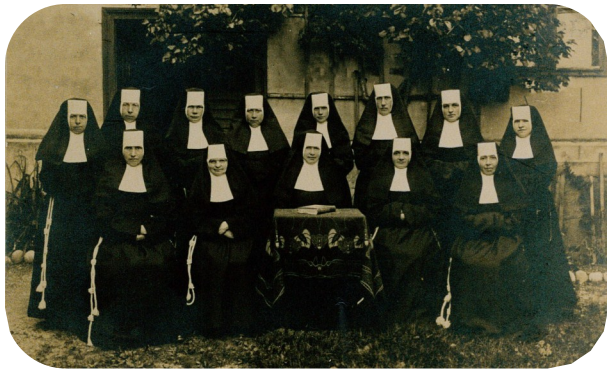




Tau Cross- St. Francis embraced this cross and told his friars to stretch out their arms to show that their habit was like Tau Cross. Due to St. Francis love for Tau it has become associated with the Franciscan order.



HISTORY

In 1922, the Franciscan Sisters of Vöcklabruck, Austria, selected 12 sisters to establish missions in America. By making the trip across the ocean, they were accepting a challenge far greater than they imagined. They served as teachers and housekeepers, nurses, sponsored a hospital and nursing homes and served in various role with Fr. Flanagan at Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska.

As Sisters of St. Francis, we have always worked to meet the needs of people as those needs changed with the times. We sponsored several large Vietnamese families and several Cuban refugees until they could gain independence.

We also provided housing, emotional, and social support to unwed mothers, and in 1995, the Sisters welcomed people who were living with HIV/AIDS to our convent.



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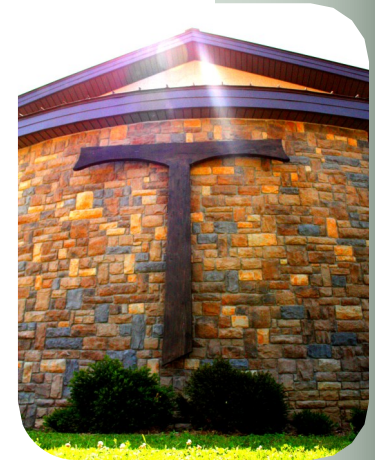
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*"With Christ at the side
 of the people"*



Tau Cross, outside of Our Lady of the Angels Chapel.



Sisters of St. Francis
 Provincial House
 Mother Pia Ministry Center



Sisters of St. Francis , Savannah, Missouri

We, the Sisters of St. Francis live our charism of “standing with Christ at the side of the people,” by being especially committed to service of the rural poor and to meeting needs in our region. As Franciscans we strive to live gently on the earth and encourage others to be respectful of all creation and be good stewards of the earth. We pray for peace and live simply, and are marked by Franciscan joy. We welcome all who may wish to join us at our times of prayer.

As they announce peace with their lips, let them be careful to have it even more within their own hearts. No one should be roused to wrath or insult on their account, rather all should be moved to peace, goodwill and mercy because of their gentleness.

~Rule of St. Francis

Ministries

We Sisters serve as:

- Advocates for social justice
- GED tutors
- Teachers of special programs
- Retreat Facilitators
- Parish School of Religion teachers
- Pastoral ministers and visitors
- Prayer partners and prayer advocates
- Mentors for those in distress
- Members/Volunteers for various community organizations

We Sisters provide:

- Mass and Liturgical services open to the public
- Program space in the Conference Room of the Mother Pia Ministry Center
- Classroom space for the GED program in Andrew County
- A community garden
- A chaplain for La Verna Village Nursing Home
- Classrooms in the MPMC
- Bookkeeping, custodial service and extra storage for the Andrew County Food Pantry



Sr. Mary Ellen working at Andrew County Food Pantry.



Sr. Margaret tutoring a student.

We have an active prayer life and gather for prayer in Chapel together several times each day. The needs of those who have asked for prayers are lifted up to God with confidence that God will hear the cry of the poor and needy, especially those who are sick.



The Sisters in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel.