

C.P.P.S. Sisters Open Jubilee Year

Congregation Founded In 1844 by Mother Brunner

The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Dayton, Ohio, opened their celebration of the 175th anniversary of their founding with a special liturgy on January 18 at Salem Heights, the sisters' motherhouse in northern Dayton.

The C.P.P.S. sisters were founded in Switzerland in 1834 by Maria Anna Brunner. The

first sisters came to the United States in 1844 to serve the growing numbers of German Catholic immigrants.

Today the congregation serves in the United States and internationally. C.P.P.S. sisters are in ministry in Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, as well as Chile and Guatemala.

Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., presided at the anniversary liturgy, which opens a year-long celebration.

In his homily he praised the sisters for the way they have always reached out to those in need. "For 175 years you sisters have sought to be attentive to the voice of God calling you by name to be the maternal presence of God reaching out in love with the gift of the Precious Blood of Jesus. In your experience of prayer and adoration you have heard the call to teach, to feed the hungry, to stand against violence, to be, as you proclaim in your mission statement, a 'life-giving, reconciling presence in our fractured world today.'"

That call continues in a new time, in a new way, he went on, and the sisters, as always, remain faithful to it.

"Mother Brunner was in touch with the light of Christ and she used that light to guide others along the journey of life," Fr. Anthony said. "Throughout the years you have been bearers of light for so many people. Your lives bear witness to the truth that all people are temples of God's spirit no matter how unformed, broken, desperate or hopeless that life may seem. We hold in our hearts the truth that our lives have been purchased by the Blood of the Lamb. We glorify God by telling others the news of this great gift of God's covenantal love.

"As you begin this year of jubilee, I invite you to be attentive to the name that God has given to you, the term of endearment that stirs your heart and impels you to be the maternal presence of God to others."

Plan now to attend the **AMICI GATHERING 2009**

Friday, July 31 to Sunday, August 2, 2009

St. Charles Center, Carthagena, Ohio

We will begin Friday evening with a **pizza party** and conclude after the noon meal Sunday. In between, we get together to meet and renew old acquaintances.

Saturday evening includes an old-fashioned **sing along**.

Please bring your spouse and your memories.

Classes are encouraged to organize their **reunions** in conjunction with this event. Call Bob Kaiser for a list of possible locations for your class reunion.

To register contact Robert Kaiser
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Please
register early
so we can get a
good meal count!
Registrants will
receive a
schedule.

SING

laugh

tell stories

SHARE MEALS

Repeat as necessary