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## 2011 FALL MINISTRY APPEAL

Franciscan Friends and Family,

What a summer this has been! For Clinton Franciscans it was filled with gatherings, meetings, retreats. These are important days of planning-for-the-future.

We began with a retreat, led by **Sister Gabriele Uhlein**, who drew us to recognize the creation and love of God within us and in all of the universe.



**We celebrated with sisters and associates their 25, 50, 60 and 70 year jubilees.**



And now Fall is here and again we have been “commissioned” to a mission of non-violence and peacemaking wherever we are called to serve. We are writing to update you on our mission and to ask for your support of our work.



**“Following in the Footsteps of Francis and Clare”:** In Clinton, Iowa we have begun our Fall Session of this course. Ten of us have teamed up to present what we hope is an authentic approach to the Franciscan Spirituality to which we subscribe and realize this spirituality speaks to many and so perfectly meets the needs of our world today. The Course has also been presented in California, Kentucky and Illinois. Look in our website for more class information.

Many of us were moved by the speech given by **Sister Hilary Mullany** recently at the **9/11 Memorial Service** here in Clinton. “On September 11, 2001, this country was tested and, for a shining moment, found worthy... We share the privileges of self-determination, of uninhibited opportunities for education and learning, of civil rights; and freedom to exercise expression of religion. I think that like those on the tower staircase, we must take time to help one another. When we do we too are found worthy of our freedom” .



**Sisters of St. Francis serve in Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Arizona, California, Oregon and Peru, South America.**

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**In The Port Ministries of Chicago Sister Sarah Martz writes:** “There is not a single person in this neighborhood who does not want to feel respected, to be taken seriously, to be heard, to know that they are important, that their hurts and their joys matter, that they matter, that they are worth something, that they are loved. The programs that we have at the Mantle are a perfect example of this. We teach adults English, but the bigger ministry is to lend a listening ear to a mother who is experiencing trials in life. We read stories to toddlers, but we also rejoice with them when they use the toilet for the first time! We sing silly songs with the pre-school children but we also do the “We did it!” dance with them when they learn to write their name without any assistance. We help the school aged children with their math homework, but we also cry with them as they mourn the loss of a dear friend.

Many of you know **Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA**, a native Chicagoan who has served many years with our Sister Phyllis Morris in Chulucanas, Peru, South America. Recently Bishop Dan received the 2011 Peace Prize in Lima, Peru from the Peruvian Ministry of Women and Social Development for his work to promote a ‘Culture of Peace’ through his leadership in well founded and sustainable solutions to the conflicts that arise in Peru’s social and economic development.



**Clinton Franciscans** who ministered at St. Gerald School and Parish in Oak Lawn, Illinois were honored at an Alumni Mass and Reception on June 26. “*The sisters have prayed, laughed and cried with our families for over 80 years. They are an important part of the rich history of St. Gerald Parish.*” A bench with a memorial plaque was placed in the parish garden of Our Lady.

(pictured L—R) Sisters Evelyn McKenna, Pauline Logsdon, Anne Martin Phelan, Dorothy Stolmeier, Marcella Marie Narlock, Maureen Becker and Martinelle Bonnell.



Sr. Harriet



Srs Jackie, Janet, Maureen and Phyllis



Sr. Gael



Sr. Marcella Marie

Your support enables us to continue in our ministries in seven states and Peru, South America.

**THANK YOU**

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