Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ
Partners in the work of the Spirit

Gratitude
REPORT 2016
Last year was the Jubilee Year of Mercy and a chance, according to Pope Francis, for us to “rediscover the core, to return to what is essential” and to “rediscover the youthful, beautiful face of the Church, the face that is radiant when it is welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means but rich in love, on mission.”

The works of mercy are the practical ways to treat our neighbors, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are how we show loving kindness and compassion to the people around us, both physically and spiritually.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities.”

Every day, countless good works happen in our ministries because you support the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. We continue, with God’s grace and your gifts, to help others in their most desperate moments. Every time a child finds safety and hope, a marginalized person rebuilds a life of dignity, a homeless person moves closer to a life of stability, we are thankful for your generosity.

From July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016, you – all 1,779 loyal and kind donors – gave 4,277 gifts to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and PHJC ministries, totaling $705,877. Your donations helped ministries locally and internationally that work with hungry people, abused and neglected infants and young children, and homeless families. You provided advocacy for seniors, enrichment for those needing education and spiritual growth as well as those in diverse areas such as the arts, the environment, and more.

Thank you for your merciful gifts. Thank you for lifting up the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ through prayers and generosity.

Special note to our readers: Our next Annual “Gratitude Report” will be published directly online. It’s one way to practice our respect for all of creation. If you would like to receive a paper copy of our next report and honor roll, please contact the Development Office at (574) 936-9936.
To Our Wonderful Partners
in the Work of the Spirit

This annual report to you, our benefactor, summarizes blessings from a very special year – the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has spoken to us frequently about mercy. Humbly our Holy Father says, “I have so often seen in my own life God’s merciful countenance and God’s patience in action. I have also seen so many people who find the courage to enter in the wounds of Jesus by saying to him, ‘Lord I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds and wash it away with your blood.’ And, I always see that God does just this: God welcomes, consoles, cleanses, and loves everyone who comes.”

Like Pope Francis, we have also found those who remind us what mercy is about. We have found those who call forth mercy from us as we seek to assist them in pain and need. We have received mercy too as we acknowledge our own limits and as we realize how much we need others to help us deal with the wounds we carry within ourselves and to address the wounds of our world.

Your assistance to us has made this year of mercy full of both meaning and grace.

Your response to the needs of the victims of the oil explosion in southern Mexico, your assistance to our ministries among women and children in need, your willingness to help us support volunteers who minister alongside of us, your helping us care for our dear retired members, your help in our healing the earth – these are important works of mercy. It is difficult for us to find words to adequately thank you for the ways you have shown us mercy and helped us live lives of mercy. Your support has made this year of mercy not just a catch-phrase, but a litany of graced days.

We say along with Pope Francis that you have shown us the face of God; your support has helped us welcome, console, cleanse and love others.

Thank you for having blessed us immeasurably with your merciful love.

Sincerely, the PHJC Provincial Leadership Team,

Pictured from left to right: Sister Loretta Schleper, PHJC, Councilor; Sister Michele Dvorak, PHJC, Vicaress; Sister Judith Dilts, PHJC, Provincial; and Sister Carole Langhauser, Councilor, PHJC.
Living Our Call to be Merciful

“Mercy is entering into peoples’ lives,” says Sister Connie Bach, PHJC. “It’s handing someone a bag of food or standing in line with them at the soup kitchen. It’s being grateful for the opportunity to be in that line with people who don’t know where they’ll get their next meal. It’s about learning how to receive.”

Sister Marybeth Martin, PHJC, adds “Mercy is offering and receiving dignity. It’s learning and teaching. It’s not just one-way; there’s a mutuality. Mercy is transforming our judgments, allowing ourselves to be transformed in the process of serving. We ask, ‘Am I allowing the Spirit in? Am I vulnerable to the Spirit?’”

Sisters Connie and Marybeth serve as co-directors of the PHJC Volunteer Program. “Our goal,” says Sister Connie, “is to help single, Catholic women discern lives toward service.”

This Poor Handmaid tradition began when four German women joined our Foundress, Blessed Catherine Kasper, in professing their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in 1851. Blessed Catherine created a community of women dedicated to caring for poor and sick women, children, and elderly people through very ordinary acts of service.

