



Recently we saw the arrival of our Sisters from various parts of the globe as we gathered in late July and early August for our 2012 General Chapter. In the history of most religious congregations, a chapter occurs every four to six years to reflect on its mission, charism and future. Led by the Spirit, for the Allegany Franciscans, it is a time of renewal and commitment and re-commitment. It is a time of deep prayer and decision making as we choose new leaders to direct us in uncertain, yet, *hope-filled* times.



Chapter provided an opportunity to meet with and thank associates, our partners in ministry and many of our benefactors who so generously support St. Elizabeth Mission Society. It is because of you that we have the means to carry out our mission to serve the poor and marginalized in Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica and the United States.

As summer begins to wind down, we wish to offer all of you the opportunity to have your name included in our annual raffle drawing. You may be one of the lucky persons to receive a sum of \$500, \$200 or \$100. Just fill in your name on the stubs and return them on or before the last day of summer, Sept. 21.

You are such an integral part of our lives and once again we want to thank you for your continual support of those we are privileged to serve through the St. Elizabeth Mission Society. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your intentions.

God's Blessings be with you and yours.



Sisters drawing the winning tickets

Presently the oldest living Sister in our congregation.

Love,

*Sr. M. Chris Doherty, OSF*

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St. Elizabeth Mission Society Director**



*2012 Golden Jubiliarians*

The Jubilarians (seated, from left), Sr. Donna Eileen Kane, OSF of Tampa, FL; Sr. Ana Bernadete Albernaz, OSF of Anapolis, BR; Congregational Minister Sr. Avril Chin Fatt, OSF; Sr. Marie Antoinette Pellegrino, OSF of Pittsburgh, PA and Sr. Dolores Anne O'Brien, OSF of Largo, FL. Standing (middle row from left) Sr. Lucy Cardet, OSF of Miami, FL; Sr. Angela Cools-Lartigue, OSF of Allegany, NY; Sr. Christine Tenn, OSF of Miami, FL; Sr. Solange Helena de Oliveira, OSF of Anapolis, BR; Sr. Ana Cristina da Silva, OSF of Anapolis, BR; Sr. Dymphna Aherne, OSF of Collingswood, NJ; Sr. Mary Murphy, OSF of West Palm Beach, FL; Sr. Maria do Socorro Santos Rosal, OSF of Anapolis, BR; Sr. Mary Elaine Cote, OSF of Allegany, NY; and Sr. Kathleen Maire, OSF of Bronx, NY. Standing (back row from left) Sr. Carol Ann Kenyon, OSF of Allegany, NY and Sr. Catherine Cahill, OSF of Tampa, FL.

Dear Sr. Chris,

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Sister Angella Harris (upper photo, middle) recently celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25th Anniversary) as an Allegany Franciscan. Pictured are Sister Angella, her mother, Sereta Harris (left), and Archbishop DuFour in Jamaica.

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**Sisters in order pictured on side 2:**

1. Sr. Therese Joyce, OSF
2. Sr. Rita Tomasulo, OSF
3. Sr. Veronica Mary Louis, OSF
4. Sr. Frances Cardillo, OSF
5. Sr. Ellen Michael Schafer, OSF
6. Sr. Annette Mirco, OSF
7. Sr. Mary Laffey, OSF
8. Sr. Elaine Cote, OSF
9. Sr. Rose Marie Lucente, OSF
10. Sr. Kathleen Francis Honc, OSF
11. Sr. Catherine Michael Brady, OSF
12. Sr. Carlene Rooney, OSF
13. Sr. Madelyn Francis Portanova, OSF



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Dear Friends,

Even though the winter of 2011 was not a particularly difficult one for us here in Allegany, we all looked forward to summer with its sunshine and extra long hours of daylight.

The summer's warmth lent a new kind of energy and hope that spread throughout the Motherhouse as visible signs of the building renovations nicely progress and take form. We have the ability to view construction work going on daily via closed circuit TV. When this work is completed, the renovations will provide a new kind of living space for the sisters. Areas that were very challenging to reach are being transformed to provide easy access and a more comfortable, home-like living environment. Until the project is completed, the sisters are adapting with inspiring courage day after day. Franciscans have a way of being "joyful" even during difficult times...and our sisters are no exception!