development for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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Q: Oh yes, Dr. Marilyn Thomas! She gave a beautiful tribute to graduates in the Menlo Magazine in which she said, “I admired some of you because you were such devoted athletes or musicians, or because you had such winning and caring personalities, or maybe because of the grace with which I saw you handle pain and loss in your lives.” short your lives were my chief concern.” Menlo’s website shows a list of the school’s core values: understanding different ideas and individuals, treating people with fairness and equity, protecting the local and global environment, and considering one’s responsibilities to others. In my mind, this is a vision that necessitates a deep respect for human diversity. These themes are studied in liberal arts programs, but why is this important in business?

A: I loved being in charge of Menlo and seeing students grow up and develop the beginning of their professional lives in a good way. Business is global and global business requires an understanding of diversity. Take languages. We require two semesters of a foreign language other than English or French. It’s the practical reality of a global world. It’s an evolution. I am a person who progressed in diversity. I came from an all-white, blue-collar background, as we all did at Saint Anselm. Eventually, I ended up in Hawaii that was at that time the most diverse state in the union. And then California. I’m grateful that the Sisters of Charity gave me the background to embrace and respect others. I think it’s the key to our long term survival.

Q: Why do you think that?

A: Because diversity is related to inclusion, and my entire career, particularly the social work, has focused on inclusion. It’s how we grow and prosper.

Q: I can see that Menlo has an extraordinarily diverse student body. Here in Western Pennsylvania, we simply do not have the population diversity of California, but some of our colleges are really starting to concentrate on it, particularly in Pittsburgh and here in Greensburg at Seton Hill.

A: To do it right, every school needs a niche. We had 17 sports teams when I was at Menlo. Title IX has had a big impact in terms of equity. Out of our entire campus population, about 15% were African American, 50% were nonwhite, and 12% were international students. Our football team alone had 125 students. Since we were such a small school for a football team, our players got to travel all over the country for games. Think of that exposure.

Q: My favorite question in these interviews is to ask if there is a particular person in your life who has meant a great deal to you spiritually. Who is that for you?

A: Oh I’d have to say my mother, Margaret Genevieve Hughes Kelly. She came from an Irish Catholic family. My grandmother came to Canada with nine children in tow and eventually made her way to Braddock, Pennsylvania. My mother was a teacher in the public school in Braddock. Her faith was the most important thing in her life. She lived her faith every day and always wanted to know “what are we doing for other people?” She was particularly interested in social welfare projects. We attended Saint Anselm Parish and had six children in our family. Sister Patrice Hughes’ father delivered all of us. My mother’s best friend was Sister Marie Louise Hummel. She was strong. I come from a family of strong women, and I was educated by strong women!

Q: Thank you Jim. I’m so glad you and Mary Ann came to visit us. It’s been a pleasure!

Mary Ann Raymer and her brother, Dr. James Kelly, enjoyed a visit to Caritas Christi last summer. Both were students of the Sisters of Charity at Saint Anselm School.
Upcoming Events

January 1, 2018 – February 28, 2018
Lucky Spring Cash Ticket —
March
Available for purchase
DePaul Center, Greensburg
724-836-0406, x6646

Sunday, March 11, 2018
Lenten Visit and Vespers
Caritas Christi, Greensburg
2:00 p.m. – Visit and Refreshments
3:30 p.m. – Solemn Vespers
724-836-0406, x6643

Thursday, March 15, 2018
Sister Mary Schmidt Lecture
Craig Mousin, DePaul University
Seton Hill University, Greensburg

Saturday, March 24, 2018
Sounds of Charity Concert
In honor of the Seton Hill University Centennial Celebration, guests will enjoy live performances of music and dance by Seton Hill University students.
Benefits the Ministries of the Sisters of Charity
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – McKenna Center
Seton Hill University, Greensburg
724-836-0406, x6615

April 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018
Summer Fun Cash Ticket —
June
Available for purchase
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