“Patience! Patience! My dear Savior, come soon!” With these words, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel prepared to meet her Spouse. After her death on February 6, 1905, her Sisters were confident that they now had a new intercessor before the throne of God. More than a century later, this confidence was affirmed by the Church when Pope Francis approved a “Decree of Miracle” on March 27, 2013. With this approval of the miraculous healing of a young boy from Colorado Springs, CO, the Community anticipates the beatification of our foundress on November 10, 2013.

The process towards sainthood began more than 50 years ago, so we rejoice that God in His Providence has bestowed this gift during the Year of Faith and our 150th Jubilee. At her death, the Superior wrote to the Sisters of her place in heaven, “There, at the source of divine love and grace, she undoubtedly has met a great multitude of her glorified Sisters with whom she will plead for blessings and salvation for her Sisters still on earth.” We join all of our Sisters on earth and in the heavenly kingdom in giving thanks to God for this great gift.
Did You Know . . .

Professor of Medicine, author, and adult stem cell researcher, Dr. Keith L. March, M.D., Ph.D. was admitted to the University of Saint Francis in Ft. Wayne when he was twelve years old! In May, Dr. March gave the commencement speech at the University and urged the graduates to keep their knowledge planted in God. Here he is pictured with Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch.

“Since devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was the abiding love of her life, we can surmise her fervent outpourings before the tabernacle in this cloister chapel. Her visits multiplied steadily, and the almost unconscious self-oblation of her First Communion Day now found a realization far beyond her years.”

From the Wounds of St. Francis
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets the Jubilarians before Mass.

Golden Jubilarians, Sister Eileen, Sister Dolores Anne, and Sister Rachel.

Sister Alfreda celebrates 80 years as a religious.

Bishop Rhoades greets Sister Mary Florence.

Sister Imelda (front) and Sister Raphael celebrate.

Sister Andrew celebrates 60 years as a religious.

From left to right standing: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Sister M. Imelda (75 years); Sister M. Rachel, Sister M. Dolores Anne, and Sister M. Eileen (50 years); Sister M. Raphael, Sister M. Andrew, and Sister M. Timothy (60 years); (sitting) Sister M. Alfreda and Sister Mary Florence (80 years).
The Beautiful and Historic Buildings

**The Provincialate**

Built in 1919 as the “Carlisle Manor,” this historic building was acquired by the Sisters in 1943 through the assistance of Bishop Noll.

**St. Francis Convent**

The Sisters living at our main convent, completed in 1950, serve their Sisters and guests in many capacities. Inside the cornerstone were placed a statue of St. Joseph, a Sacred Heart badge, a picture of Mother Maria Theresia, and the names of the Sisters currently stationed at the Motherhouse.

**Our Lady of Angels Convent**

This building was completed in 1965 to provide loving care for our sick or aging Sisters.
Originally servants’ quarters for the Carlisle Estate, this building houses the novices and postulants.

Throughout the year, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass unites the entire Congregation. St. Francis Chapel was dedicated to St. Francis on June 12, 1952 by Bishop John Francis Noll. Windows depicting the life of St. Joseph, originally from St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis, TN, were installed in 2002.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, located at the center of our home representing our primary charism, is the center of our lives.
Adoration Chapel Windows: The four stained glass windows in the Adoration Chapel are symbolic of the four ends of prayer: adoration, thanksgiving, petition, and reparation. Each window also features a flower with special significance.

**My Lord and My God**
This window depicts Adoration. The lilac’s delicate scent represents prayers poured out continuously in loving adoration of God.

**Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord**
This window depicts prayer of thanksgiving. The flaming tulips suggest the Divine Fire of Love of the Trinity, the Source of all good.

**O Lord, Hear my Prayer**
This window depicts prayer of intercession. The sunflower, whose gaze follows the sun along its course from dawn to dusk, symbolizes our unceasing prayers offered to God day and night.

**O Lord, I am not worthy**
This window depicts penitential prayer. The thorny holly leaves along with the red berries suggest the wounds and blood of our Lord.
Sister Petra (left) and Sister Anna Joseph recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Franciscan University of Steubenville, respectively. Sister Petra earned a Masters in Business Administration, while Sister Anna Joseph earned a Masters in English Education.

Sister Rose Agnes was presented with a Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Saint Francis by Sister M. Elise, President.

Sister Lois and the Postulants, Angela and Patricia visited several of our Lafayette-area missions. They are pictured here with Sister Julie Marie and a co-worker at Franciscan St. Elizabeth Heath.

Students from St. Anthony de Padua School visited the Sisters at Our Lady of the Angels Convent. The students paused for a photo with Sister Arlene after giving her a daisy.
Mission Statement

We, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, participate in the mission of the Roman Catholic Church by living the Gospel after the example of Saint Francis and our foundress, Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. We strive to combine the contemplative life with the active through perpetual adoration and the works of mercy in education, healthcare, and other ecclesial ministries.