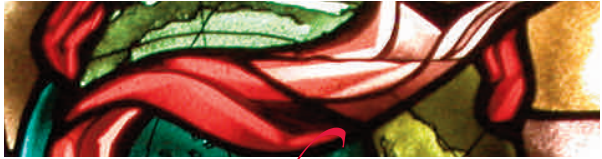




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CALDWELL DOMINICANS



The Congregation of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus* Celebrates the Feast Day and a New Home

The Sacred Heart of Jesus draws us together in God's eternal, overwhelming love.

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey are also known as the American Congregation of the Sacred Heart. So it is fitting that our new Convent, designed for our present needs and with an eye on the future, be dedicated with this name.

Sisters from around the region and across the country have returned to Caldwell to live together in community. Refreshed and renewed in spirit, each Sister will be able to continue in service for all her life.



Sacred Heart Convent, 40 Ryerson Avenue, Caldwell. To learn more about environmentally-conscious and elder-friendly construction throughout, please visit www.caldwellop.org/SacredHeartConvent.php and download our brochure.

**PRAYER,
STUDY,
COMMON LIFE,
and MISSION.**

**THESE ARE THE PILLARS
OF OUR LIVES AS
SISTERS OF
SAINT DOMINIC**

*W*e embraced them when we entered the Congregation. We observe them as we fulfill our daily work. And we hold them close as we move toward God on the path established by Saint Dominic and Saint Catherine of Siena. The new Sacred Heart Convent allows us to continue this dedication as we meet new challenges, steward our resources, and renew our commitment to support each other as Sisters.

LET US BEGIN THIS NEW JOURNEY TOGETHER!



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MISSION STATEMENT

Affirmed by Chapter 2005

"We, Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, are a community of vowed women religious responding to God's call and united in our quest for the unfolding revelation of God.

We preach the Word of God through our lives of contemplative prayer, study and ministry in response to the needs of our time.

VISION STATEMENTS 1995

We will reclaim our passion for contemplation, and choose this as our lens through which we make decisions, live our lives, minister, and perceive our world.

We will hold the promotion of justice as top priority in every area of our Congregation.

We will commit ourselves to deepen our studying, living and teaching the mysteries of the universe and the sacredness of all creation.

We resist the ongoing devastation of our planet by a contemplative scrutiny of our use/abuse of Earth's gifts.

Community Leadership

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP, Prioress

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A Message from the Prioress



Sacred Heart by Stephen B. Whatley. "My work springs from my heart and soul and I give credit to God," Whatley

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

June 27, 2014

*"Jesus was lifted up from the earth
and drew us to his heart."*

Dominican Praise, Evening Prayer, Feast of the Sacred Heart

Dear Friends,

In 1872 our community was established in the Archdiocese of Newark and given the title Sisters of Saint Dominic of the American Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This name was happily received as many of our Sisters were already devoted to the Sacred Heart, as introduced in 1675 by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The heart is traditionally considered the center from which love emanates. So it is easy to think of the Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's love for us. This awareness deepens our own sense of peace and joy and inspires us to share our knowledge of it with everyone we meet. The underlying message in Dominican teaching and preaching is that God truly loves us, imperfect as we are, and will be present with us always.

Through time the Caldwell Dominicans have maintained our strong devotion to the Sacred Heart. Each year on the eve of the feast, we come together in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received through intercession of the Sacred Heart. We join in a special prayer service and share supper in celebration of our heritage and devotion.

That same love and care, God's love, is very present to us in the support we receive from you, our very special friends. It is your steady and generous contributions that enable us to care for an ever increasing number of elderly and infirmed Sisters. And with your continued help we can move forward in ministry, bringing the vision of God to others. You, like the Lord, are always there for us with your love, gifts, and encouragement.

"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee."

As we journey together we recite this short prayer over and over. It is a refrain we say with confidence, knowing our trust is rewarded by your presence with us. And each day, gratefully and prayerfully, we remember you. May the Sacred Heart fill your own hearts with the profound awareness of God's love.

Grace and Blessings on your path,

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP

Sister Arlene Antczak, OP
Prioress



Comments from Residents of *Sacred Heart*



Sister Peggy Ann Clinton, OP,

"Sacred Heart Convent gives witness to Dominican Life. It is about mission... the call to live a simple life better enables preaching and it makes me a better teacher."

Sister Peggy Ann Clinton, OP (Sacred Heart Resident & Teacher at Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell)

Sister Catherine Reilly, OP,

"Sacred Heart Convent is a little bit of heaven here on earth. It creates a world where sisters can live a more contemplative lifestyle and appreciate all of God's gifts."

Sister Catherine Reilly, OP (Sacred Heart Resident & Director of Bereavement/Counseling at Saint Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills)



Sister Ann Marie Rimmer, OP,

"As I have gotten older, the call to spend more time in prayer and contemplation has become stronger each year. When the opportunity to move to Sacred Heart was offered, my spirit quickly responded. I love the quiet of my own space and, at the same time, so enjoy living with thirty caring, interested and happy women from my community. In addition, there are so many opportunities to continue to serve God's people with the nearness to Caldwell University, Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Saint Catherine's Convent & Healthcare Center and Marian Manor; all ministries of the Sisters of Saint Dominic... it is such a beautiful way to grow old."

Sister Ann Marie Rimmer, OP (Sacred Heart Resident and Spiritual Direction Counselor at Stella Maris Retreat Center, Long Branch)

Convent

Sister Patricia M. Wormann, OP

"What an adventure! With cars and trucks and the help of family and friends, I moved to Sacred Heart Convent in Caldwell.

I learned in the process how to let go of things I thought I couldn't live without. It was an invitation to embrace an even simpler way of living... It has been a joy being with my sisters.