Discerning a Life Toward Service

The PHJC Volunteer Program is a structured extension of Blessed Catherine’s community-building, updated to meet the needs and expectations of today’s college graduates, burned-out baby-boomers and widows starting new lives. Our program is in its third year, made possible by the Catholic Volunteer Network’s three-year “From Service to Sisterhood” grant funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Based on a study of alumni of faith-based volunteer programs by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), 48 percent of those surveyed who have considered a vocation to religious life or priesthood did so “during (their) volunteer service.”

There is a connection between merciful service and discerning God’s purpose for your life. “Everyone has moments where we lose our sense of purpose,” says Libby Riggs, PHJC Volunteer. “And the PHJC Volunteer Program is about living into those questions… discerning what God wants for me… walking the path step-by-step… choosing between two or more ‘goods.’”

Libby Riggs’ year-long journey as a PHJC Volunteer grew out of a feeling of restlessness and questioning God’s purpose for her. Libby spent the majority of her professional life assisting people with developmental disabilities. She raised two adopted children, Emma and Adam, now adults, in a small town in Southern Illinois.

Poor Handmaids have always been influential in her spiritual life. When she graduated from high school, she entered the Poor Handmaid community as an Affiliate, discerning the possibility of vowed religious life. But God called her to motherhood instead. Libby continues to be a part of the Poor Handmaid community as an Associate, committing to live the values and charism of Blessed Catherine in any vocation, and now as a PHJC Volunteer.

Through the program, we engage single Catholic women in volunteer service, living in a religious community, and intentional reflection and prayer to help them discern a life toward service, through whatever vocation God has in mind.

Volunteering

Volunteer experiences are ways to engage mercifully in others’ lives. Libby participates in a variety of ways from short immersion trips to PHJC ministries, to regular spiritual companionship of Sisters and
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residents at Catherine Kasper Home, to crisis volunteerism aiding victims of natural disasters.

In May 2016, Sister Connie and Libby joined an inter-community group of Sisters to clean up debris strewn about by a devastating tornado that struck Holly Springs, Mississippi around Christmas 2015. With winds between 166-200 mph, this storm left two residents dead, including a 7-year-old boy, and many homes, businesses, and local attractions destroyed or damaged.

“What struck me was that this disaster hit everyone—not just the rich, not just the poor. It affected everyone in this small town,” says Libby. “When we were done working on the home site, we all stood together representing different faiths, and we raised our hands and blessed the home and its residents. We don’t know if the homeowners even know that we blessed them.”

Locally, in Donaldson, Indiana, Libby blesses the Sisters and residents of Catherine Kasper Home with spiritual companionship. She volunteers by tending to the everyday needs of the Sisters, reviewing their Resurrection Plans (advanced planning care and directives), helping them get to the chapel and meals, and listening attentively.

“There is one Sister,” says Libby, “who is always ahead of schedule. She arrives early to everything. As we were coming up to our time to leave for chapel, she asked me if I had time for one more story. The experience of sharing was that important to her. More important than arriving early.”

“It is really touching to watch the Sisters engage with younger women,” says Sister Marybeth, “to watch the effect it has on Sisters... they have a chance to share their wisdom and life experience.”

Living in a Religious Community

So much of this sharing occurs because PHJC Volunteers live in community with vowed women religious. Libby lives in Assumption Hall at The Center at Donaldson with several Sisters.

“Living in community is not always easy,” says Sister Connie. “It means that we choose to bring our whole selves, to become part of local community life, to do chores, and live the daily life. Every day we get up and we intentionally choose to be there. We bring and give our best selves.”

“I started volunteering as a way to pay back the Sisters. But it seems like the more and more I give, the more and more I receive,” says Libby. “It was a
financially scary decision, and I didn’t have to do it. But I’ve learned that I can live simply!"

Libby has come to know the bravery of Poor Handmaid Sisters. “The Sisters are always forward-thinking. They are prayerful, and they resist fear. I’m grateful for their courage.”

Reflecting and Praying
The PHJC Volunteer Program is designed to provide a framework and resources for discerning a life toward service to the Church and the broader world. This year-long experience includes: orientation, a mid-year retreat, regular goal work, support from a spiritual director, an end of year reflection, and frequent conversation with co-directors.

“One of my goals,” says Libby, “is to build community in my hall. So, we intentionally share desserts, play games, and create opportunities to get to know one another on a spiritual level through prayer, liturgy, and worship.”

Sisters Connie and Marybeth offer resources about prayer, paying attention to God, and vocations. We ask questions like, “How is God calling me to serve today? How does God speak to me in my daily life? And, how does the Holy Spirit stir my heart?”

Envisioning the Future
To date, the program has engaged five single, Catholic women in works of mercy and discerning a life toward service. Those deep engagements are the measure of success—we are connecting and accompanying women in discernment.

With an eye toward the future, Sisters Connie and Marybeth hope to grow the program by:

- Growing international volunteer opportunities,
- Deepening participants’ knowledge and understanding of social justice, and
- Expanding prison ministry.

To accomplish these dreams, the PHJC Volunteer Program is actively seeking partnerships and charitable financial resources to sustain the program after the initial grant funding ends in 2017. Donors may designate their gifts to support the program. Charitable funding would offset daily living costs such as food and transportation while living in the community, stipends, support for spiritual direction, workshop and training fees for social justice education, and personnel to focus on recruiting volunteers and administration. Eventually, the Sisters hope to offer student loan deferments in order to make discerning a life toward service a viable option for recent college graduates.

“If I had had this opportunity after college,” says Libby, “I would have chosen this over the Peace Corps. There’s a spiritual element here that you don’t get otherwise.”

The PHJC Volunteer Program is open to any single, Catholic woman age 21+. We are intentionally seeking women who want to commit three months to a year in this program. Volunteers must be in good health and consent to drug screening.

Applications are available on our website: www.phjcvolprogram.org.

Note: At the time of printing, Libby Riggs has accepted the position of Director of the Associate Community for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. She assumes the role held by Donna Sikorski, who plans to enjoy her retirement!
In April 2016, an explosion killed at least 32 people and injured 130 more at a Mexican petro-chemical plant in the area where Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ serve the poor. While the official count was terrible, Sisters on the ground estimated that 50 people died and more than 150 were severely injured.

Many of the men killed and severely injured were the obreros, the laborers, in their family. They were hard-working providers. The mothers and wives in the communities felt afraid that they could not make ends meet.

You responded very generously to this crisis, contributing more than $7,500 (approximately 145,000 Mexican pesos). Approximately $2,500 of your contributions have been distributed to help the families with emergency funds for burial costs and food. Additionally, about $2,500 has been applied to help the victims’ children with school enrollment fees, uniforms, and supplies. The balance of your donations will be distributed to offset the children’s educational expenses next year. What follows is a letter from Padre Fernando thanking you for your generosity and photos of the victims’ family members who have received your kind support.

Below: Wife of Gabriel Martínez Zamudio (deceased); niece of Luis Fernando Herández, and mother of Johnatán Suárez.
To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the support you provided the families of the workers who lost their lives in the accident earlier this year at Mexichem’s Cholados III complex facilities.

I want to share with you that I have received the aid you sent for the families of those that were killed or injured during the accident. Unfortunately, it was not possible to help everyone since some families could not be located and some had moved.

We distributed 50,000 Mexican pesos equally between eight families and made sure to keep the donation anonymous as required. We still need to deliver a portion of the donation to a person who was disabled during the accident and is unable to work due to severe burns.

I have attached photographs that were taken with the consent of the beneficiaries after the funds were delivered to some of the families. The envelope indicates the name of the deceased family members. However, in order to maintain the anonymity requested by the donors, more information was not asked about the beneficiaries.

Again, I want to thank you infinitely for your support and the generosity of the people who collaborated in this effort. May God fill them with the abundance of his blessings.

In Christ:
Pbro. Fernando Cerero Ugarte

(The letter was translated into English by Abigail Blake, Donor Relations Associate.)
Your support for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and our ministries is incredible. Thank you for your kindness and compassion. Through your giving, you serve the poor and underserved, especially women and their children. In the following donor listings, we endeavor to recognize and acknowledge all gifts processed through the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Development Office.**

In our last report honoring donors’ gifts from January 1, 2014—June 30, 2015, we made an error for which we are deeply sorry. That report did not reflect donors’ contributions that were processed by our PHJC Development Office but directed specifically to separately incorporated ministries. This error caused a donor to be recognized at a gift level below the cumulative total of giving. This was our mistake.

Thankfully, our generous friend, Dorothy Weber, noticed, and she was kind enough to bring it to our attention. Last year we should have honored Dorothy as a member of the Magnificat Association. We regret the consequent misinformation that we caused.

We strive for accuracy because we are grateful for your generosity. Please know that any incorrect spelling, typo, or list error is unintentional, and we welcome your correction to help us improve processes and reports for the future.

