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ANNUAL REPORT

Saint Marianne Cope Shrine & Museum & Gift Shop

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We are Story-Tellers

As devoted stewards of Saint Marianne Cope's life and legacy our mission is to collect, preserve, exhibit, interpret and share Saint Marianne's inspiring story as a Sister of St. Francis.

The museum is dedicated to the life and legacy of Saint Marianne. Through displays showcasing her stories and artifacts, audio-visual exhibits, and educational outreach, we are able to share her message of respect and compassion.

Our mission is to take the values of Marianne and her Sisters and apply them to the challenges we are facing in today's society. The Sisters have provided peace to individuals across time and across the nation. This care is provided equally no matter race, religion, economic means, personal choice, belief or nationality. The driving force behind these women of faith is dignity and respect for every person.

Empathy
in
Action 

Our programs seek to unite people and connect all of us across boundaries created by fear; fear of change, fear developed by misunderstanding and fear of embarrassment.

We strive to teach practices that people can incorporate into their daily lives that can not only help to unite us but also ease stress, improve productivity and assist us in maintaining hope through our most difficult phases of life's journey.



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A Message

2022 has been a year of reflection and discovery. Months have been spent asking and contemplating on these questions:

- *What is in store for the future of the museum?
The future of the Sisters of St. Francis?*
- *What will happen to the legacy of Saint Marianne and the Sisters who served patients in Syracuse and then in Hawaii?*
- *How will people learn about their charism and the incredible accomplishments achieved to benefit all the cities and surrounding areas where they have lived and worked?*

We see it here in central New York as the hospital and surrounding community moves further into the future, time is separating us from the hospital origins, from those that strengthened our neighborhoods by serving the poor, providing resources, and teaching our youth.

What will we remember? And, are those memories worth saving? Can we turn those memories into teaching moments to provide comfort and teach us to be compassionate in serving others?

Imagine the historic individuals who have journeyed to foreign lands, who have created healthcare innovations that changed and improved the way we care for patients, who have sacrificed themselves in caring for people who are suffering and who knew that people need spiritual and emotional support as well as physical care to heal. So many amazing individuals whose faith and family gave them courage to act and fight for what they believed in.

Can we honor the lives of the Sisters by sharing their stories and in doing so, give people strength during their challenges?

We are fortunate to be here at the museum and experience the light in people's eyes as they learn about Marianne and her Sisters. We see their hearts lifted. We see healing and the miracle of prayer. We see students excited about practicing empathy. We see the weight lifted from caregivers as they learn to breathe. And we see the relief and peace in those at end-of-life when they learn how to ask and receive the support they desire.

Here at the museum, we are inspired daily. We are grateful for the life and death perspective we find in the stories we share. Our hope is that we can reach out to our community with those stories, with practices to enrich our lives, and with the intention of creating a community of peace and unity.



Kristin Barrett-Anderson “

I find great strength in the historical service of the Sisters. I find humility and faith in role-modeling and knowing that the little I can do to enrich the people within my reach, can make a difference globally. I find priority and importance in inspiring others with the strength and courage offered by the Sisters' service-in action and believe others will too.

Thank you for being part of our story.

Introducing Our Team

The director of the Saint Marianne Museum and creator of the Empathy in Action program. Kristin is passionate about her work and always ready to talk about the impact of the Sisters of St. Francis and how practicing respect and dignity for every person can change the world.



Kristin Barrett-Anderson



Sister Jean Canora, OSF

Sister Jean is our grounding base. Through her life's commitment of service to others, her humble care for those that are alone in their challenges and her constant reminder that we are on the right path, we would follow her anywhere. She brings the joy and laughter to our offices whenever she is here.

The administrative guru and core organizer for our team. Vicky is our go-to, do anything and everything (marketing, graphics, website, newsletter, database and proof-reader) along with a most compassionate voice and view in our mission.



Victoria Cummings



Brenda Field

Our merchandise coordinator, online order fulfillment master and a CPA that expertly manages our finances and accounting. Brenda is a quiet voice of reason and calm assurance. Our team is complete with her guidance and kindness and humility.

