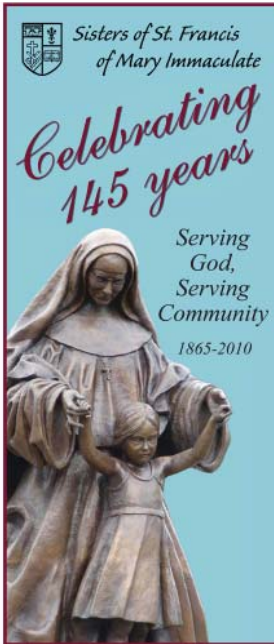




*Sisters of St. Francis
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*Annual Reflection
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The saying goes something like this. “You cannot know where you are going until you know where you have been.” As we reflect on 2010, it’s a thought that seems appropriate. Not only did we celebrate the 145th anniversary of our founding by Mother Alfred Moes, but we began our look into the future.

We opened our 145th year during our annual Congregation Gathering in July 2010 - a time of both reflection and celebration. An exhibit, “145 Years: Serving God, Serving Community,” was open to the public at the Joliet Area Historical Museum during the summer months. Our celebration will continue through our 2011 Congregation Gathering when we will start to look forward to the next 145 years.

Where We've Been

Mother Alfred’s vision is all around us. We are reminded of all that has been accomplished by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters as we witness the work still being done at our Sponsored Institutions: Guardian Angel Home (now Guardian Angel Community Services), St. Francis Academy (now Joliet Catholic Academy) and the College of St. Francis (now the University of St. Francis), Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, the Franciscan Learning Center, Instituto de San Damiano (Brazil) and the Village at Our Lady of Angels.

Our ministries of serving the North American Indian population in northern Wisconsin and the incarcerated in Joliet, both begun in the late 1800s, still continue today. We began serving in Brazil in 1963 when Pope John XXIII asked Congregations in the United States to send a percentage of their memberships to Latin America to serve the large Catholic population. Today, we serve in five areas of Brazil as educators, pastoral ministers and catechists.

We are grateful for the schools and parishes where we have served and still serve today. We think of the thousands of students who have passed through our classrooms. Our former students can be found in all walks of life today. They are priests, brothers, women religious, medical and legal professionals, educators, businessmen and women, musicians and artists. And the list goes on.

Where We Are



We began January 2010, responding to the Haiti earthquake. The Congregation, along with support from our donors, sponsored institutions, families and friends donated \$30,153 to Catholic Relief Services to provide assistance to the Haitian people, whose lives were turned upside down by the devastating earthquake.



*Top: Irmãs Beatrice & Ana Claudia
Bottom: Sisters Deborah & Jennifer*

We rejoiced as two Sisters in Brazil furthered their journeys as Joliet Franciscans. In February 2010, Irmã (Sister) Beatriz de Sousa made her first profession of vows. In July, Irmã Ana Claudia Pontes Rezende made her final profession of vows. In the United States, Sister Deborah Gaughan entered the Novitiate in August and plans were already underway for Sister Jennifer Byrnes' first profession of vows to take place in January 2011.

While these four Sisters were in the early phases of life as Joliet Franciscans, 28 sisters, along with family and friends, gathered on a beautiful Saturday in June to celebrate Jubilees ranging from 25 to 75 years. Although a few are officially retired, many are still actively involved in ministries. They work with the poorest members of our society, educate our youth, care for our elderly and minister to the spiritual needs of all ages.

July found U.S. Vocations Director Sister Barbara Kwiatkowski and Brazilian Vocations Director Irmã Simone Aparecida Ferreira Soares leading a group of American and Brazilian women in a three-week Service Experience in Brazil. The objectives of the trip were to encourage service to the poor, promote vocations and provide a cross-cultural experience. The group worked with people of all ages in Trindade, Hidrolândia and Goiânia, Brazil. The United States participants returned home calling the trip a "life-changing experience."

The Brazil Service Experience was made possible by the generosity of individual donors and Our Sunday Visitor Institute.

In 1961, Sister Marie Schramko was the founding principal of Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In September 2010, Cardinal Gibbons celebrated its 50th year of educating the young people from the Fort Lauderdale area. Today, Sister Marie currently serves as an Assistant Principal of the school. Sister Janet Rieden, who joined the Cardinal Gibbons faculty in 1963, is celebrating her 48th year at the school. Over the school's history, 20 Joliet Franciscan Sisters have served a combined 222 years at Cardinal Gibbons.