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The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Memorial Prayer Garden is a quiet place away, an area dedicated to God and to our loved ones. The peaceful atmosphere lends itself to prayer and reflection. The Prayer Garden was first dedicated in June 2002. This past summer, the Prayer Garden was renovated and the nearly 800 engraved bricks have been replaced on a cement foundation.

We invite you to join us June 25, 2017, at 2:00 pm EST at the Prayer Garden for a Blessing celebrating the completed renovation of the Prayer Garden. Please contact Marketing Coordinator, Ruth Van Vactor at (574) 935-1718 to RSVP. Refreshments will be served.

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… and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

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Ways To Give

For assistance in making a gift to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, please contact Terry Sanders in the Development Office (tsanders@poorhandmaids.org) or (574) 935-1725. You may also write to the Development Office, P.O. Box 1, Donaldson, IN 46513.

Online Donations
For your convenience, donations can be made online at the PHJC website, www.poorhandmaids.org. Under the “Donate” tab you will find the many ways that you can support the Poor Handmaids. In addition to making an online gift, you will find a donation form that you can print and mail to us.

Monthly Giving
Catherine’s Calendar Club is a giving program for those who wish to give a donation to the Poor Handmaids or a designated ministry each month. If desired, envelopes can be provided, or automatic deductions can be made using a credit card or debit card.

Memorial or Tribute Gifts
A memorial or tribute gift is a special way to honor the memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special day such as a baptism, birth or wedding anniversary. Envelopes for memorial gifts are available and can be provided in bulk, if requested, to funeral homes, churches or for special gatherings.

A special card will be sent to the family of the deceased or to the person you are honoring, indicating that a monetary gift has been given in his or her name. The amount of the gift is never disclosed.

Mass Association/Mass Memorials
Our ministry of prayer is an important contribution to our Church and world. We want to hold your special intentions in our prayers.

Gifts may be given to the Mass Association to honor someone on a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, healing, etc. or as a Mass Memorial to remember a deceased loved one.

Mass Association cards are available in English and Spanish. Individuals or families are remembered at the Eucharist celebrated at Ancilla Domini Chapel on the first Friday, first Saturday, the last day of each month and during the Christmas novena.

Gifts-in-Kind
These gifts include items or services that can be used to support a project or ministry. Valued by the donor, gifts made in-kind are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Matching Gifts
Many companies will match donations given by their employees. The employee must initiate the process with the company where he or she is employed. Some companies will also match donations made by their retirees. Check with your human resources department to see if your gift is eligible for a match.

Planned & Special Gifts
There are many ways to leave a legacy with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. A charitable bequest supports the ministry of the Poor Handmaids after your death. A charitable bequest may be included at the time of writing a will or it may be added later by a codicil. A bequest can be changed at any time (revocable), does not affect your current income, and may favorably affect the amount owed in estate taxes.

Become a member of the Catherine Kasper Society (Planned Giving) by sharing your intention to include the Poor Handmaids in your estate plans.
Remembering Family

Honoring
Sister Patricia Fellmeth, PHJC
trough Catherine’s Calendar Club

Lt. Col. Dana G. Difford, USAF RET keeps the memory of her aunt, Sister Patricia Fellmeth, PHJC, alive through a monthly gift to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters in Retirement Fund. Dana is a member of Catherine’s Calendar Club, and each month she sends a contribution as a family tribute.

“I know the Poor Handmaids have a lot of good ministries,” says Dana, “But I have a special place in my heart for the retired Sisters. Whether my gift can be used for a postage stamp or something else, my heart is for the comfort of the retired Sisters.”

Gifts to the Sisters in Retirement Fund are used to purchase little things that bring joy to the Sisters’ lives. For example, Sister Inez Willmering, PHJC, is excited to read and play games on her tablet. Sister Mary Carolyn Welhoelter, PHJC, truly enjoys her comfy chair. All of the retired Sisters celebrate their birthdays with cakes (or pies) at the home. And these funds help make retired Sisters’ rooms homey, with valences on the windows.

Sister Patricia (1891-1957) was an educator, teaching at Central Catholic High School (now Bishop Noll Institute) in Northwest Indiana. She ministered in various locations in Southern Illinois (Carlyle and Belleville), and she was the Novice Mistress in Donaldson from 1938-1954.