Spirits in Bloom

Saint Marianne's Feast Day January 23

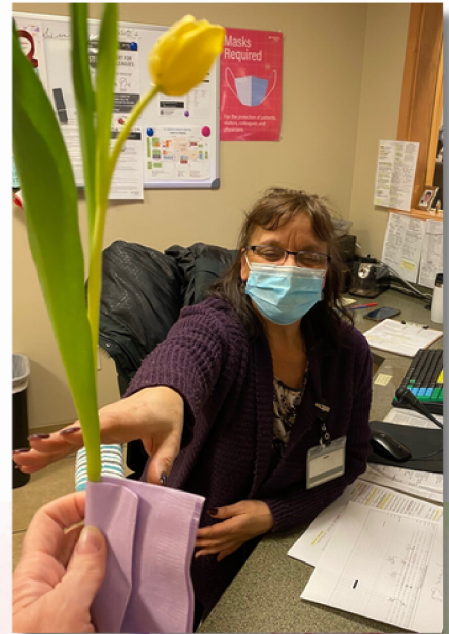
Spirits "bloomed" from the gift of colorful TULIPS - symbolizing hope for spring and new beginnings.

Our year starts with honoring our humble Saint by bringing joy to those in need;

- *The people who have dedicated their lives to serve others.*
- *Those who are struggling with illness and injury.*
- *The friends and family who are supporting and accompanying their loved ones through life's challenges.*

We can make a connection across the nation with Marianne's inspiring message of hope and strength.

Extend the gift of kindness wherever you go. Open the door for someone, make someone smile, call a friend, treat someone to a coffee, yield in traffic: the opportunities are endless.

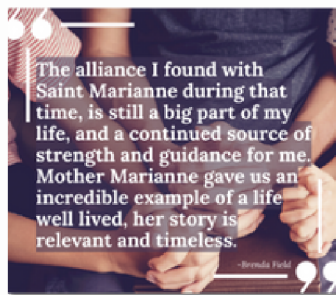


10 Years a Saint

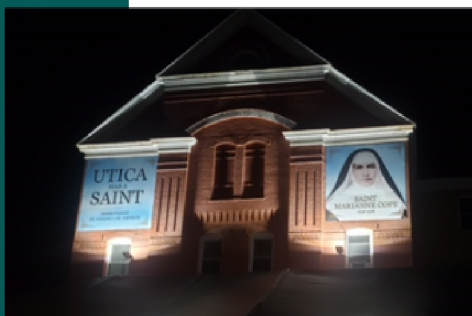
Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Mother Marianne the first American Franciscan Saint in ceremonies at St. Peter's Square on October 21, 2012.

Many devoted to our Saint Marianne Cope gathered at Assumption Church in Syracuse, New York to mark the 10th Anniversary of Saint Marianne's canonization.

The special Mass that Diocese of Syracuse Bishop Douglas J. Lucia celebrated was in the same church where the young woman born Barbara Koob professed her final vows to become Sister Marianne. Among those attending the service was Saint Marianne's great-great-grand niece, who traveled from Vermont to be part of our celebration. Following the service, we hosted a reception filled with Franciscan joy.



We shared a weekly newsletter leading up to the 10th anniversary. Viewers could see items from the archives; and read testimonials from sisters and people who worked with Marianne in Molokai. Also, we shared a series of answers to the question "What does Marianne Mean to You?" including notes from the museum staff.



St. Joseph St. Patrick parish in Utica, New York celebrated the anniversary with special banners and a lighting ceremony.



In anticipation of the Saint Marianne Cope Canonization Anniversary Mass, Bishop Lucia visited the museum to learn about the history of our saint. The leadership team and Diocese Chancellor Danielle Cummings joined us.



#Her Light Still Shines

21,092

Facebook & Instagram
Content Reach & Impressions

**All organic and unpaid*

593

Visitors

374

Prayer Requests

32

Tours & Presentations



At the museum, we are continuously inviting people to talk with Sister Jean. We have witnessed the difference that Sister Jean makes in people's lives.

Spontaneous visits to the museum from people struggling with grief, anxiety or daily challenges have resulted in relief and newly discovered hope from talking with her. Requests made via email lead to life-long relationships and sharing. These relationships established through prayer and presence continue through letters and photographs.

We know that Sister Jean's decades of grief counseling, behavioral health, and prayer fulfillment experience can and will make a difference in our community. By sharing her unique skills and dedicating specific weekly hours for people to visit with Sister Jean, we hope to attract and change the lives of more people seeking hope and healing.



