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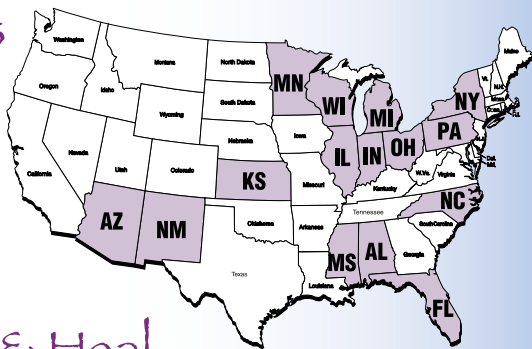


CSA

Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes
Promoting Justice, Building Community

...to Serve Others

Sisters of St. Agnes minister in various settings across the United States and in Latin America, providing care and compassion to those in need.



...to Educate & Heal



Faithful to the values of its founders, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes has initiated, supports, and oversees ministries in education, healthcare, pastoral care, spiritual direction, and social services.

...to Care & Advocate for the Needy

Investing in community development through financial support and professional services, CSA is a foundational pillar of community growth and enrichment locally, nationally, and globally.



...to Transform the World

Reflecting a tradition of commitment to justice for the economically poor and service to those in need, CSA promotes transformation of the world by recognizing and advocating for the dignity of all God's people.



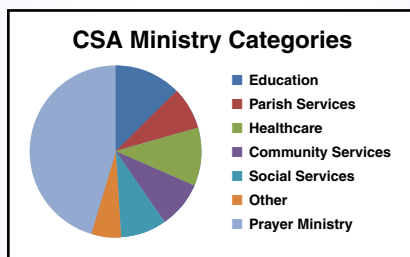
Help Support Our Ministries... Give to CSA

...Leaving the Indelible Fingerprint of God

Beginning with Education and healthcare, and eventually broadening their outreach to social and pastoral ministries, the Sisters of St. Agnes have inspired generations with their selfless dedication and belief in the inherent dignity of all God's people.



CSA ministries in schools, parishes, shelters, clinics, and social service facilities bring hope and inspiration to many whose love and gratitude for the sisters is mutually enriching. Their work with those in need has left the indelible fingerprint of God upon many lives.



“Giving of yourself or your personal availability is worth more before God than your zeal..”

—Father Francis Haas

CSA United States Ministries...



"We will only find heaven through other people."

-Father Caspar Rehl



Ministries initiated and supported by CSA in communities throughout the United States help victims of abuse and addiction, the homeless, ill and abandoned, hospice patients, and children with special needs.

Networking with charitable organizations, religious institutions, and philanthropic individuals and groups, the congregation provides professional services, financial grants, consultation services, and direct assistance to those in need.



...A Legacy of Service to Communities in Need

Surrounded by poverty, plagued by unemployment, and victimized by violence, the people who come to Sister Mary Beth Funiyak for help at the Service Center of Catholic Social Services in Mobile, Alabama, seek medications, medical supplies...and hope.



Sister Mary Beth Funiyak assists a client at the Service Center of Catholic Social Services in Mobile, Alabama.

For the past 20 years, she has assessed and helped diabetes patients, victims of accidents and domestic abuse, and the homeless. Without the help of this vital ministry, many would suffer needlessly from their debilitating illnesses and injuries.

“Our sisters go out as mission sisters and we teach the poor and care for the orphans. We take such places where many other communities would not take.”

—Mother Agnes Hazotte

“While there are other agencies, ours is the only one to help with medical needs. Those who come to us have lost their jobs, are suffering from crippling injuries, or are victims of unfortunate circumstances and violence. They have nowhere else to turn—often no family or support system. We are their only link to better health and a sense of hope.”

—Sister Mary Beth Funiyak



CSA Latin American Ministries...



“In response to the church’s call to hear the cry of the poor, we participate in the effort to work toward justice, peace, and responsible stewardship of this world’s goods.”

—CSA Constitutions

Ministering since 1945 in remote villages in Latin America, primarily in Nicaragua and Honduras, the Sisters of St. Agnes have founded schools, supported local facilities, and initiated programs that assist children, young adults, and families to find hope and self-sufficiency.

Without the programs and services that CSA brings to these impoverished communities, many youth would lack adequate healthcare, basic education, and the pastoral guidance that keeps them from living on the streets, joining gangs, or becoming victims of violence.



Traveling by boat up and down the Río Coco, the Sisters of St. Agnes care for the sick and elderly, educate residents about basic healthcare issues, and advocate for women, children, and those who have but prayers and gratitude to offer in return.

...A Legacy of Commitment to Mission



Sister Katie Schilling and Gabriel proudly celebrate success and graduation from high school.

Gabriel Ruiz dropped out of school after failing the first grade and was destined to spend his life on the street, begging, stealing, and at risk to fall victim to destitution and violence. He arrived at CSA's Maureen Courtney School for Special Needs Children in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, at the age of ten, unable to read, write, or concentrate for more than five minutes.

Amid the loving atmosphere of respect and acceptance, Gabriel learned vital life skills and the self-assurance to strive to reach his potential. Six years later, he had completed his primary education, living with relatives and baking bread to help defray the cost of his provisions.