Although Dana was just seven when Sister Patricia passed away, she still has vivid memories of her aunt. “As a young woman, my mother dated a man (who would become her husband), but he was not Catholic. All of her siblings were so concerned about Wallace meeting Sister Patricia. As my dad told the story, ‘She (Sister Patricia) came down the stairs in full habit, wearing her sister’s dubonnet* shoes!’ Everyone worried needlessly. The two of them clicked, and they became fast friends.”

Dana’s mother had dolls made in Germany with habits like the ones that the Poor Handmaids wore. Her mother donated them to the Poor Handmaids, and they have been displayed in the Motherhouse. Dana and her family have honored and respected the Poor Handmaids for as long as she can remember. And that memory inspires her commitment to making a gift each month as a member of Catherine’s Calendar Club.

If you would like information on monthly giving to Catherine’s Calendar Club, please contact the Development Office at (574) 935-1725. Gifts can be made through the mail or by automatic credit card deduction. Members receive a Catherine’s Calendar Club Certificate, giving envelopes to be used throughout the year, and a calendar of photos taken by Sister Marguerite Niesen, PHJC, from the grounds at The Center at Donaldson. Throughout the year, members receive a phone call from a Poor Handmaid Sister thanking them for their donations and answering any questions they might have. Additionally, members receive a special letter from Provincial Leadership and an update regarding the ministries they have chosen to support.

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A New Home for My Mother

“My mom, Jean Kindred, was a playful, well-centered and positive person,” says Claudia Johnson. “She worked until she was 72, and family was central to her well-being. She and my father had a true 50-year love affair.”

About eight years ago, Jean accompanied her sister, June, for a tour of the Maria Center, an independent living community nestled on the beautiful grounds of The Center at Donaldson. Jean’s beloved husband had passed away nearly a decade prior, and she realized their home was becoming difficult to maintain on her own. The potential safety hazards—stairs, winter storms, etc.—were worrying her three daughters, so she put her name on the waiting list. By the time an apartment was ready for her, Jean was ready to make the transition.

“Meanwhile, my sisters and I had taken a tour of the Maria Center with Sister Shirley Bell, PHJC, the director at that time,” says Claudia. “We were so impressed with the facilities, grounds, and warmth of the people we met. We were convinced that it would be the perfect new home for mom.”

“Jennifer Weinert, resident services coordinator, creates a full schedule of interesting and engaging programs for the residents. Mom loved these (and Jennifer) so much that she became an unofficial assistant for activity planning,” says Claudia.

The Influence of Poor Handmaids

“The path God has for us is rarely an obvious one, and that has been evident in my evolution to this point,” says Claudia. “I experienced a crisis in my personal life that led my husband and me back to church, and further stimulated my curiosity in the Catholic faith - to which I officially committed on Holy Saturday in 2014 - with my mother, husband, and son as witnesses.” And, in 2016, Claudia was accepted into the Associate Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.
The Associate Community began in the American Province in 1983. It grew out of the desire of individuals who wanted to deepen their relationship with the mission and spirit of the Poor Handmaids. Following a six to twelve-month formation program, baptized adults, married or single, make a non-vowed commitment with the Spiritual Family of Catherine for mutual spiritual enrichment, development of community and the promotion of service. Associates live this commitment through their chosen way of life.

“I have not met a Poor Handmaid that has not made an impact on my life in some way—on my faith, my thinking, and my comportment,” says Claudia. “I can say that I have experienced first-hand the power of the Poor Handmaids’ love which is actively and intentionally harnessed for the betterment of the community and those underserved through all of their ministries and through their daily commitment to live out God’s will and Blessed Catherine’s example.”

**Honoring Mom’s Love for Life**
Jean Kindred passed away on August 1, 2015, at the age of 84. “Jean was so full of life,” says Sister Shirley Bell, PHJC. “She would dwell on the positive, filling herself with a sense of joy. She was so hospitable, always eager to show her apartment to potential residents. She was one of my best salespeople!”

Jean loved her family and her friends at the Maria Center. So, in early 2016, Claudia established the D. Jean Kindred Endowment for the Maria Center. “I wanted a way to honor her love for her life in Donaldson, and there was no better way than to help support the activities and programs that gave her and the other Maria Center residents so much joy,” says Claudia.

Each year—forever, the endowment will generate additional funding to provide activities that engage residents’ creativity and sociability. The gift will create an annual memory of Jean’s hospitality, faith, and sparkle.

For more information about honoring a loved one through an endowed gift, please contact Terry Sanders in the Development Office (tsanders@poorhandmaids.org) or (574) 935-1725.
Honoring Sister Nola “Aunt Bobbie” Weiner, PHJC

“Because the greatest joys are in the smallest things...”

