

# Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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*"Give me souls; I wish for nothing else. I have sacrificed my life and my soul to God and His holy Church; what harm if I suffer a little inconvenience provided I accomplish something for the salvation of souls."*  
~ St. Francis de Sales

## FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

At the end of January, the Sisters celebrate the feast days of two of our patron saints: St. Francis de Sales and St. John Bosco. Bishop Kelly chose these saints as models for us of great apostolic zeal and charity. Our various works offer opportunities to practice these virtues, while making reparation to the Sacred Heart and spreading His love to others.

### Visiting the Sick

One way we fulfill our mission of charity is by visiting the sick and elderly in hospitals, convalescent facilities, and in their own homes. In imitation of our meek and gentle patron, St. Francis de Sales, we strive to comfort those we visit by praying with them, talking to them about God's love and forgiveness, and by encouraging them in their sufferings. Sometimes our students join us in our visits to the nursing homes in order to bring added joy and hope to others.



*An elderly lady is encouraged as Sister reminds her of our Infant Savior's goodness and mercy.*

## Education of Youth

Another work of charity and a chief way of spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart is through our work of education. St. John Bosco said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." Following St. John Bosco's method of reason, religion and kindness, we endeavor to form not only the minds of the students but also to mold their hearts to virtue. Through the teaching of religion and academic courses, as well as through extracurricular activities, we strive to lead our students to the Sacred Heart and to show them the happiness that comes from living a truly Catholic life.



*A Sister instructs high school students at St. Pius V School.*



*While one Sister embroiders missal covers, another sews chapel veils and brown scapulars.*

## Apostolate of the Press

St. John Bosco used every means he could to increase the love of God in souls and instruct others in the Faith. He added to the works of his congregation the apostolate of the press, and he wrote and published many catechetical pamphlets and books. He said, "Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book." St. John Bosco took advantage of this tool to educate as well as to enkindle the love of Our Lord and Our Lady in the hearts of countless people.

We also use the apostolate of the press to reach tens of thousands of souls. For our religious goods company we hand-make a variety of items, such as rosaries, scapulars, chapel veils, embroidered missal covers, and inspirational plaques. We also reprint missals and prayer books, and we post spiritual reflections, short videos, and some of our hymns on our social media platforms. In this way we hope to lead more and more souls throughout the world to the love of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.





### Our Grateful Prayers

As we persevere in returning love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by our acts of charity, we remember you in our prayers and sacrifices. On the feasts of our two patrons, we will especially pray that they will intercede for you and your families throughout this New Year.

Please keep us in your prayers, and please also remember the founder of our Congregation, Bishop Kelly, whose first year anniversary of death was this past December.

In the Sacred Heart,

*Mother Mary Bosco, F.M.*

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*A Sister assembles a handcrafted product for our religious goods company.*



*Students at St. Anne's Academy go with Sister to their next class.*

Prayer in Honor of St. Francis de Sales

O God, by Whose gracious will  
Blessed Francis de Sales,  
Thy confessor and bishop,  
became all things to all men  
for the salvation of their souls,  
mercifully grant that being filled  
with the sweetness of Thy love,  
we may, through the guidance of his  
counsels and by the help of his merits,  
attain unto the joys of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

