



SAINT JOSEPH'S HOME OF SPRINGFIELD

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Christmas Ornament Brings Money & Publicity To Saint Joseph's Home



If you haven't heard, we're having a birthday! October marked the 90th Anniversary year of St. Joseph's Home of Springfield. Since October of 1903 hundreds of men and

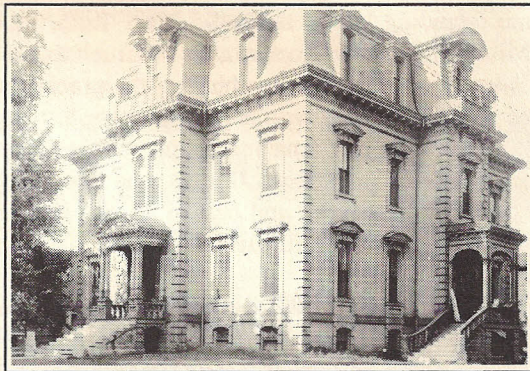
women have found refuge and comfort here by entrusting their final years to the Sisters and staff of the home, confident of the wonderful love and care they would receive. For over ninety years the home has provided a safe and secure dwelling for Springfield's senior citizens. Since the beginning, St. Joseph's Home has been owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception.

In the early 1900s St. Joseph's Home began when a man named Thomas Brady bequested a \$17,000 endowment for a home for the aged in Springfield.

The first challenge was to find Sisters to staff the home. Monsignor Hickey contacted Mother Pacifica, the foundress of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, whose work for the aged was already well-known in Peoria. Mother Pacifica promised to provide Sisters to operate the home.

The Wabash Hospital (pictured below) was the original St.

Joseph's Home for the Aged. Working closely with Monsignor Hickey and Bishop James Ryan, the Sisters purchased the Wabash Railroad Hospital at Sixth

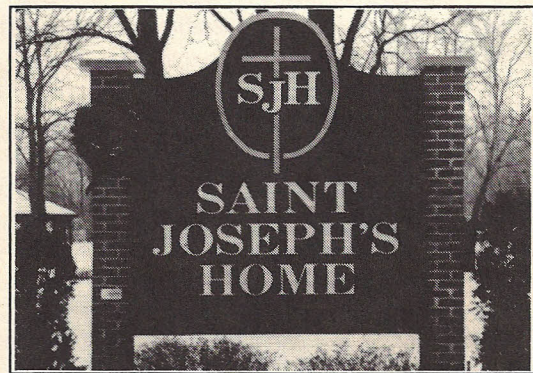


& Lawrence in Springfield. In a letter dated January 31, 1903, the Bishop expressed his pleasure at the purchase of the property,

formerly the Conkling and Mathey Homes. These homes dated back to Lincoln's time. The Old Wabash Hospital was remodeled and formally opened as St. Joseph's Home in October of 1903.

Within twelve years, the original building became inadequate for the number of applicants. In 1915 the Sisters purchased the Workman Residence, which was just south of the existing home, and the two buildings were structurally connected. The additional space temporarily eased the crowded conditions. However, by the early 1920s the home's population had grown from four residents to sixty. Overcrowding and the great number of elderly persons seeking admission to the home prompted the Sisters to undertake a monumental building project. Accordingly, a forty-three acre farm known as Walnut Grove (about three miles south of the first home) was purchased. In the summer of 1925 the ground was broken for the present structure located at 3306 South Sixth Street Road.

Beautifully nestled between the Walnut Grove and the many flower gardens, apple trees, lovely walkways, gazebo and the new Rosary Memorial Plaza, this site on the south edge of Springfield is the epitome of a



wonderful and truly meaningful place for senior citizens to live. St. Joseph's Home ministers to the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of its residents in a respectful and homelike atmosphere. After walking in the front door, people often remark how the love and care, and quality of life is so evident to them.

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from the Administrators...



