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Fifth Annual Dinner Dance Benefits Endowment Fund

The Fifth Annual "Stars on Broadway" Dinner Dance & Silent Auction was held on September 23, 2006, at the Alliance of Poles Hall in Slavic Village with a sell-out crowd of more than 250 attendees. The event raised funds to benefit the SSMI Endowment Fund in Memory of Sister Amelia Kuska which will allow the Sisters to continue their mission of serving the elderly throughout Cleveland.

Channels 19 & 43 Reporter Paul Orlousky acted as the event's emcee and presented information about SSMI and their 30th anniversary working in The Diocese of Cleveland.

Representatives from SSMI's Baltimore provincial house were in attendance, including Provincial Superior Sr. Krystyna Mroczek.



Sister Ce Ann Sambor, Event Emcee Paul Orlousky, Sister Anna Kaszuba and SSMI Advisory Board Members Lisa and Michael Mackin.

More than 100 items and gift certificates from local companies and organizations were auctioned throughout the evening, including the rental of a Hummer for a weekend, tickets to sporting events, original artwork and vacation home rentals. A display of fine jewelry was offered by A.B. Jewelers of Avon Lake.

Raffles were held for a wheelbarrow of wine and liquor and lottery tickets. Grab bags were also for sale during the evening.

Novotny Catering hosted the event's meal serving such favorite Eastern European foods as stuffed cabbage, spatzel noodles, pork chops and mixed vegetables.

The next Dinner Dance is scheduled for **September 22, 2007**. We want to hear your ideas on improving our event! Please call or email us with your suggestions.

Healing Mass Offers Hope to Many



More than 200 families and friends of the Sisters, including SSMI Board of Trustees and Advisory Board members, gathered Sunday, October 15, 2006, for a bilingual Mass in the English and Polish languages with the Anointing of the Sick at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Led by Pastor Father Ralph Hudak, five other concelebrants spread throughout the Church to lay their hands on and anoint the forehead and hands of young and old alike.

Following the liturgy, the congregation moved to the Parish Center for refreshments. This Mass is offered twice each year, and anyone who is ailing, physically or emotionally, is invited to participate in this beautiful and inspiring liturgy. The Sisters thank all those who attended as well as those who helped make this day possible.

Worth the Investment

It's that time of year again when many worthwhile causes ask for your year-end donations. SSMI will also send out letters asking for your consideration, but you may ask yourself how the money is used. For SSMI, we use it to provide the following services to elderly adults living in the Cleveland area:

- Outreach Services
- Spiritual/Pastoral Care
- Interpretation & Translation Assistance
- Case Management
- Socialization/Recreation
- Escort Transportation
- Holiday Meals
- Telephone Reassurance



Provincial Superior Sr. Krystyna Mroczek addresses attendees at the 2006 Dinner Dance.

Spread the Word

If you know someone who would be interested in receiving this publication or learning more about the SSMI Ministry, contact us by phone at (216) 441-5402, by email at SSMIendowment@hotmail.com or through our website at www.SSMIendowment.org.

Meet Sister Anna Kaszuba

This year, Sister Anna Kaszuba celebrates 25 years of service to the homebound elderly. Sister Anna joined the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate community in her native Poland in 1967. After completing her formation and professing final vows in 1971, she was assigned to minister in Rome, Italy, working in the business office of the North American College, a residence for graduate student priests from America.

In 1977, while serving in Rome, Sister Anna met Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, Cardinal Carol Wojtyla, when he was a guest of honor at the college's Thanksgiving dinner. A year later, she had the privilege to be at the Plaza of St. Peter's Square when he was elected Pope John Paul II. During her work in Rome, Sister Anna was fortunate to participate frequently at Masses celebrated by the Pope. "I drew much of my inner strength from him," she says.

From Rome, Sister Anna traveled to the United States in 1981 to work as a case manager at Catholic Charities' Special Ministry to the Aged.



Sister Anna Kaszuba

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2006/2007 Calendar of Events

November 22, 2006 – Thanksgiving Lunch for Volunteers and delivery of Thanksgiving meals.

March 18, 2007 – St. Joseph Celebration – A bilingual Mass of Anointing for the Sick and the Elderly at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

April 7, 2007 – Blessing of Easter food "Swieconka" by Rev. Walter Jenny at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and delivery of meals.