

Summer and Fall 2002

Friends of LaVerna "Salzburg Night" Fundraiser



The first annual Friends of LaVerna Fundraiser held July 12, 2002, was very successful. This year's theme was "Salzburg Night," and over 200 friends attended the gala dinner. All auction items were bid on and won.

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's Friends of LaVerna dinner: *July 11, 2003!*

Franciscan Federation - August 14-17, 2002

Sr. Kathleen Reichert was on the steering committee for the national Franciscan Federation Meeting held in St. Louis this year.

She was instrumental in planning the liturgical celebrations.

The peace march and opening ritual, seen here, included multi-cultural participation.



Sr. Joan Lohmer's Reception



On September 17, Sr. Joan celebrated her 70th jubilee.



Many friends and former students honored her with their attendance.



Good friends...

New Water Garden at LaVerna Village Nursing Home



On September 21, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new water garden in the courtyard at our LaVerna Village Nursing Home.

The water garden and the entire courtyard refurbishment was contributed by the donations and labor of the St. Joseph Area Water Garden Society and other kind contributors.



California Guests - October 2-9



Imelda Gamalinda, a co-disciple, and a group of friends from California came to visit us this fall. These guests were all members of a Catholic church group called "Simbang Gabi" which kindly contributed a large gift to our LaVerna Friends fundraiser.

Activities with them during these enjoyable days included trips to Jamesport, Conception, Crown Center, local St. Joseph places of interest and the Missouri Catholic Conference in Jefferson City, some successful fishing expeditions and subsequent cook-outs.



"Adopted Nun's Night Out" at Ryan's Cafeteria was the highlight of our time together. The cultural exchange included learning how to play Mah Jong and how to cook Pak Siew (fish stew.) The general consensus was that this experience should be repeated! (See photos below!)



Sr. Catherine Braun celebrates her birthday with Imelda Gamalinda, our hostess.



Sr. Dorthie Anne enjoys a lively conversation with Angelita Almazora.