ADMINISTRATORS, SR. MARY
PATRICIA AND SR. JUDITH

Dear Friend,

As we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Home, we give thanks and remember in prayer all the men and women who have supported St. Joseph's Home through the years. With the financial assistance and volunteer service of many benefactors, we have been able to provide loving quality care to our residents.

St. Joseph's Home has gone through some very difficult times. With the imposition of the Provider Tax the last two years have been extremely troublesome financially.

Due to lack of funds we have put the renovation of the interior of the Chapel on hold. As the financial situation improves, we will take on the task of restoring the Chapel.

In the meantime we will use monies

from our Appeal and Special Projects to begin updating plumbing and bath facilities in the shelter care areas. We plan to provide more private baths, which present-day residents require.

We again appeal to you for financial assistance. We ask your support for two special projects – The Christmas Ornament and the Brick Project. Both would make ideal Christmas gifts. Order forms for both are included in this newsletter. There is also an envelope inserted into this newsletter for your convenience.

As we approach the great feast of the birth of Jesus we ask the Savior to look kindly upon you. You and your loved ones will be remembered in a Novena of Masses offered in the Chapel from December 16th to the 24th.

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Since its construction in 1925, the Chapel has held a very special place in the lives and hearts of the residents. Daily Mass is offered at a convenient hour, and ministers of other faiths are welcome and encouraged to hold services at the home. St. Joseph's Home welcomes men and women of all religions, national origins and racial backgrounds. Newlife Worship Church provides prayer and scripture reading twice each month for non-Catholic residents.

Currently, 112 residents live at St. Joseph's Home. These residents come from different Illinois cities. Residents today range in age from 73 to 105 years old. St. Joseph's Home is widely recognized for its warm, friendly environment and the excellent nursing care provided for the residents.

To celebrate the 90th Birthday, St. Joseph's Home of Springfield has created a Christmas ornament. Each ornament will be engraved with "Christmas, Springfield, Illinois" and feature one of Springfield's famous historical landmarks. The first-edition ornament depicts the Old State Capitol Building from an original rendering graciously donated by Jeannie Mitchell of SALJEAN Advertising & Promotional Display of Springfield. The ornaments are beautiful 24-karat gold on brass and are three-dimensional with a signed and numbered "Certificate of Authenticity." Only 5,000 of the limited edition ornaments are available to be purchased. The ornament comes in a green velvet case with the official gold seal of the City of Springfield embossed on the front.

On October 5, 1993, Mayor Ossie Langfelder proclaimed the ornament the "Official City Ornament of Springfield," at the City Council Meeting in honor of St. Joseph's Home's 90th Anniversary. Sr. Patricia presented the mayor with the No. 1 ornament. Each year hereafter, another famous Springfield landmark or original piece of art created by a celebrated Springfield artist will be featured on the ornament. Only a limited quantity of ornaments are still available. Stop by St. Joseph's Home to purchase an ornament or use the ornament form enclosed in this newsletter.



Pictured above outside the Springfield City Council Chambers are (standing left to right) Sr. Mary Ruth, Sr. Patricia, Jeannie Mitchell, Bonnie Roecker, Sr. Marcelina, and resident Sally Easterwood. Sr. Judith is holding the proclamation after the city council meeting that was held on October 5.

The official city ornament is the perfect Christmas gift because it represents Springfield, Illinois, and has official status. It is a collectible each year, and best of all, the money raised goes to a most worthy cause in the community – St. Joseph's Home of Springfield.

Your purchase of this collectible Christmas ornament will not only bring joy to the receiver but will also provide needed funds for programs, service and capital needs for St. Joseph's Home – like adding private bathroom facilities to existing rooms which presently share bathrooms. The funds received will enable us to do so much for our residents. What a joyful way to share Christmas with you this year. May the ornaments brighten your tree and serve as a reminder of the wonderful men and women who live here at St. Joseph's Home and the 90 years of service the home has provided to this community.



Memorial Brick Plaza Update

Three Plazas Completed

Lord, Give Success To The Work Of Our Hands

How appropriate that work began on the installation of the Memorial Plazas just one month prior to the beginning of the 90th Anniversary year. By September 12, three plazas were installed just in time for the 6th Annual Picnic. Those attending the picnic were able to see the beautiful completed plazas.

Three-hundred and forty 4" by 8" bricks and thirty-five 12" by 12" bricks were purchased by benefactors who wished to give a long-lasting gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

As one views the beautifully designed semi-circles of earth toned bricks, the names of past and present residents can be readily seen as well as names of benefactors, family members and sisters who have served at the home.

Donations received from these gifts not only enhance the beauty of the grounds, but have provided \$38,000 to date for services and capital improvements.

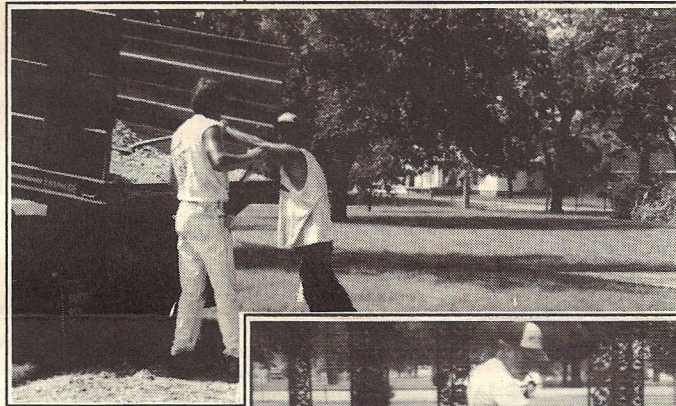
Credit for the design of the Rosary Walk goes to Jim Graham of Graham, O'Shea, Hyde, Architects, and Dennis Moscardelli of Pleasant Nursery. Our sincere gratitude to Fremont Patterson, professional mason, who donated hours of time and worked with volunteers to install the plazas. We sincerely thank Michael Von Behren Builders for lending us their fork lift and Henry Nelch & Son Co. for donating the gravel and sand to complete the plazas.

Our goal for the Brick by Brick Rosary Walk project was set at 500 bricks, which translates into \$50,000. In the first phase of this campaign we have achieved over three-fourths of that goal. We trust you will help us reach our goal by buying your brick today. Please see the Brick By Brick order form in this newsletter.

DENNIS MOSCARDELLI OF PLEASANT NURSERY AND HELPERS PREPARE TO BEGIN WORK ON THE LONG-AWAITED MEMORIAL PLAZAS.



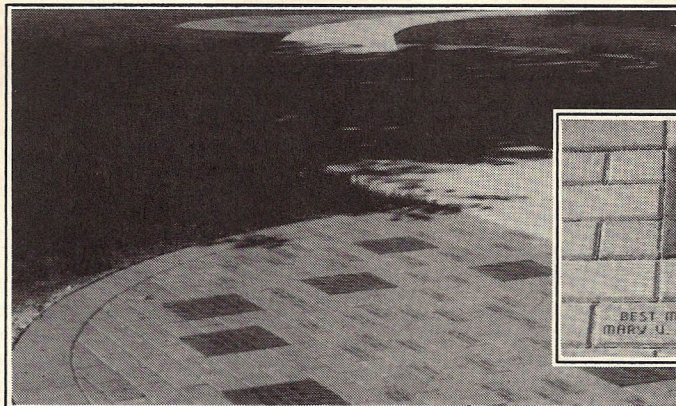
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CARL STOTT, FREMONT PATTERSON AND BOB GATHARD WORK TO LINE UP THE BRICKS JUST RIGHT IN THE SEMI-CIRCLE DESIGN OF THE WALK.



A VIEW OF THE FIRST THREE ROSARY PLAZAS.



