

# Franciscan<sup>1</sup> *Footnotes*<sup>2</sup>

**1 Franciscan:** Called like Francis of Assisi, the Sisters of St. Francis are messengers of peace, committed to works that reverence human dignity, embrace the poor and marginalized and respect the gift of all creation.

**2 Footnotes:** A publication of the Congregational Advancement Office of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, OH.

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“True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.”

— Francis of Assisi



## Sister Ann Lorette offers a hand to hold

Sister Ann Lorette Piekarz is a blessing sent by God to the many individuals living at Rosary Care Center who are impacted by the isolating symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's.

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## Things You Need to Know

*Estate Planning with Paul Hood*



### What is a legacy gift?

Historically, a legacy gift was one made in a will or trust. However, today, a legacy gift is any gift that takes effect at death. In addition to gifts through wills and trusts, legacy gifts can be made through distributions from an IRA or qualified retirement plan, life insurance, transfer on death of real estate, pay on death bank accounts, and transfer on death securities accounts. A legacy gift is a gift that costs nothing during your lifetime and can be changed in the future, yet it allows you to leave a meaningful, lasting legacy to the Sisters.

### How can I make a qualified charitable distribution to the Sisters from my IRA?

You first have to be at least 70 ½ to make a qualified charitable distribution (“QCD”) from your IRA.

Presently, the law permits direct transfers from an IRA to a public charity of up to \$100,000 per year. The QCD must be transferred directly from the IRA custodian to the public charity; you can't first receive the money and then transfer it to charity. The beauty of the QCD is that while you get no income tax charitable deduction for a QCD, it isn't income to you, and it counts toward your annual required minimum distribution. There are a number of other technical rules for the QCD, so please don't hesitate to ask your tax advisor for help if you have any questions. Generally, these types of transfers are easy to direct, as most IRA custodians are familiar with the requirements and have forms for them.

### ***What is the legal name of the Sylvania Franciscans?***

Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio. *The Sisters of St. Francis is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.* Tax ID#34-4450609

### **Do you have a question for Paul Hood? [Ask it now!](#)**

*(You'll receive a response in 24-72 hours.)*

*Paul Hood obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from Louisiana State University and an LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center before settling down to practice tax and estate planning law in the New Orleans area. Paul has taught at the University of New Orleans, Northeastern University, The University of Toledo College of Law and Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. Paul has authored or co-authored seven books and over 500 professional articles on estate and tax planning and business valuation.*

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## **With a little help, all things are possible.**



Summer visits to the Zoo aren't just for kids.

With the help of Sister Ann Joachim, Sister Austin, LuAnn (see photo above), and many other volunteers, over a dozen residents of Rosary Care Center were able to go on a field trip to the Toledo Zoo to delight in God's remarkable gifts of creation.



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## Sylvania Franciscans are on the record!



It's official - thanks to Rep. Marcy Kaptur, there are now TWO Sylvania Franciscans entered into the Congressional Record - in addition to the recognition of the Centennial celebrated in 2016.

**Sister M. Jeremias Stinson**, OSF, Superintendent of Environmental Stewardship, Gardens, Shrines and Woodland Management - for her conservation achievements at the Sylvania Motherhouse.

**Sister Maurice Wodarski**, OSF, for her extensive volunteer ministry for the Veterans in Toledo, OH.

**Celebrating 100 Years**

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## Meet Sister Margaret Zacharias "Diamonds Found in Poverty"



Sister Marge is Franciscan in mind, heart and soul. She has two master's degrees, six belts in Tae Kwon Do and she spent nearly a decade living, in the spirit of St. Francis, among the poor in Brazil and then Africa.

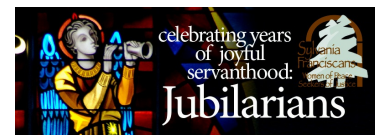
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### **Upcoming Events:**

Portiuncula Feast Day, Thursday, Aug. 2  
Contact [ekerner@sisterosf.org](mailto:ekerner@sisterosf.org)

**All-Day Scrapbooking Fundraising Event for  
Bethany House, NW Ohio's only long-term domestic abuse shelter for women and children.**

With Sr. Roselynn Humbert,  
Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Contact: [rhumbert@sistersosf.org](mailto:rhumbert@sistersosf.org)

Take a Mini-Pilgrimage with Sister Joan Jurski:  
Thursdays, Aug. 23, Sept. 20 and Oct. 11., 10 a.m.- Noon  
Contact: [jjurski@sistersosf.org](mailto:jjurski@sistersosf.org)

Family Nature Walk, Saturday, Aug. 25, 10 a.m. - Noon  
Contact: [jjurski@sistersosf.org](mailto:jjurski@sistersosf.org)

Franciscan Gala: Saturday, September 22  
Contact: Eileen Kerner, [ekerner@sistersosf.org](mailto:ekerner@sistersosf.org)

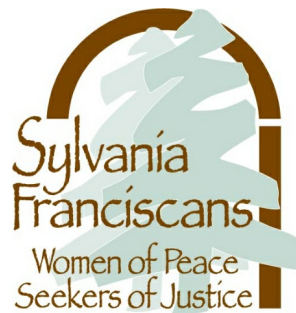
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