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Hope
Soars

Inspirational Gifting

The Saint Marianne Cope Gift Shop continues to evolve

While our top sales continue to be medals, notecards, prayer cards, coloring books, novenas, and the publications that share the story of our Saint, some new items have been graciously received. One of these is a chaplet that includes an inspirational prayer for Saint Marianne's intercession toward hope and healing. Also, Hope Soars and Mindful Messages have also had steady sales.

Items which we have added to our inventory over the last few years that continue to generate sales include an Angel Pin, Cardinal, Comfort cross and the Saint Marianne Tiny Saint.

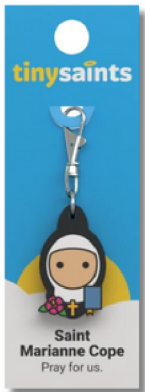


Mindful
Messages

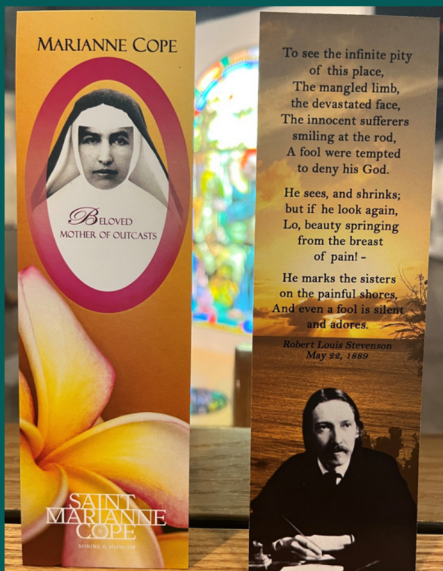


As people learn about author Robert Stevenson's visit to Kalaupapa and the poem he wrote out of his awe of Mother Marianne and the Sisters, the newly designed bookmark that includes his poem is sought after.

We continue to integrate the official Saint Marianne Cope medals and rosary centers (pewter and enameled) into the jewelry and rosaries we sell, making them a unique find at our gift shop.



NEW Merchandise in 2022!



Empathy in Action

Programs in the Works

What's My Story

A test-run of this program addressed learned bias and asks how can we become aware of the prejudices that we have learned through our upbringing and how can we best overcome those ideas to be more empathetic toward people we are not familiar with.

Franciscan Academy

As part of the Franciscan Academy, developed and presented by Francis House for their staff and volunteers, the group visited the museum to learn the basis for the values they live in service to those at end of life. Understanding the history and values-in-action lived by the first Sisters in central New York and Hawaii through the next 150 years, provides a fitting perspective to inspire those who integrate the Sisters' values into their daily work.

Taking Charge of the Time You Have

In early Spring, Sister Kathy Osbelt and Kristin Barrett-Anderson presented "Take Charge; How to move forward through your journey of care with peace of mind" to a group at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse. The attendees included people who had received life-changing diagnoses and caregivers. We have found this program to be extremely informative and helpful to those journeying through healthcare and self-care decision-making. Sister Kathy's last wish was to give this program to others and provide resources for emotional, spiritual and physical needs through a medical crisis.

Empathy 101

Our introductory program was adapted for Middle School students and presented in-person and over zoom. We found 4th- 6th graders curious and so willing to incorporate empathy practices into their daily lives. There is so much hope to be found in the young people and we are excited to share this as a school program in the future.

On November 10 we hosted 21 4th graders along with parents and staff from Immaculate Conception in Fayetteville. In addition to a tour, we presented the "Empathy 101" program addressing intention, bullying, inclusion and listening skills. The students were so enthusiastic! Between questions and stories, we could have been there for hours. Sister Jean followed up with prayers for our veterans and teachers as the students readied to have lunch and get back to their classroom.



Projects & Programs

Educational Opportunity

The head of the history department for the Syracuse City School District was so inspired by the stories presented at the museum that arrangements are being made to bring teachers of the 6th through 12th grades to an education day in 2023. After the teachers tour the museum, they will choose the historical parts that can be incorporated into their curricula and develop study and lesson guides for their students. As part of the lessons presented to their students, each class will field-trip to the museum.

Not only will our museum benefit from the income brought by the tours but we will also fulfill our mission of sharing Marianne's and the Sisters' story and values with a new audience of young people.



