



December 2018

John and Jane Doe
1234 St. Johns Road
Maria Stein, OH 45860



***From 7th Grade to 70-something
Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman.***

Please support this "sacred space," one she calls "a place to renew oneself and a place to encounter God in so many ways."

Dear [First Name],

Doesn't it seem like our lives unfold right before our eyes? Isn't it beautiful to see God's plan for our life and to see how intertwined the events and people of our lives can make our lives so rich?

It was like that for Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman who first experienced the Maria Stein Shrine while working on her Marian Award for Girl Scouts. As a seventh grader, she volunteered at the Shrine, one Sunday a month, helping wherever needed. Can you imagine the joy that this young woman experienced? So much that even after she completed the volunteer hours needed for her award, she continued to volunteer at the Shrine until she entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood in 1966.



*Ann Fetter, Joyce Ann, Mother Nathalia
and Girl Scout Troop Leader
December 8, 1960*

Do you love the quiet of the chapel? That is one of Sr. Joyces's fondest memories, along with the sound of the sisters praying and how much her help at the Shrine was appreciated. It was not until years later that she would experience helping Sr. Cordelia Gast inaugurate the museum, and restoring the chapels in 2002 to something close to their original beauty, also making them a vibrant space for the modern liturgy of today.

[First Name], today with your support of this, **"sacred space, a place to touch holiness, a place to renew oneself, a place to encounter God in so many ways."** may continue to be here to provide spiritual nourishment for visitors and pilgrims.

If you have had an opportunity to attended one of Sr Joyce Ann's many talks, you are familiar with her willingness to share her wisdom, knowledge and sense of humor! We are so

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I understand that this Sacred Space needs my support . . . I want to help

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Phone: _____

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Birthdays: ____/____/____ and ____/____/____

Ordination or Wedding Anniversary: ____/____/____



thankful for her and all of the spiritual lives that she has nourished in her many presentations. You may have enjoyed her Adoration Guild Learning Series, Lenten Series talks, Days of Reflection for large school groups or smaller groups of teachers. She also developed a Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer at the Shrine.

As much as we appreciate Sr. Joyce Ann, we understand that she appreciates the opportunity to come to the Shrine or “come home to Mercer County” when she can “experience a quiet time away from others, a deep reverence, a glow on a face, a sense of peace, an openness to share what is most important to people’s hearts, a place where I know people are being spiritually nourished, and a place where I thank God for divine goodness and Presence.”




Sr. Joyce Ann and her Uncle Carl King on his farm located on State Rt. 119

Along with your gift, we also invite you to share your special intentions on the return form. For your convenience you may go online to mariasteinshrine.org/support-the-ministry or use the enclosed envelope.

We cannot express to you enough that we need and appreciate your generous support at the Shrine. Your gifts made many fruitful programs possible, welcomed thousands of visitors to experience the Shrine in 2018, and helped us to touch countless lives!

May Advent keep our hearts aflame with the Hope of Christmas,


Don Rosenbeck
President


Diana Russell
Director of Fund Development

P.S.: Enclosed you will find two ornaments. The first ornament is a Shrine ornament for your tree at home. The second ornament, we invite you to write your name on and return with your 2018 gift to the Maria Stein Shrine where we will hang it on our tree here at the Shrine! These ornaments will be a constant reminder for us to pray for your family at the Shrine.

Please include my/our special intentions in the Shrine’s daily prayers:
