

Mother Agnes Spencer, SSJ

1823 - 1882

Mother Agnes Spencer, SSJ, Foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania was once described as “a woman of strong personality, great tact and ability.” She distinguished herself through her skillful means of developing a growing community.



A visionary who accomplished so much in her 58 years, she was instrumental in the founding of hospitals, orphanages, schools and other organizations created to meet the needs of the people in the areas she served.

Among her many accomplishments, Mother Agnes opened St. Joseph Hospital (later became Spencer Hospital) and established St. Agatha and St. Brigid Schools in Meadville. She helped open Saint Joseph Orphanage and the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Erie, PA. She began St. Joseph and St. Patrick schools in Erie, St. Thomas School in Corry and St. Teresa School in Union City, PA.

She founded Saint Vincent Hospital and became the first administrator.

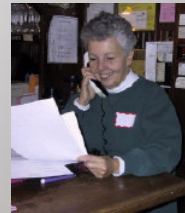
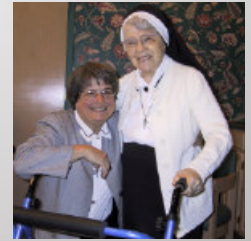
Mother Agnes has left a legacy with her pioneering spirit and determination to meet the needs of those around her. Her visioning is an inspiration and a benchmark for the goals of others.



Make A Difference In The Lives That Follow

LEAVE A LEGACY is a national effort to inspire people from all walks of life and all income levels to think beyond their lifespan when doing good works. Imagine how much good could be done if each one of us remembered our favorite charity or cause in our will or estate plan? The impact would be immeasurable!

Let us help you see into the future.



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Mother Agnes Spencer, SSJ Legacy Society of

Sisters of St. Joseph Villa Maria Academy Villa Maria Elementary

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Legacy Society

Becoming a Member

You can become a member of the Mother Agnes Spencer, SSJ, Legacy Society with a promise of a planned gift to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, Villa Maria Academy, and/or Villa Maria Elementary.

Examples of Planned Gifts:

- ◆ Will Bequests or Residue of your Estate
- ◆ Gifts of Securities such as Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds.
- ◆ Gifts of Life Insurance and Annuities
- ◆ Gifts of Retirement or Pension Plan Assets
- ◆ Gifts of Real Estate
- ◆ Charitable Trusts

Benefits

- ◆ Members become partners with the Sisters of St. Joseph in continuing their ministries.
- ◆ Members will be invited to attend an annual luncheon.
- ◆ Members will receive a keepsake.
- ◆ Members' names will be inscribed on special Legacy Society plaques at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, Villa Maria Academy and Villa Maria Elementary.
- ◆ Members will be remembered in the prayers of the Sisters of St. Joseph during a monthly Liturgy.

Getting Started

Who can help me arrange for a gift?

Please speak with a professional advisor (i.e. financial planner, lawyer, accountant or insurance agent) about leaving a gift. A professional advisor can make sure you are getting the maximum tax and legal advantages allowed for your gift.

I/We would like to become a member of the Mother Agnes Spencer, SSJ Legacy Society, to continue the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

- I wish to remain anonymous
- I have remembered:
Sisters of St. Joseph
Villa Maria Academy
Villa Maria Elementary
(Please circle all that apply.)
- Please send me more information about planning a gift.

Please complete and return to:
Sisters of St. Joseph
of Northwestern Pennsylvania
C/O Development Office
5031 West Ridge Road
Erie, PA 16506



Mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph

We are women who affirm our mission of unity of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God. Our mission is rooted in the mission of Jesus Christ the same mission which continually unfolds in the Church.

"That all may be one, as you, Father are in me and I in you. I pray that they may be one in us."

John 17:21