

Dedication

Heritage Happenings

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Lest We Forget...



The dedication of the new Holy Family Hospital was scheduled for September 28, 1899. Two days earlier on September 26, 1899 Sisters Seraphica, Dolorose, Rosalie, Magna and Tharsilla moved into their new quarters on the third floor-north end. The joy of the celebration was saddened by the death of Mother Odelia at 2 AM the morning of the dedication. It was known that she was not in favor of the new hospital and the Lord must have heard her prayer. With the dedication of Holy Family Hospital, Healthcare by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity was established in Manitowoc. In November of 1899



Mother Alexia sent Sisters Martha and Theresa to help with the increasing work. That first winter there were no lights except for one oil lamp in the chapel. Sister Magna rode the white bus to take the hospital laundry out to the Motherhouse. Nurses were needed. Already a year before, Mother Alexia had her eye on a young Sister. Sister Cyril Hoffman had professed her vows in 1897. A year later, as plans were being formulated for the new hospital, Mother Alexia sent her to St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee in October of 1898 to study nursing. In 1900 she was one of the nursing Sisters at Holy Family. She served in the operating room from 1902 until 1942. We celebrate the lives of those nurses who have gone before us who have made our healthcare services what they are today in all our Sponsored Ministries.

Archives Travels to Litiija, Slovenia.



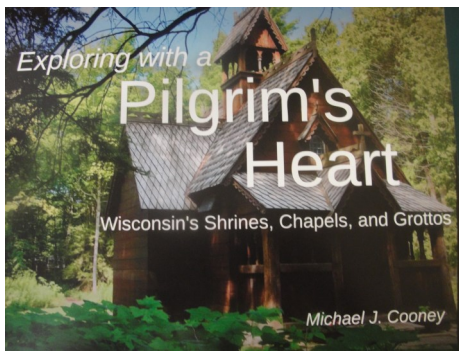
Another summer request came from Bor Zavri in Slovenia. Here is her story!



I am Bor Zavrl, I come from Slovenia and I am a Master of Nursing by profession. Additionally, in healthcare, I am researching the history of nursing and nurses. I also write articles about it. I am currently finishing an article about nuns in healthcare. I am turning to you with a question and a request. Our school sisters used to wear a white belt-cingulum (cord) and a rosary on it. They don't wear it anymore these days. When I asked them for these two things for my article, they couldn't give them to me, because they don't keep them anymore and they lost them due to moving and the like. Did your sisters wear this too and maybe you keep some that you might be able to give me? I need it for the photo in the article, where I would like to show the characteristics of the sisters. It's about nuns: Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate. I don't know if they ever worked in the USA. I am sending a photo of what the sisters looked like then and now. The cingulum and rosary can be seen on the old religious dress, which I would like to find to perfect the photo. Under C are the more recent badges that were worn, I would like to add the cingulum and the rosary there. I will be glad to hear from you. Greetings, Bor Zavrl .

With the help of Sr. Marie Kolbe, one of our cords, a rosary, and clip were mailed to Bor from Rome. Hopefully a copy of her article will be sent to us!

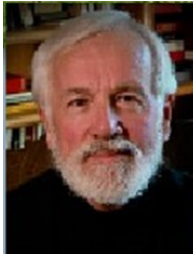




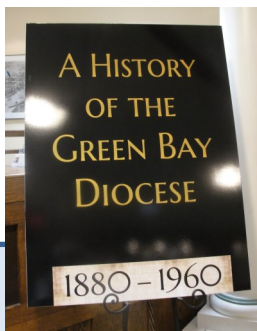
Book Has Been Published!!



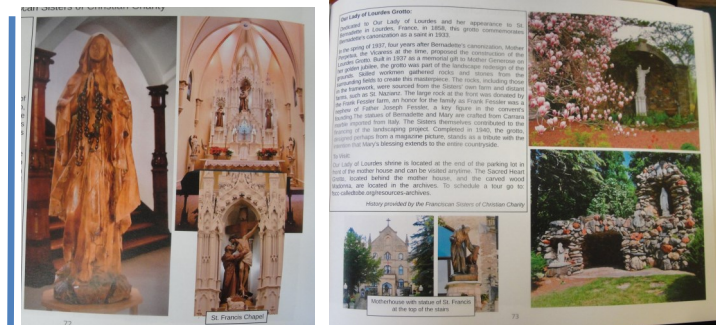
In February of this year, Michael Cooney visited our convent to take pictures for his pending publication featuring Wisconsin's Shrines, Chapels and Grottos. On Page 72—73 the beautiful, all colored pictures, book features the old and new Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, St. Francis Chapel, and Sacred Heart Grotto. He states: *"The soul is speaking, the spirit is at work, you can feel it in the stones, glass, wood, and shells that, transformed from their respective realities in the hands of the builder, become a testament to belief and spiritual connection."* A map of Wisconsin identifies the locations of the 183 sacred sites featured in his book. If you are thinking of a place to visit, go on an outing, take your discussion group, this book will give you many beautiful places to go. Sister Helen Marie is already excited about adding it to her new books!!



Archive Memorabilia Travels to Green Bay Diocesan Museum!



On August 1, 2024, the Green Bay Diocesan Museum celebrated the opening of its second phase of its history dated 1880—1960.



Of all the bishops that served the Green Bay Diocese, they had no artifacts related to Archbishop Katzer. That's because he took it all with him when he moved to Milwaukee. He was such good friends with Mother Alexia. Our archive annals comments on the number of times he came to visit, brought gifts especially at Christmas. Upon his death in 1903, his personal items were given to the community: chasuble made in our Fancy Work Room—too fragile to display; matching ceremonial slippers, burse, mitre; his Asperges sprinkler and his water stoop. A silk booklet made on his death was also included.



In this second phase, all religious congregations, male and female, are represented. Here is our display with missions served, a copy of the book "Alverno", photos of our foundresses and founder, and an image of our post-1929 habit.



The museum is open It is open on Sundays after the 9 a.m. Mass until 11 a.m. and on Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. To arrange a special tour, call the cathedral parish office at (920) 432-4348. Sherry Steffel will be delighted to see you.