ABOVE, ACTUAL BRICKS ARE SHOWN FROM THE PLAZA.

MEMORIAL WALK – LARGE BRICK DONORS

THE FOLLOWING LIST IDENTIFIES EACH 12 X 12 BRICK AND IS NOT THE EXACT SIX LINE INSCRIPTION. DONATIONS OF \$500 WERE RECEIVED FOR EACH BRICK. DONORS NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW THOSE MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED IF DIFFERENT THAN THOSE INSCRIBED.

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 MERT WEDDING – Lawrence Wedding
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 – Jane Jarboe & Anne Heckel
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 – Rev. Eugene J. Weitzel
 JOSEPH M. WHALEN
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 DON & MARY WIENHOFF
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The 6th Annual St. Joseph's Home Picnic

Stormy Beginning Ends With Bright Results

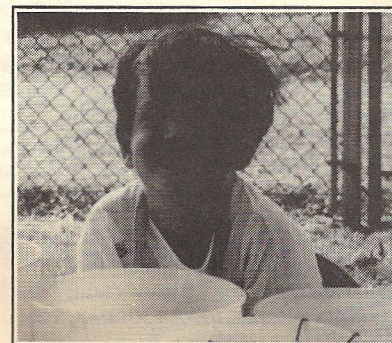
Despite a stormy beginning, the sun came out just in time to provide a glorious day for the 6th Annual Picnic. The Picnic netted \$10,000. A big thank you to the picnic committee volunteers, and all those involved for their time, hard work and tireless efforts for making the 6th Annual Picnic such a huge success. A great day was had by all!



AFTER A STORMY BEGINNING, SEPTEMBER 12TH'S PICNIC TURNED INTO A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY. A PROFIT OF NEARLY \$10,000 MADE THE DAY WORTHWHILE.



A SCENE FROM THE 1993 OLD FASHIONED PICNIC. FOR THE 6TH YEAR, THE USE OF THE HASHMAN FOOD WAGON WAS A DONATION TO THE HOME.



FACE PAINTING WAS VERY POPULAR WITH THE MANY CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED.

GIFTS IN KIND

Sue & Bill Ascroft
Baird Enterprises
Harry Beck
Esther & Dwight Bland
Blessed Sacrament Church
Brooms Orchard
Boy Scout Troop #202
Little Flower - Jerry
Curry, Leader
Bunn Capitol
Alice Carpenter
Casey's
Alice Cleary
Jack Coleman
Cecil Cravens
J. E. Curry, DVM
George Dawson
Jim & Rosalyn DeRight
Dave Dickerson
Pat & John Dietrich
Dan Doyle
Barb Doyle
Mike Doyle
Entertainers:
George Heinman &
Friend
In Treble Again
Municipal Band

Springfield Boot
Kickers
Steve Walko Band
Explorer Scouts
Vern & Carolyn Eyre
Millie Foster
Ted Furkin
Gabatoni's Restaurant
Garden Center
Bob Gathard
Lucy Gerber
Al Giacomini
Sam & Jo Ann Giordano
Graham O'Shea Hyde
Jim Graham
Gundy's Fine Meats
Tom Hageman
Gene Hampson
George & Agnes Hashman
Paul Henderson
Robert Huber
Kerber, Eck & Braeckel
David Kohlrus
James & Debbie LaRocca
Barb Lehman
McDrew Charity Classic
McDonald's Restaurant
Sue & Renato Magnani

Jim Metz
Tim Montgomery
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Henry Nelch & Son Co.
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Tyler Paluska
Freemont Patterson
Kay Phillips
Tom Pierceall
Norma Pokora
Resident's Family
Members
Ann Ritter
Jim Roecker
Maxine & Bob Salefski
Sam's Club
Shop & Save
Springfield Produce
Stern's Carriage House
Larry Timoney
Toys R Us
The Track Shack
Philip Vance
Fred Wiessing
Mike Witter
Wiley's
Young's Appliances