Aunt Bobbie was better known to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ as Sister Nola Weiner, PHJC, a nurse, healthcare administrator and rehabilitation coordinator. But, for her great-nephew Bob Wesselkamper and his family, she was a teacher and a source of joy.

“When she’d try to do things, and they didn’t work out,” says Bob, “she thought it was funny. She said that human frailty was one of her greatest joys. That’s one of her best lessons.”

Aunt Bobbie was the youngest of nine children. She and six of her siblings were called to serve our Lord in religious orders. “Her call came at a dance in Cincinnati,” says Bob. “She was 20 years old, a sales rep for a panty hose company, dancing with some young man, when all of a sudden she was thunderstruck. She was filled with warmth and joy. God placed it in her mind and heart to devote her life to Jesus. She couldn’t ignore it.”

While many of her siblings chose religious orders that were contemplative, Aunt Bobbie wanted to pursue a career in nursing. “She always stood out,” says Bob. “She was different. Even her name, ‘Bobbie,’ came from her bob haircut. She could be ornery too.” Her healthcare ministry took her to Wisconsin, New Mexico, California and Chicago, and she was always delighted to come home to Donaldson.

“Aunt Bobbie, just loved the community. She loved living in Donaldson,” says Bob. “She found joy in the peach tree outside of her window ‘because the greatest joys are in the smallest things.’”

Sister Nola passed away in 2010 at the age of 98. Her entering into the arms of God affected Bob, his wife, Stacey, and their three children Colin, Claire, and Camille. She was a grounding force in their busy lives. So, last year, they chose to honor her memory with a gift to support Sisters and residents living in the Catherine Kasper Life Center.

The Catherine Kasper Life Center (CKLC) is a continuing care retirement community at The Center at Donaldson. Residential options include apartments for independent living in Maria Center, as well as skilled nursing, memory care, and rehabilitation services in the Catherine Kasper Home. Soon, services will include a hospice suite offering privacy to residents and grieving families.
“There was a convergence,” says Bob. “We had been blessed with some wealth because of the sale of my company. As a family, we talked about giving, honoring our values, and honoring the spirit of Aunt Bobbie.”

The Wesselkamper’s gift in 2015 provided wiring and new audio-visual equipment so that Sisters and residents who were hard-of-hearing could listen to the Ancilla Domini Chapel Masses and other programs on personal listening devices. Additionally, their gift purchased a piece of rehabilitation equipment that helps people who fall or have hip surgery regain strength in their legs.

“I think about how many years we didn’t give,” says Bob. “As I look back, when we didn’t give, I had difficulty praying. But now my sense of satisfaction, sense of honor, my own relationship with God have all improved. My prayer life has improved. The act of giving provides a different voice to communicate and pray.”

Bob and his family contribute because Sisters continue to serve and minister for the glory and honor of God. “I want the Sisters to know that we see their struggles and sacrifice. We want to invite families of all the Sisters to play an active role in supporting the community of Poor Handmaids. They give us hope. They have earned respect, support and comfort in retirement.”

In 2016, the Wesselkamper’s offered a major gift toward the creation of the first hospice suite at Catherine Kasper Life Center. “Sister Nola’s Suite” is a first for CKLC, and plans for one or two additional hospice suites are in the works.

Hospice care offers residents with terminal illness a serene, comfortable environment, pain management, and spiritual consolation so that they can experience death with dignity. A Hospice Suite is designed to provide a private space for the resident and also an adjoining, but separate, peaceful space for family and friends of the resident to care for themselves. The journey with a dying loved one can be difficult. Family and friends need a place to convene, share memories, grieve, eat, pray, and occasionally spend a night at the resident’s bedside.

“We are grateful to Bob and Stacey for their generous gifts honoring Sister Nola,” says Carol McGuigan, director of CKLC. “They and another couple have been the key to making hospice care available to our residents. It’s a tremendous service that we plan to offer in the spring of 2017.”

To learn more about how you can support Sisters as they age and retire, and to find out how you can contribute to the renovation of the hospice suites, please contact Terry Sanders in the Development Office (tsanders@poorhandmaids.org) or (574) 935-1725. To learn more about the Catherine Kasper Life Center services and residential admissions, visit www.cklc.poorhandmaids.org.
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Blessed Catherine Kasper, 1889
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