Now in his third year at the regional university, Gabriel's frequent return visits to the school provide motivation and inspiration to other students—a sign of hope for the future.



Care of the Elderly Sisters of St. Agnes

“In times of infirmity or advanced age, we continue to witness our fidelity to God and to the building of the kingdom through presence, prayer, suffering, and acts of service in keeping with our strength and gifts.”

—CSA Constitutions

Active ministry is a lifetime mission for the Sisters of St. Agnes, who serve others in their work, volunteering, and prayer ministry throughout their lives and into their aging years. Never truly retiring, they simply transition from one ministry to the next.

Sister Helen Renzelmann dedicated nearly three decades to educating both elementary and high school students, after which followed a series of volunteer ministries. At the age of 89, she still actively serves others at the Fond du Lac Center for Spirituality and Healing, inspiring those she helps with her enthusiasm and compassion.

From Foster Grandparent and Hospice programs to counseling victims of abuse or addiction, the sisters actively minister to people of all walks of life. Caring for the sick and elderly, providing for the homeless, and offering spiritual guidance, they truly live the mission of CSA.



...A Legacy of Responsible Stewardship

They have lived simply...
so that others might know hope, compassion, respect, and self-sufficiency.

They have lived humbly...
so that the needy, suffering, abandoned, and lonely might experience the power of God's love.

They have given selflessly...
...for all who came to them in need
...without expecting payment
...an entire lifetime of service.

Now...it is time to care for our elderly sisters who have given so much and, in return, asked only to fulfill their mission of service to God's people.



Continuing CSA ministries and caring for our elderly sisters will require careful stewardship, collaboration with lay ministry partners, and the generosity of donors and friends who are aware of and appreciate the importance of the sisters' work in both the United States and Latin America.

How Can I Become a Partner in CSA Ministries?

Financial support of CSA ministries allows the sisters to continue to provide vital assistance to those in need, to advocate for economic justice, and to fulfill the call of service to the people of God. Gifts may be designated for one of the following:

- United States Ministries
- Latin American Ministries
- Care of the Elderly Sisters
- Wherever the Need is Greatest



NOTE: CSA does not receive compensation nor financial benefits from any of the organizations which it founded, funded, or currently sponsors.

CASH OR CHECK GIFTS

Cash or personal checks made payable to the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes represent one of the most common ways to support the sisters' ministries.

ONLINE GIFTS

Donors may visit CSA's website for one-time or monthly gifts. After the secure server donation form is submitted, an electronic confirmation is emailed to the donor.

NON-CASH GIFTS

Assets, stocks, and bonds can be donated which also yield tax advantages to the donor (based on the market value of the donation at the time the gift is received by CSA).

HONORARY OR MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donors wishing to make gifts in memory or honor of a loved one may do so by indicating the information on the donation envelope or by written communication.

MATCHING GIFTS

Donors may request a matching gift form from employers, complete it, and mail to CSA. Matching gifts provide an excellent opportunity to increase the value of a gift.

DEFERRED OR PLANNED GIFTS

Planned giving donations often require assistance from a legal or financial advisor. When CSA is named as the beneficiary of an estate, bequest, trust, retirement plan, or insurance policy, the attorney/advisor preparing the legal documents should be informed that the corporate title is the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

CSA – Our Legacy of Service



Founded in Barton, Wisconsin, in 1858, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes began as a community of women religious dedicated to the young Roman martyr, St. Agnes. Committed to Catholic education for children in the Wisconsin frontier, they moved to Fond du Lac in 1870.

“Help to raise the banner of faith all over America... willingness to do God’s will, to serve Him for the sake of the kingdom out of love for souls to be saved for Heaven. God will do the rest.”
–Father Caspar Rehl



Responsive to community needs, the congregation founded both schools and hospitals, eventually broadening its ministries to include pastoral and spiritual development and social services, as well as peace and justice initiatives.



Ever faithful to their call to serve those in need, the sisters embraced foreign missions in Latin America, founding schools and clinics over the course of six decades of service, as well as welcoming many Latin American women into the congregation.

Conscientious stewardship of resources, consistent adherence to a policy of prudent financial stability, and the generosity of friends, supporters, and donors help the Sisters of St. Agnes to continue in their ministries with foresight and discernment.

CSA Mission Statement

We, the Sisters of St. Agnes, participate in the mission of Christ by joyful service in the Church, always aware that we, too, are among the needy and are enriched by those we serve. Inspired by our founders—by the missionary zeal of Father Caspar Rehrl, the courageous initiatives of Mother Agnes Hazotte and the spiritual influence of Father Francis Haas—we continue to respond in our own times to those whose faith life or human dignity is threatened.



Rooted in Christ through prayer and worship we serve in both rural and urban settings throughout the United States and in Latin America. We strive to minister with simplicity and hospitality in the fields of education, health care, pastoral ministry, and social service.

We are committed to transformation of the world, the Church and ourselves through promoting

- systemic change for the quality of life
- justice for the economically poor
- furtherance of the role of women in Church and society
- mutuality, inclusivity and collaboration.

Love binds us together, and by sharing our lives and our faith in community, we support one another to live with singleness of purpose: that among us and in our world the Risen Christ be discovered and revealed.

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