The Sisters of St. Agnes gathered for the blessing and dedication of a commemorative prayer garden in May. After 86 years of service to the Elmhurst community, the impact of the work of the sisters remains strong in several generations of students. The sisters continue to minister in other communities throughout the nation, laying the groundwork for faith-based services and empowering others to carry on their mission of service.

Left: Father Tom Paul, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, presided over the blessing and dedication of the prayer garden prior to the Mass and reception honoring the work of the sisters for the parish and schools for many years.

The Sisters of St. Agnes wish to express a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped to make the reunion in Elmhurst heartwarming and memorable! We were honored by the recognition of our 86 years of ministry in Elmhurst.

"Experiencing the deep affection and beloved memories of the people of Immaculate Conception for the Sisters of St. Agnes was such a delightful and supportive gift for our congregation," shared Sister Joann Sambs, general superior. "The genuine vitality and faith-filled spirit of the parish and school affirms that the seeds of faith which our sisters planted by their presence and ministry continue to bear fruit."

The Knight of Jewels Gala on April 21-22 and the 75th Anniversary celebration, liturgy, and reception on May 6 were well organized by staff from Immaculate Conception High School, board members, and numerous volunteers.

The sisters are truly grateful for the generous hospitality and friendship, as well as for the opportunity to revisit and reconnect with those whose lives have been touched by their mission and ministries.

"It was amazing to see how much the parish has developed into the new realities of the 21st century," noted Sister Dolores Lytle, who participated in the reunion events. "I have always treasured my letters that were exchanged when the sisters left Elmhurst, and these celebrations fulfilled the prophecy in those letters that the parishioners of Immaculate Conception were ready and willing to grow the parish into a sustainable sign of God's presence in the community."

On May 6th, a commemorative prayer garden was blessed and dedicated to the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes in honor of their 86 years of ministry in education in Elmhurst.

Thank You Organizers, Volunteers, Staff & Board Members!

Blessings to all who helped to make this event possible and who participated in the wonderful celebration of the school and the impact of the work of the sisters.
The sisters who attended the Knight of Jewels Gala annual event were provided transportation, compliments of Priester Aviation.

Places We Have Loved...

Below are the names of sisters who helped to plant the seed of faith and education in the areas where the congregation ministered.

If your community would like to arrange for a reunion with members of the congregation who have touched your lives and impacted your community, please contact the CSA Development Ministry Office at development@csasisters.org or by calling 920-907-2311.

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Prior to the liturgy celebrating the presence of the Sisters of St. Agnes in Elmhurst, participants walked in procession to the Church, where the Mass concluded with a standing ovation for the sisters who came back to celebrate the legacy of Catholic education and faith in the community.

The sisters who traveled to Elmhurst attended a special Mass, reception, and luncheon after the blessing of the prayer garden honoring the congregation.

Following the liturgy and the blessing of the prayer garden, the sisters attended a reception and luncheon, where they were honored and recognized for their long legacy of service to the community. Sister Judith Schmitz, left, presented “Where Have All The Sisters Gone?” explaining the current ministries of the Sisters of St. Agnes in the United States and Nicaragua.