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A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP



**Monsignor
John Donovan**

Every community needs strong, devoted leaders. Monsignor John Donovan's dedication to the Milwaukee community is evident through the variety of commitments he made throughout his career and retirement. From his duties as a priest, to participation in community groups and local athletics, Monsignor created a strong presence in the community.

Monsignor Donovan was born and raised in Bay View and attended Immaculate Conception Grade School; following graduation, he entered Saint Francis Minor Seminary. Based on his academic performance, he was the only student from his class chosen to study at The Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he obtained a philosophy degree. Monsignor returned to the United States in 1940 and was sent to the Theological College of The Catholic University in Washington, D.C.; he received a degree in theology. He was ordained for the Milwaukee Archdiocese before going back to The Catholic University, where he earned his doctorate in Canon (church) Law in 1948.

After completing his doctorate, Monsignor Donovan returned to Milwaukee and was named Secretary of the Matrimonial Tribunal, a position he held until 1975. Throughout that time, he also served as Assistant at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and later as Administrator of Old St. Mary's Parish. In 1959, he was named a Monsignor, after Archbishop Meyer requested Rome to grant this honor. Monsignor Donovan was named the pastor of St. Monica's Parish in Whitefish Bay,

where he served from 1974 until his retirement in June of 1993. He then took up residence with other retired priests at The Cousins Center.

Throughout his career, Monsignor Donovan was an avid golfer and tennis player, as well as a semipro softball player. He was also a fan of the Milwaukee Braves. Monsignor attended almost every home game with Archbishop Meyer and enjoyed their seats behind the Braves' dugout. He knew many of the players—including Henry Aaron, Johnny Logan and Eddie Matthews—personally and officiated at several of their marriages.

Monsignor was active in many community affairs throughout the years. He served as an advisor at the House of Good Shepherd, a school for delinquent girls, and gave retreats at a number of girls' boarding schools across the country. He also worked with the Youth-Aide Bureau and Vice Squads of the Milwaukee Police Department. For a time, Monsignor served as President of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Crime Prevention Commission. One of his favorite memories of that time was being able to get then-Attorney General Bobby Kennedy to speak at the Commission's annual luncheon. Monsignor was also a member of the Knights of Holy Sepulchre.

After retiring, Monsignor Donovan continued to offer mass at local parishes. He stopped doing so about five years ago and found that he missed it. However, since moving to Milwaukee Catholic Home last fall, Monsignor has been pleased to con-celebrate daily mass and occasionally preach in St Anne's Chapel in The Residence. His education and experience are something from which we all can learn.



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Paul Connolly,
Executive
Director

As we begin a new year, it is a time that many people think about new beginnings and resolutions. At Milwaukee Catholic Home we are supportive of your resolutions and goals.

Many people make an effort to be more health-conscious at the beginning of the year. At Milwaukee Catholic Home, we too are looking for ways that we can help you in those efforts. This year, Dining Services has cut all trans fats out of their cooking without losing the great quality and flavor everyone has come to expect from the meals at Milwaukee Catholic Home. Additionally, lunch will now be an open-seating concept, similar to breakfast. Diners will be able to select from a rotating menu, allowing them to choose options that fit their healthy living goals.

For those residents who are looking to get more active in 2007, Milwaukee Catholic Home offers numerous opportunities for that as well. Exercise classes are offered each morning, and a new stretching and balance class is now being offered one afternoon per week. In addition to the classes, many residents like to take advantage of Milwaukee Catholic Home's fitness room. An exercise assistant is available twice a week to show residents how to use the equipment or work with them on individual exercise programs.

For those looking to improve personal wellness, the new spa on the lower level of The Residence is almost complete. It will offer residents use of a whirlpool tub, spacious walk-in shower and massage services, in a relaxing environment, complete with soothing music. It will be a great setting in which to relax away any leftover stress from the holidays.

These small changes will provide residents with more opportunities for healthy living and wellness at Milwaukee Catholic Home. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy year in 2007.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

MCH congratulates employee Chris Cotter, LPN, who graduated from Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) on December 21, 2006 with an Associates Degree in Nursing. Chris has worked at MCH as an LPN for the past five years. Chris' professors nominated her for MATC's Lamp of Knowledge Award. This is an award given to several individuals who are always on the quest for knowledge and demonstrate this with their high academic achievements. Everyone at MCH wishes Chris continued success in her nursing career.

SPREADING THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

The Residence was full of holiday cheer on December 14th, as residents and guests enjoyed many fun-filled holiday activities and events. The day began with musical performances by children from St. Monica's School and the bell choirs of St. Joan Antida High School. The afternoon included tours of apartments decorated for the holidays, as well as visits with Santa and treats of hot chocolate and cookies made by the residents.

A cocktail party followed, and residents were surprised by a special guest, Archbishop Timothy Dolan. The Archbishop graciously visited with residents and guests from the community. Afterwards, the residents were treated to a special Christmas party and dinner prepared by Dining Services staff and enjoyed a concert performed by the Marquette University High School Choir. Residents and guests greatly enjoyed all the festivities the day had to offer.



Linda Cardinale with Ada Dziewanowska in traditional Polish attire



If you weren't able to attend the holiday apartment tours, but would like to come for a personal tour of The Residence, please call the Marketing Department at 414-224-9700.

Left: Archbishop Timothy Dolan and Meg Schumaker



Above: Edith Glocke and Julia McKale making Christmas cookies



Left: Dorothy Vallier visits Santa

“FROSTY” WARMS VIEWERS’ HEARTS

Residents of Milwaukee Catholic Home’s Special Care Unit and children from Columbia St. Mary’s Children’s School worked together to present an intergenerational play entitled, “Frosty.” Bridget McNair, MCH’s Director of Recreation Therapy, created the production, which was performed for a packed house of residents, families, staff and friends. Residents and children had a great time participating in the play, creating costumes and providing sound effects.

L-R: Cecelia Uszler, Gretchen Kolb and Ruth Fallon



ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATES 2006

Milwaukee Catholic Home’s 93rd Annual Corporate Meeting was held on Thursday, January 25th, 2007. Board President Michael Benton and Executive Director Paul Connolly each thanked the board members and management team for working together to ensure the highest quality of care and services for our residents. The meeting also featured a slide show of memorable photos, featuring residents, clients, families and staff from Milwaukee Catholic Home enjoying activities, concerts, outings and celebrations throughout 2006. Following the meeting, board members, staff and corporate members enjoyed appetizers and cocktails in celebration of a successful year in 2006 and anticipation of another great year in 2007.



Nick and Mary Carter



MCH Board of Directors (left to right): Mary Darling, Richard Imperiale, Sarah Oberhofer, Paul Westrick, Christian Steinmetz, Rev. Timothy Kitzke, Steve Helfer, Robert Kowalsky and John Revitte (missing: Dr. Glenn Ragalie)



Anne Helfer, Steve Helfer and Mary Darling



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TIME SLIPS RETURNS TO MCH

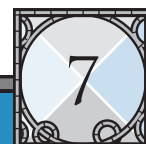
Milwaukee Catholic Home is once again the host site of a TimeSlips research project conducted by the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee’s Center on Age and Community. TimeSlips is a story-telling process that encourages the creativity of residents who have Alzheimer’s or other related dementia. The TimeSlips program was conceived in 1998 by Anne Basting, PhD, and has resulted in thousands of stories that have touched the lives of older adults and have offered a communication opportunity that enhances meaningful connections.

TimeSlips encourages people with memory loss to exercise their imaginations and originality. This technique is a shift away from the traditional method of focusing on memory and reminiscence, which can be uncomfortable and stressful for people with dementia. TimeSlips is especially effective in settings such as MCH’s Health and Rehabilitation Center, which offers a variety of services and programs, such as assisted living, skilled nursing and intergenerational groups.



In the TimeSlips process, facilitators ask open-ended questions about a thought-provoking image and incorporate all responses into a story. Storytelling sessions can last up to an hour, and typically involve 6-12 people with memory loss. The process works well with groups of people at all levels of cognitive challenge, with one or several leaders guiding the sessions. We have found TimeSlips to be an excellent way to facilitate meaningful interactions among residents.

Bridget McNair and Genevieve Laubach.



WINTER CONCERT SERIES IN FULL SWING

Missing Patio Pops? Then join us for our Winter Wonders concert series! Winter Wonders concerts are the perfect way to beat the winter blues and enjoy some wonderful musical performances – free of charge! Performances are held in The Residence Ballroom at 7:30 p.m., and community guests are always welcome.



Upcoming dates are listed below, but be sure to check our website, www.milwaukeehome.org, for additional performances.

For more information, call Anne at 414-224-9700 ext. 141.

February 28th Eastwinds Brass Quintet

March 7th Bellissimi (Opera Quartet)

SAVE THE DATE!

March 8th

International Women's Day
Celebration and Brunch

March 12th

7:30 p.m. Milwaukee Male Chorus

March 13th and 20th

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
AARP Driver Safety Program

March 16th

2:45 p.m. Trinity Irish Dancers

May 23rd

Open House followed by Paul Cebar
Performance at Patio Pops

For more information about
these events, visit
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