In Mansfield, Ohio, the St. Peter's parish family began planning for a milestone anniversary – the 140th anniversary of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters ministry at St. Peter's. The Sisters arrived at St. Peter's in 1871. Over the years, many Sisters have ministered at St. Peter's. Today, Sister Bernard Marie Campbell and Sister Paula Bingert (a native of Mansfield and a graduate of St. Peter's) serve in the parish and school.



Top: Sisters Barb Kwiatkowski and Simone Aparecida Ferreira planned the Brazil Service Experience. Bottom: Sister Barb with the young women who participated from the U.S.



New (2010) Associates are pictured from the top left: Belinda Minko, Louise Johnson, Rosemary Myers. Bottom: Lolita Rancho, Patricia Mathieu, and Vicki Hodgman.

We welcomed eight new Associates in 2010 – six in the United States and two in Brazil. Our Associate program - home to 132 faith-filled men and women - continues to grow each year. We are honored that these individuals travel our journey with us.

Also in 2010, four Sisters entered eternity. Sister Florence Niemet was a nurse and a teacher of biology, English, and religion, who ministered in Illinois and Ohio. Sister Karen Kauderer served many years as a home economics teacher and homemaker in Illinois. Sister Mary Ann Creely served in Illinois and Ohio as an elementary and high school teacher



Our Brazilian Sisters, from left: Irmas (Sisters) Sebastiana, Izabel and Rita enjoy an outdoor “Festa” in honor of Irma Beatrice de Sousa’s first profession. The ceremony was held on January 30, 2010.

and later as a pastoral minister. And lastly, Sister M. Teresine Haban was a teacher and life-long musician who served in Illinois and Pennsylvania and held a Doctoral Degree in Music from the Eastman School in Rochester, NY.

Today, we are a Congregation of 189 members serving in 16 states and Brazil. We are women of faith. We are educators, administrators and campus ministers. We serve in healthcare and hospice. We work in parishes and dioceses. We are artists, musicians and writers. We minister to the poor and the incarcerated. We serve in social service agencies. We are volunteers and caregivers. We are counselors and mentors. We are all this and more. We are the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate.

Giving

We are blessed and grateful for all that has been given to us. And, we are equally blessed and grateful that we can share these gifts with others. In 2010, we were honored to support the following religious, civic, academic and social service organizations so that all may continue their missions.

Cardinal Gibbons High School
 Catholic Charities
 Exchange Club of Joliet
 Franciscan Learning Center
 Guardian Angel Community Services
 Joliet Area Community Hospice
 Joliet Catholic Academy
 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home
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 University of St. Francis
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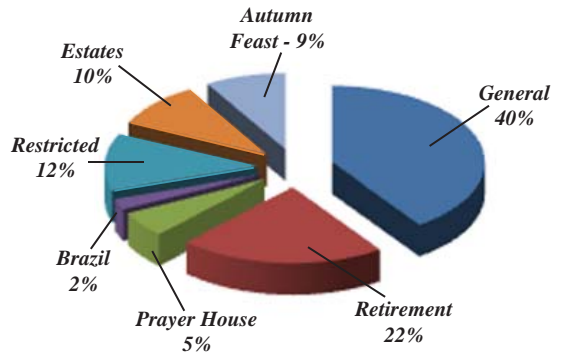


From left: Sr. Marie Schramko was the founding principal at Cardinal Gibbons H.S. when she arrived in 1961. Two years later, Sr. Janet Rieden joined her in 1963. Today, you can still find these two Sisters working at Cardinal Gibbons H.S.

Receiving

We are blessed and very grateful to receive spiritual and financial support from many people, businesses, churches and organizations whom we consider to be our partners in ministry in 2010. With your support, we are able to minister to God's people just as He called us to do.

General	\$145,147
Retirement	\$ 78,599
St. Clare Prayer House	\$ 19,729
Brazil	\$ 8,297
Restricted	\$ 43,263
Estates	\$ 34,244
Franciscan Autumn Feast	\$ 30,738



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*Front: Sisters Meg, Lourdes, Rosemary and Bernadette.
Back: Sisters Rita and Mary Rose celebrate 2010 Jubilee.*

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Where We're Going

It is less than a year until our 2012 General Chapter, a Congregation gathering that takes place every four years. Our Chapter theme – Renew, Rebuild, Rebirth – suggests a choice and a commitment, which builds on the theme of “A Franciscan Renaissance; Pace e Bene – Just Be It!” This time together will start the next part of our journey. We have trust – *confiança* – that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we begin the next 145 years of meeting the needs of God’s people and witnessing to the Kingdom of God through prayer, community and ministry.

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we,
the Joliet Franciscans,
embrace the Gospel life
by commitment to Franciscan
values and respond to the
needs of our time
through prayer, community
and ministry.



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