

# Heritage Happenings

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Lest We Forget...

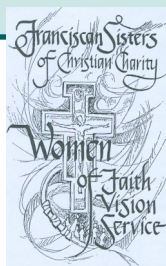
## "Missioning Service"

In 1946 Mother Edna began the Missioning slip. Each Community Director after her attached their own artistic flare to the missioning card. In Mother Edna's words: *"As you kneel before the tabernacle for three minutes of silent adoration, with that sealed assignment in your hands, ask our dear Lord to give you the spirit of sacrifice and the supernatural charity to enhance His glory by a wholehearted surrender to His will. You may meet with trials and sorrows in carrying out His designs for you, but there is always joy and peace in the heart of one who generously serves God. May he give each of us the grace to do that for another year! Signed, Lovingly in St. Francis, Mother M. Edna."*

The missioning slip of paper was simple. At the top was a TAU cross surrounded by J. M. J. F. = Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Francis. And then:

In the spirit of Holy obedience you,  
Sister \_\_\_\_\_ are assigned to \_\_\_\_\_ for the ensuing year.

May the Lord bless thee and keep thee; may he show His face to thee and have mercy upon thee; May he turn His countenance to thee and give thee peace. May the Lord bless thee. Amen.



Any memories to share of receiving appointments...out in the court, in chapel, on mission?



On August 22, 1922 Novice Sr. Eulogia Wahl (a novice as of June 21, 1922) wrote: *"I have landed in the big city of Manistique, Mich.\*You can be no more surprised than I was when I received notice to leave! I was down in the refectory fixing my table after dinner Friday when Rev. Mother called for me and said I was to be ready for mission that evening. We left Manitowoc at 11:00 PM...."*



*We ate lunch In Green Bay and it was comical to see us all sitting there in the depot with a cup of coffee in one hand*

*and a ham sandwich in the other waiting for the clock to strike twelve so that we could eat the meat!! We got to manistiquew at 11:00 AM Saturday." "I'm getting use to the black veil today. The first few hours I rode on the rain I didn't know where to put my head as it seemed to be in the way so much." (pre-1929 veil!!!*

In 1975 a more formal service for distributing appointments was held. Then on May 1, 1978 a light blue holy card was distributed with the appointments and it read:

*"A candle burns slowly and silently, and one is not aware that it is being consumed as it feeds the flame which is its light."* Each time we receive our appointments we have a new opportunity to renew our own offering with our "Yes." We do not know as Mary did not know, what our offering will entail, but we do certainly know that in the often painful lived reality of our "Yes.", our lives will be blessedly consumed and the light of God's love will live in us and in others.

(Sister Ritarose—Community Director)

*And I have thought  
Upon a MAID  
That to the  
Temple CAME  
And OFFERED all  
HERSELF to be  
WAX  
To FEED a FLAME.*



Sr. Colette receives her assignment for 2019-2020



It's time to meet more of the new "M" faces!!! Meet Sisters...



Miriam Johnson, Mary Philip Kinney, Mary Agatha Micke, Magdalen Moorman, Martina Murphy, Mary Joyce Healy, Margaret Schneider



Sister Mary Elizabeth with her bees!!



Mary Elizabeth Munch, Mary Elizabeth Noll, Mary Michael I'Keefe, Margaret Himmelspack, Mildred Rivers, Magna Wegemer



Now meet the Franciscans, Order of Friars Minor-OFM who served the Motherhouse from 1995

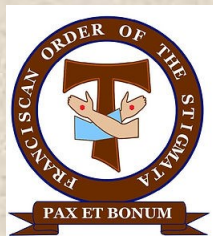
Beginning in 1970 two chaplains began attending the Sisters: one for the Motherhouse and one for St. Rita's. The chaplains for St. Rita's will be our last group to focus on. Now, following the death of Rev. Julian Resch, Norbertine, in 1993, the Franciscans began to minister as chaplains to the Motherhouse.

**February 1, 1994—April 4, 1995:** Rev.

Donald Brody was a member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. Franciscans reformed as Capuchins in 1525 with the purpose of regaining the original habit of St. Francis and also for returning to a stricter observance of the rule of St. Francis. OFM Capuchin. Was the Motherhouse Chaplain from February 1, 1994—January 1995.



**Summer 1995-January 1998:** Rev. Louis Franzcek was our first of the Order of Friars Minor, OFM.  
Rev. De Paul Sobotka served 1998 until July 2008  
Rev. Robert Konopa served Sept. 2008—Dec. 2008  
Rev. Tony Curignani served Dec. 2008—Jan. 2009  
Rev. Finian Zaucha served from Oct-Dec. 2000; Dec. 2009-August 2011; and August 2013—2017  
Rev. Nathan Jaskulski served Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012  
Rev. Placid Stroik has served since August 2012  
Rev. Hilary Brezczinski served May 2013-Sept. 2020  
Rev. Gerald Prusakowski has served since Dec. 2017.



Celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the Canticle of Creation Francis' call to embrace all of creation as a gift of God's love ..a reflection by Sr. Paula Rae Rose.

The warmth of the sun speaks of the Father's Love,  
The warm golden sun speaks of a Father's care,  
the sun touches the earth.  
A comforting warmth replaces  
the cold of winter snow.  
It smiles on the land, and once again  
the earth yields its precious gift of  
life.  
The grass feels the sun and says "I'm  
happy!" in its greenness.  
The trees open their leaves, to drink  
of this rich love.



Man/woman see the sun. Hearts know they can  
love.

The warmth feels so good,  
Man/woman smiles and gives praise.