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Regina Health Center Celebrates Our 125th Anniversary

By John Thomas Lane SSS

The celebration of the Province of Saint Ann (SSS) in the United States continued with a special event at Regina Health Center (RHC), an intercongregational health center in Richfield, Ohio. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine are the sponsoring religious community, and our religious institute was among the founding members who organized it in the late 1980s and early 1990s, culminating in its opening in 1993. The Province of Saint Ann's leaders, including Fathers Jack Dowling, Donald Jette, Anthony Schueller, Thomas Wiese, Edward Stapleton, and Brothers Dana Pelotte (who was later ordained in 1999) and Michael O'Leary, participated in forming the team that worked with Sister Judith Ann Karam CSA, and Sister Margaret Taylor IWBS, to establish this award-winning care center.

On the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Cathedral of Rome, November 9, 2025, Sister Judith Ann Karam CSA welcomed the assembly to the celebration of the Eucharist, offering



During the Mass: Deacon Bourgeois, Fathers Lane, and Kiet

a brief history of the SSS and Regina Health Center within her own religious community. The first resident at RHC was also the first resident to die when it was being opened! Luckily, that omen led to successful care for these past 32 years.

The Provincial Superior, Father John Thomas Lane SSS, presided at the Mass, with the local superior, Joseph Kiet (JK) Nguyen SSS, as the major concelebrant, and Deacon Joseph Bourgeois SSS, assisting. The entire Northeastern Ohio membership of SSS attended the event. Father Lane thanked the sisters, doctors, nurses, therapists, staff, benefactors, and donors for their care of and with the SSS religious over the past 32 years. Currently, the following seven men live in

Regina Health Center: Father Paul Bernier, Brother Allen Boeckman, Deacon Joseph Bourgeois, Father Bernard Camiré, Father Ernest Falardeau, Brother Michael Perez, and Father William Young. With 130 residents of Regina, an additional 55 members of the Eymardian Family attended, mostly from Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Church in Highland Heights, Ohio. The event continued with a reception, followed by a sit-down luncheon-dinner in Saint Augustine Hall, below the Holy Family Chapel at Regina Health Center.



SSS Religious with Associates, friends and members of the Eymardian Family who attended the 125th
Anniversary Celebration



Scott Gongos, our Mission Advancement Director



Brother Michael Perez proclaiming a Scripture Reading at Mass



Ray and Mary Frato



Fathers Roger Bourgeois, John Keenan, and Bernard Camire



Musicians for the Mass



Deacon Joseph Bourgeois and Bob Ukovic



Fathers Ernest Falardeau and Joseph Kiet (JK) Nguyen



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As we celebrated the first "home" of the church in Rome (the Basilica of Saint John Lateran), where Christians were organized, we remembered the men who have made this place their home and a sacred place since 1993. They helped to shape Regina into a temple of God's grace. We give thanks to God for their faithful service as they went to God ahead of us to forge bonds that unite heaven and earth:

1. Br. Paul (Omer) Gaudreau, SSS July 22, 1993 2. Fr. Charles Charest, SSS December 28, 1993 August 20, 1994 3. Fr. Joseph Bernier, SSS Fr. John Paul Choquette, SSS 4. December 22, 1995 5. Br. Victor Cote, SSS December 24, 1995 Fr. Maurice Prefontaine, SSS August 12, 1996 6. 7. Br. Raymond Lussier, SSS October 24, 1996 8. Fr. John Gartner, SSS April 13, 1998 9. Br. Rosaire Mark Proulx, SSS October 5, 1999 10. Fr. Thomas Waldie, SSS October 17, 1999 Fr. Patrick Fenton, SSS December 2, 1999 11. 12. Br. Fernand Duquette, SSS January 10, 2000 13. Fr. Frederick Roberge, SSS October 27, 2003 14. Fr. Lionel Lavigne, SSS October 31, 2003 15. Fr. Timothy Mangan, SSS April 22, 2004 Br. Ignatius Montgomery, SSS May 7, 2004 16. 17. Br. Michael Galligan, SSS February 4, 2005 Fr. John Dowling, SSS 18. May 23, 2005 Fr. Roger Pageot, SSS 19. July 13, 2006 20. Br. Edmund Hardy, SSS November 27, 2006 21. Fr. Dominic Luong, SSS November 1, 2007 Br. Martin Hayes, SSS February 2, 2008 22. September 8, 2008 23. Fr. Walter Riendeau, SSS 24. Fr. Donald Jette, SSS August 31, 2009 Fr. Raymond Dubois, SSS March 17, 2010 25. 26. Fr. Edmund Slattery, SSS June 25, 2010 27. Fr. Edward Stapleton, SSS February 4, 2011 Fr. George Evans, SSS 28. January 31, 2012 29. Br. Thomas Flanagan, SSS July 9, 2013 30. Fr. Julian Rousseau, SSS November 4, 2013 31. Br. Gerard Hickey, SSS October 3, 2014 Fr. Joseph Roy, SSS 32. April 16, 2015 Fr. Robert Lussier, SSS 33. February 16, 2017 34. Fr. Dennis Ruane, SSS July 30, 2018 35. Fr. Michael Noreika, SSS August 13, 2018 Br. Peter Mahady, SSS 36. April 15, 2019 Fr. Mario Marzocchi, SSS 37. June 26, 2020 38. Fr. Robert Chabot, SSS February 20, 2022 39. Fr. Robert Pittman, SSS April 24, 2022 40. Br. Eugene Blee, SSS October 2, 2023 41. Fr. Michael Arkins, SSS September 27, 2024