1993 Picnic Raffle Winners

\$1,000 Cash - Vono Medical Supplies
\$250 Stern's Carriage House Gift Certificate -
Gerri Forgey - Peoria, IL
\$150 Young's Gift Certificate -
Craig Bilyer - Chatham, IL
Schwinn Bicycle - Millie Otto - MO
Bread Makers from Sam's Club -
Dave O'Shea - Virden, IL
Girl's 20" BMX bike from Toys-R-Us -
Harry Cosgrove
2 - \$25 Gift Certificates from
Gundy's Fine Meat Inc.
- Lydia Kruszka - Springfield, IL
- Donna Pettit - Springfield, IL

WANTED VOLUNTEERS!

We need your help for a
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**90th
Anniversary Celebration
& Tribute Dinner**

If you would like to be a part of the
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 SPRINGFIELD 62706

JIM EDGAR
 GOVERNOR

November 10, 1993

Greetings:

As Governor of the State of Illinois, it is my pleasure to congratulate St. Joseph's Home of Springfield on your 90th Anniversary.

St. Joseph's Home is part of the rich history of Springfield. It has provided area senior citizens a loving and caring environment for their twilight years.

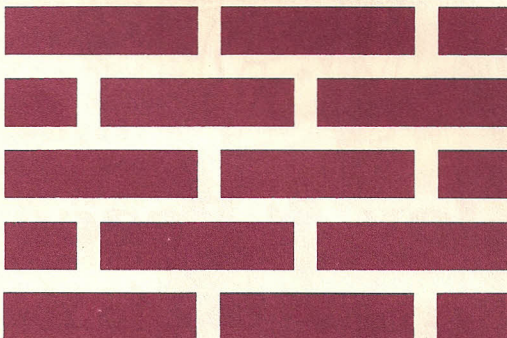
I am pleased that Mayor Ossie Langfelder has proclaimed the anniversary Christmas ornament, depicting the Old State Capitol, as the "Official City Ornament" of Springfield. It will serve to remind individuals of the history and heritage of the city.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable anniversary celebration.

Best regards,

Jim Edgar
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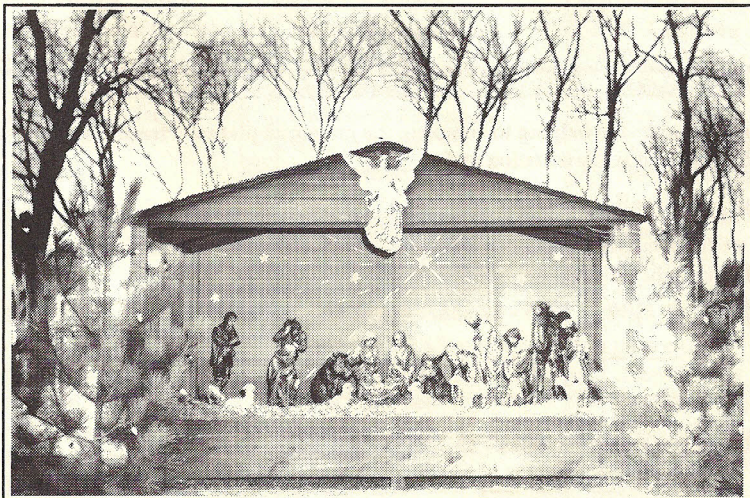
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Old Memories and Young Hopes



Some of our readers will remember the large manger that used to grace our grounds. This photo was taken in the early 1940s. You can see the walnut tree tops from the walnut grove above the manger roof. The wooden manger fell in disrepair. However, the manger figurines are still being used even though they are showing substantial wear.



Joy & Peace

My Peace I Give To You

The Sisters, staff and residents of St. Joseph's Home wish you a Blessed & Joyous Christmas!

You will be remembered in our Novena of Masses at St. Joseph's from December 16 - 24.