A Gift from the Past!

We have some very exciting news to share with you. We recently discovered a cherished piece of Little Company of Mary Hospital history. As work began on the dismantling of our beloved Tower building brick by brick, a metal box was uncovered in the cornerstone—a time capsule from 1929 left by the Founding Sisters and buried for us to find 85 years later!

The metal box was about the size of two bricks. Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., had the honor of opening the box to uncover the special pieces inside. She was surrounded by our LCM Sisters and Administration as she discovered the treasures left by those who came before us. While we are still unclear of all the time capsule holds, we could identify a rosary and a variety of religious medals. Unfortunately, many of the paper keepsakes had disintegrated over the years.

The LCM Sisters will work with experts to attempt to restore these treasures to their best possible condition and preserve them for many years to come. We look forward to collecting items for a new time capsule that we’ll bury in the final stage of our Campus Transformation Project here in Evergreen Park, Illinois. We are confident that generations to come will be as intrigued and excited to receive our mementos.

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A Jubilee Year for Sister Terrence Landini, LCM

Riding on the Nurses’ float in the 2013 Rose Parade was just the start of a very busy year for Sister Terrence Landini, LCM. Sister Terrence celebrated her 60th year in religious life with the Little Company of Mary Sisters. Much of that time has been at the LCM sponsored hospital in Torrance, California.

Jean Landini was born and raised on the Northside of Chicago in an Italian-Polish family. She entered the order at the age of 18, and received the habit and the name, Sister Terrence, on April 28, 1953.

**When did you know you wanted to be a Sister?** “I think the first time was in fourth grade. Father came in one morning and talked about the priesthood, Religious Life and the Sisters. I remember thinking I might want to be a sister and give my life to the work of the church. What really cinched the particular order, was when I was in 8th grade seeing all the religious orders. I saw a Sister in a white gown and a blue veil. I thought, now that’s a very different habit. Sister Mary Perpetua explained the story of the congregation and how they prayed for the sick and took care of the sick and dying.

My mother had a great gift for taking care of people. I often went with her on her visits. She had such a grace, an ease, and compassion for others. I felt I had the same gifts, I really wanted to be a nurse. Joining Little Company would combine what I felt called to do – be a nurse and become a Sister.

**Her Ministry** Sister Terrence attended the Little Company of Mary School of Nursing and went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from St. Louis University in 1963. While working at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Illinois, Sr. Terrence was the supervisor of three units and established surgical and cardiac intensive care units.

Sister Terrence arrived at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, California in 1966. She has held the roles of Assistant Administrator, Director of Nursing and Director of Human Resources and was integral in the establishment of the cardiac surgical program and cardiac cath lab in the early 1970s. The cardiac unit expanded from a four-bed unit to a fifteen-bed unit and was one of the first hospitals to have defibrillators at every bedside.

In 1973, Sister Terrence was transferred back to Evergreen Park to be Chair of the Board of Little Company of Mary Hospital. In 1980, Sister Terrence returned to the South Bay when she was appointed as Superior of the Little Company of Mary Convent in Torrance. She first joined the Foundation Board in 1982. Sister Terrence has served as Provincial Councilor twice in her career.

**What has been your greatest Joy?** “For me, I think the fact that I have been able to journey with so many people through their own life’s journey. I’ve met a lot of wonderful, interesting people and have been blessed to share in their joys and comfort them in their sorrows.”

Honoring Sister Terrence’s many decades of dedication to the healing mission of the Sisters, the Sister Terrence Landini Endowment for Palliative Care was established in 2006. “The Palliative Care team represents what Little Company of Mary is all about and a work very dear to my heart. I want to perpetuate the original legacy of our Foundress Venerable Mary Potter to care for the sick and the dying,” Sr. Terrence said. “The palliative care team can take the time to listen and show the patient that we really care. What better way for us to be there?”

Check out our website for more stories and photos – [www.lcmsistersusa.org](http://www.lcmsistersusa.org)
LCM Evergreen Park Associates take a little Road Trip

Always looking for ways to enhance our time together, Marianne Kraft shared her experiences at the Shrine of Christ’s Passion in St. John, Indiana. It is a beautiful, outdoor, interactive journey through the Stations of the Cross, complete with 40 life-sized statues. Her enthusiastic presentation urged us to plan a road trip!

Some of our Evergreen Park LCM Sisters joined us as we journeyed through Jesus’ walk to Calvary. We began at the Last Supper, where we were able to sit at the table with Jesus as we listened to an audio presentation of that event. From there, we walked through the Garden of Gethsemane, on to the trial with Pontius Pilate, and then continued on Jesus’ walk to Calvary. It was an incredibly moving experience where people are often brought to tears as Jesus’ suffering really comes to life through these life-sized statues and moving audio presentations. The half-mile walk ends with Jesus being laid in the tomb, followed by the Resurrection.

After this journey, we were able to shop in the Shrine’s amazing gift shop where they have beautiful religious artwork and gifts. Just 45 minutes from Chicago, it is well worth the trip if you are in the area!

50th Anniversary of the LCM Foundation in Korea

Congregational Councilors, Sister Margaret Watson and Sister Gertruda Youn were among the Sisters that attended this joyful celebration in the Little Company of Mary’s history.

Other Sisters that attended were Srs. Bernadette Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Gilroy, Therese de Dassel, Mary Treacy, Carmel Byrne from the Australian Province; Margaret Service, Vivien Jones from the UK Province; Raye Boyle from New Zealand and Renee Cunningham from the USA Province.

The formal celebration was planned over a few days culminating with Mass celebrated on 22 November at the Franciscan Education Centre. Also a small exhibition was prepared showing the Korean LCM foundation and mission over the past 50 years.
Looking to enhance your Lenten journey?

_Lent With the Saints: Daily Reflections_, by Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M. [a pastor, media producer and author, and host of American Catholic Radio]. With insightful reflections, Fr. Friedman draws on his love of the saints to offer daily inspiration during this season of repentance, forgiveness, and hope. Each day of Lent you can meditate on a Scripture reading, ponder reflections on this holy season, and connect and pray with the church’s most beloved saints and holy people – Thomas Merton, Augustine, Francis, Clare, Damien of Molokai, Teresa of Calcutta, and Gianna Molla, to name a few! This daily reflection is available at www.Franciscanmedia.org or at www.amazon.com.

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- **Glimpses Along The Way of the Cross**, CD, by Monsignor James Shea. In these three beautiful talks, Fr. James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His was to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers like Fr. Richard Neuhaus, Caryll Houselander, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr. James Edwards, these powerful meditations take us into the depths of Christ’s agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

- Other Lenten-themed CDs available through Lighthouse Catholic Media:
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  - **Three Days that changed the World**, Fr. Hector R. G. Perez

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-Venerable Mary Potter

Internet Interest...
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Australia: www.lcm.org.au
Korea: www.lcm.org.kr
USA: www.lcmhs.org (California)
     www.lcmh.org (Illinois)
     www.mhhcc.org (Indiana)

Log on to the website of the Little Company of Mary Generalate in England at www.lcmsisters.org. This site provides links to L.C.M. Sisters and our ministries in these other countries:

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Are you interested in learning more about life with Little Company of Mary?

Please join us for a “Come and See” weekend or for one of our Reflection Retreats held quarterly on Saturday mornings. If you would like to know more about our way of life and ministries, contact Sister Jean Stickney, L.C.M., Formation Director, at 708-229-5797, or Suzanne Petrouski, Vocation Minister at 708-229-5095.