Journal Publication

Kalaupapa's most esteemed historical scholar and author, Anwei Law has been diligently working to piece together the journals of Mother Marianne and Sister Leopoldina Burns. The goal of this publication is to not only share the day to day life of the people on Kalaupapa but to give insight into the lives of the patients. Through her research, archival photos and documents, we are able to give life to residents that has never been shared previously. People will also learn of Mother Marianne's challenges and struggles with isolation and being away from her Sister community. Sister Leopoldina's journals provide glimpses of joy among the sorrowful and constant loss. We are certain of the historical value of the writings and photographs and expect researchers, teachers and families to find hope and inspiration.

Statue Revealed

2022 also started the development of a new Saint Marianne statue. After many years, we found a national statue designer and distributor to take on our challenge. Our goal has been to fulfill a huge request from our customers and carry our Saint into the future through a standardized and accepted merchandise piece.

Development started with the question, how can we make a statue that identifies Marianne, her Franciscan heritage and her achievements? We hope that this statue, portraying our Saint standing on the rocky shores of Kalaupapa will do just that. The Franciscan Tau on the book she is holding is a shout out to her faith and values and the plumeria flower she holds under her arm reflect the beauty that she incorporated into all of her ministries.

Pre-sales will start in the summer of 2023 and fulfilled in the autumn.

"I do not think of reward. I am working for God and do so cheerfully."
-Mother Marianne

Franciscan Joy

A reflection of meaningful moments in 2022



Garden Blessings

Each year, the recipients and donors of bricks installed in the Maurillo Family Garden at the Saint Marianne Cope Shrine & Museum are honored and every brick is a lasting tribute to special people, inspired lives and prayers asked and answered. These special gatherings are always filled with happy reflections and memories. In 2022, three garden blessings were hosted. One for the Saint Marianne Cope Parish in Solvay, New York, our Annual spring-time Blessing, and also a Maurillo Family reunion blessing.



School Groups

So many memories are made when students are able to come together at the shrine and museum. Here are just a few of the many through 2022.



We hosted a group from Our Lady of Pompei School – a rambunctious group of 2nd and 3rd graders.

The students had read a book about our Saint and asked many questions, although their favorite part of the trip may have been the snails in the garden!



Home School Group in June 2022

Cope Comforts

Following our January Feast day celebration at St. Joseph's (300+ tulips and cards to give to staff and patients, plus teddy bears for dementia patients), we started a COPE Comforts program to bring more stuffed animals and other comforting items to the dementia care unit throughout the year.



Fun Connections

In July, a group who attended seminary school together visited. during their reunion weekend. What a joy it was to spend time with them. At the end of the tour, I was quizzed as to which two of the group "made it" and were priests.

The retired CEO of Poughkeepsie hospital and his wife knew S. Jean Canora when she worked there as a nurse. She was sorry to miss them as she was on retreat that week.





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Interview Series

Saint Marianne will be featured in a series of recordings for a grant-funded project on palliative care. Kristin spent some time being interviewed by local broadcast legend Dan Cummings while the museum sat as the backdrop for video clips.

Franciscan Academy

Jana Biesanz, Reverend and Director of Mission Outreach and Education at Francis House, and the museum have been working together on program modules to offer our community. The "Franciscan Academy", developed initially for Francis House staff provides modules on Franciscan Leadership, relationships, and history, among others. The newest "class" of Francis House staff completed the course with a tour of the museum and practices to incorporate Franciscan values into day-to-day work, management, and volunteerism. As these modules are tested and honed, they will be offered to volunteers and staff at non-profits in the community.



Music Therapy Programs

♪ "Singing Soultions" healing series presented by CNY Music Therapy focusing on lung health and dementia care were offered at the museum. ♪



Special Moments

The most heart-warming and touching visit was a tiny fragment of time falling in the summer of 2022.

A young nurse came to the door with her Aunt and Uncle who lived in Ukraine. As they spoke no English, she walked them through the museum and shared in their language, the story of Marianne as she'd learned during her orientation visit.



Upon leaving, as we stood next to the Ukrainian flag that waved near our front steps, I expressed through gestures and shared tears that we, and all the Sisters of St. Francis, are with them in prayer and heart-felt support.

Thank you for being part of our story.