

# 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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*Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. - Prayer from Pope Francis*

## Staying Healthy... Change

When I wrote to you in February, who would have ever thought that our lives would change so drastically in March 2020? Families are working from home. Children have no contact with friends. Seniors are truly lonely. And, most agonizing of all, we really don't see the end in sight.



But while it is depressing, I keep reminding myself of [\*the contagion of hope\*](#). Pope Francis challenges us daily to revisit his message in Urbi et Orbi, by banning indifference, abandoning self-centeredness, division and forgetfulness during this time of change.

It is a solemn and prayerful time that is challenging for all of us, but we can only exist fully with hope - hope for ourselves, our neighbors and our nation.

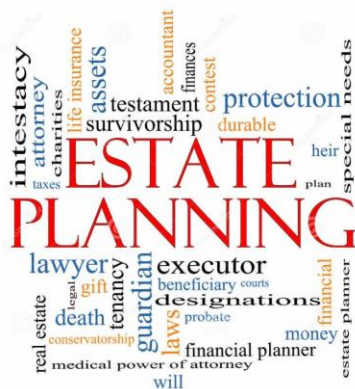
Together as we continue to pray for one another, support one another and know that with hope, we will grow in our love of Jesus. He united us in prayer, in the practice of caring for others and directs us to know that each day he lays his hand of love upon us.

May we continue to unite against the negative change around us, pray for the well-being of others and know we will grow prayerfully together.

Peace and All Good,

Eileen M. Kerner  
Director of Congregational Advancement

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## **Estate Planning with Paul Hood June 2020**

### **Find out how the CARES Act affects you**

***Will I have to pay income tax on the \$1,200 stimulus check?***

No, you won't have to pay income tax on your stimulus payment, according to the IRS website, which has many very helpful answers to questions. The CARES Act provision is complex, but the simple answer is that you won't owe income tax on your stimulus payment.

### **Also answered in this issue:**

- What is the difference implicated by the suspension and relaxation of cash gifts to charities?

- What are the changes in suspension of qualified plan RMD?

[Read Paul Hood's advice on the Care's Act here](#)

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**Do you have a question for Paul?**

[Ask it now!](#)

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## Sylvania Franciscan ministries prove crucial during COVID-19

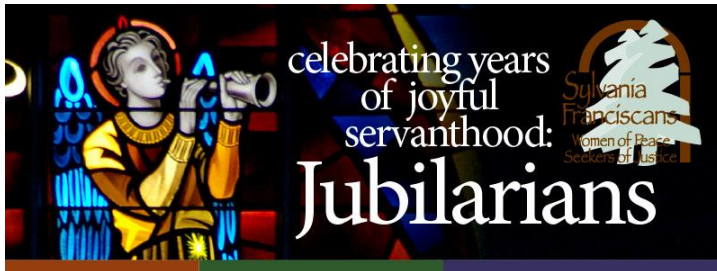
**From helping students learn, to protecting seniors from COVID-19, you've been with the Sylvania Franciscans on the front lines.**



Above, from left: Jeanie DUBY, Tawny Goodell, Regina Berry and Sister Nora Klewicki.

## Keeping residents and Sisters safe at Rosary Care Center and Our Lady of Grace Hall

"If our workers at RCC ever doubted their value in the past, I pray that they never doubt their personal worth again. Not only is their work important and necessary, but in their work I've seen tremendous fidelity, a gentle disposition, and attention to detail," says Sister Nora Klewicki, Rosary Care Center Director of Mission Integration.



## Twelve Sylvania Franciscans celebrate 2020 Jubilees

During this time of uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the restrictions asked of us for the health and safety of all, the 2020 Jubilee celebration is restricted to Sylvania Franciscan Sisters only. Family, Associates and friends will be invited to join the liturgy by live-stream. *(Details to follow).*

Please join us in prayer as we honor these 12 Sylvania Franciscans celebrating anniversaries of professed religious life in 2020 and their total 660 combined years of service.

### [Pictorial listing of the 2020 Jubilarians](#)

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## Reflections through my window

By Sister Sharon Havelak

For the past three months, I've had plenty of reflection time as I sit making face masks on the sewing machine at my bedroom window. For the most part, I've enjoyed the peace of the piece work. Lately, though, a favorite saying, a phrase peace activist John Schramm once said, keeps coming to mind: "When I wake up in the morning, I don't know if I'm supposed to save the world or savor the world." I'm understanding his dilemma even more keenly lately.



[Read Sister Sharon's blog](#)

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(Maximum of three customers in store at one  
time. Masks are required.)

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**10 a.m. - Noon is reserved for Seniors and  
those with disabilities**

**Tuesday - Saturday**

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Photo: Sister Valerie Grondin designed a  
custom mask for this adorable bear in All Good

Things Art & Gifts! Look for this and other lovely designer masks made by the Sisters of  
St. Francis in All Good Things.

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## Upcoming Events

Please note that Queen of Peace Chapel is currently closed to outside visitors. If you  
would like to be notified when Mass opens to the public, email Sue Knapik at  
[sknapik@sistersosf.org](mailto:sknapik@sistersosf.org).

**September 25 & 26, 2020**

**Bishop John Stowe**

(Invitation Only)

Queen of Peace Chapel

**October 15-17, 2020**

**Sylvania Franciscan 2020 Virtual Gala**

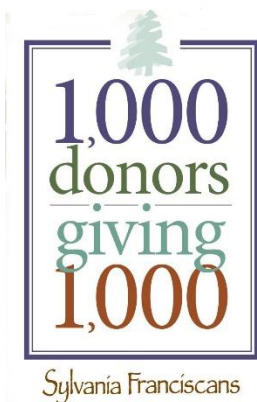
All can register to participate no matter where you reside.

Details coming soon.

For more information on either event, please contact Eileen Kerner at 419-824-3625.

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**We seek 1,000 friends to pledge \$1  
a day for the next three years to  
help our ministries live on.**

## **Why should I give?**

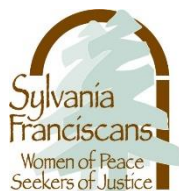
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