Our new home allows for our own sacred space as well as companionship and communion with all the sisters. Each of us brings a different flavor to the whole. The gifts of each woman (personality, ministry, experience, spirituality, vision) broaden our way of being and living together. We are always a work in process... I look forward to what the future will invite us to become as a community."

Sister Patricia Wormann, OP (Sacred Heart Convent Resident & Social Worker at Marian Manor, Caldwell)



Sister Mary McGuinness, OP,

"Sacred Heart is a place of beauty and simplicity, a place where I find openness, warmth, friendliness and a quiet space for prayer and contemplation."

Sister Mary McGuinness, OP (Sacred Heart Convent Resident & Editor, Renew International & Volunteer at Genesis Farm, Blirstown)

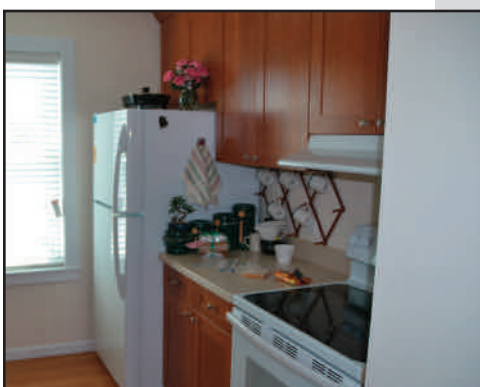


Sister Marie Mueller, OP

"Sacred Heart is the place I've been looking for. It is a place of balanced peace and community which has helped me simplify my life. The quietness has brought about much happiness and joy."

Sister Marie Mueller, OP (Sacred Heart Convent Resident & Teacher and Upper School Coordinator at Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair)

Thank You



The National Religious Retirement Office and Sacred Heart Convent

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) was established in 1986 to assist religious communities as they assess their needs and plan for retirement. Recognizing the efforts of our Caldwell Dominican Community in carrying out chapter mandates related to retirement policy and housing needs, the NRRO, in 2009, invited us to take part in a first of its kind planning and implementation program in which a team composed of leadership, finance, and healthcare/retirement experts participated in an intensive workshop designed to address the long-term needs of Women Religious. Sacred Heart Convent is the result of this collaboration.

We would also like to thank the following benefactors for their outstanding support of Sacred Heart Convent:

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And to all of our beloved friends who support the mission and ministry of the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell with your generosity, time and boundless love – we are grateful!



Sister Mary Stella Potvin, OP

Entered into Life - April 11, 1930

Entered Dominican Life - February 2, 1952

Entered Eternal Life - January 9, 2014

IN MEMORIAM



Sister Marie Frances Kling, OP

Entered into Life - June 26, 1915

Entered Dominican Life - February 2, 1932

Entered Eternal Life - May 3, 2014

To read the Sisters' biographies and say a prayer with us, please visit
www.caldwellop.org/in-memoriam.php

CALDWELL DOMINICAN HERITAGE CIRCLE

We are blessed to have enormously dedicated partners supporting us at every step, including many who have chosen to help secure our future through deferred gifts.

The **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle** honors the commitment of our benefactors. We are deeply grateful for the strong bond we share and for the special legacies you build with our Community.

We invite you to join the members of the **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle** who enjoy the rewards of creating a lasting legacy and the satisfaction of knowing that they provide the resources needed to sustain our Mission.

Your investment in the Dominican pillars of Common Prayer, Study, Mission and Community is an investment in the future of our tradition.

Membership in the **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle**

Individuals who remember The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, NJ in their estate plans or establish other planned gifts are invited to join the **Caldwell Dominican Heritage Circle** with no minimum gift amount, no fees or dues, and no distinction made regarding the size or type of gift. Many types of planned gift arrangements may enable you to make a more significant gift than you thought possible while, at the same time, allowing you to achieve your financial and estate planning goals.



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Sacred Heart in Focus

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“Look at this Heart which has loved so much...”

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O most Holy Heart of Jesus, source of every blessing,

I love you and offer you this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, loving and obedient to your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you, that I may be your hands to the world around me.

Protect me when I am in danger, comfort me when

I am in trouble, and give me health of mind, body and soul. Amen.

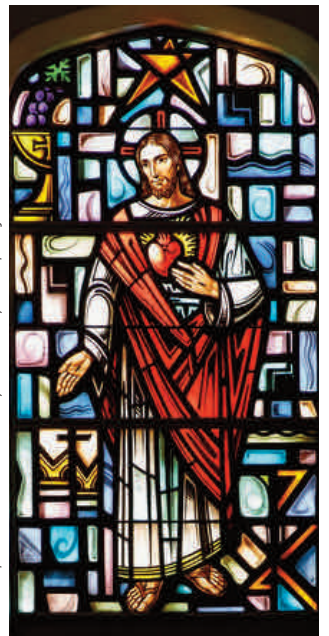
The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a moveable feast, celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday (June 27, 2014). It is a celebration of the infinite love of our Savior who died on the cross for us.

The first Office and Mass of the Sacred Heart were composed by Saint John Eudes, but the institution of the feast was a result of the appearances of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675. The celebration of the feast was extended to the general calendar of the Church by Pius IX in 1856.

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus shows the Divine Heart surrounded by a crown of thorns and the purifying flame of love that signifies the Passion with which Jesus poured out His life for us.

The feast is a powerful reminder that the merciful Heart is offered to all who are open to the presence of the Lord in our lives. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a response to God's love with our love.

Stained Glass Window: Sister Julia Marie Moore, OP, Mother Joseph Residence Hall Chapel, Caldwell University. Photo By: Pushparaj Aitwal



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