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St. Mary’s College Alumnae GATHER IN FORT WAYNE

Fort Wayne area alumnae of Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, gathered in June for a luncheon at Pine Valley Country Club. The guest speaker was Jessica Stuifbergen, assistant director of alumnae relations. Stuifbergen shared news about the completion of the new Spes Unica classroom building, current programs and an overview of the upcoming class statistics. Alumnae at the luncheon represented graduates over a 50-year period.

Provided by Tess Shifrin

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Catholic Charities reaccredited by council

FORT WAYNE — The Council on Accreditation (COA) has informed Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc. that it has been reaccredited. COA has recognized Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc. as one of these outstanding providers.

COA reaccreditation is an objective and reliable verification that provides confidence and support to an organization’s service recipients, board members, staff and community partners. The COA reaccreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization’s administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are “measured” against national standards of best practice. These standards emphasize services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented. In addition, they confirm that the services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

COA reviews and reaccredits the entire organization, not just specific programs.

COA congratulated Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc. for their hard work and wonderful achievement and is pleased to have it as part of COA’s Community of Excellence.

Waterloo study club celebrates 75 years

WATERLOO — The St. Rose of Lima Study Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Waterloo, met on May 19 at the Bridgewater Grill in Auburn to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

The club was founded on May 29, 1934, by eight ladies who wished to get together and study such topics as Bible history, church history, the lives of the saints, theology and the current “topic of the day” in a commitment to better understand and deepen their Catholic faith.

Throughout the years, they have continued to pursue this commitment, as well as adding their talents and support to St. Michael Parish through worthwhile projects such as donations for scholarships, meals and food drives and various mission and charitable opportunities.

While waiting for dinner to be served, Rosemary Bender, daughter of Catherine Miller, who was one of the charter members, gave a summary of the club’s history, which included a list of all the charter members and their relationships to past and current parishioners.

In addition to Bender, those who attended included Anna Mae Ellert, Venita (Susan) Miller, Gloria Seiss, Bobbie Charleswood, Dolores Keyes, Maggie Miller and Theresa Ford. Honorary members Lenora Schill and Ruth Yarlott were unable to attend.

Sister Ehrlich celebrates golden jubilee

FORT WAYNE — Sister Rose Clare Ehrlich, a member of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes and a native of New York, celebrated her 50th anniversary of religious profession in Fort Wayne and the last six years as director of liturgy and music in St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Creston; Central City, and St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton.

As part of her pastoral work, Sister Ehrlich opened the first Rose Home in 1992, a Christian ecumenical home in Fort Wayne for women in recovery from alcohol and drug addictions. She presently serves on the executive board for Rose Home, Inc., which encompasses both the home in Fort Wayne and one in Syracuse.