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Months of planning and anticipation culminated in November when the Felician community came together to celebrate Sister Theresa Mary Martin’s 25th anniversary as the College’s President.

Festive banners were strung across the streets that flank Felician’s Lodi and Rutherford campuses, lampposts were festooned with silver and green ribbons, and displays with messages of congratulations and gratitude were ubiquitous throughout Obal Hall, Sister Theresa’s home away from home.

“The 25th anniversary of Sister Theresa’s presidency has given us the perfect opportunity to honor and commemorate her years of service and devotion to the College and its Franciscan Mission,” said Sister Rosita Brennan, Felician’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In 1984, when Sister Theresa ascended to the presidency of Felician College, the school had only 450 students – all female – approximately 300 of which were studying toward associate degrees in nursing. Under Sister Theresa’s innovative vision and steadfast guidance, Felician evolved into a four-year, coed College with more than 2,400 students, and undergraduate and graduate programs ranging from teacher education and nursing to a masters in business administration.

A Day of Service

The week-long celebration began on a sunny Saturday morning when, as a tribute to Sister Theresa’s Franciscan roots, trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni traveled to human service organizations throughout northern New Jersey and as far as Philadelphia to practice the Franciscan value of serving the poor and sick by painting walls, distributing food, cleaning parks, preparing mailings, and entertaining senior citizens.

“Teaching by example is the Franciscan way,” said Dr. George Abaunza, who helped to coordinate the Day of Service. “What better way to not only express our human need to serve others but to also take an active part in commemorating someone who has served us for twenty-five years as our President.”
Prayers and Commendations

The celebration continued with a Silver Jubilee Mass which was held the following Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Rev. Damian Colicchio, Director of Campus Ministry served as the principal celebrant, and Msgr. Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall University delivered the homily.

“Sister Theresa Mary Martin embodies the Franciscan spirit,” said Sheeran. “The spirit of support and concern for students. The spirit of attention and focus on the individual. These are the essentials that separate Felician from other institutions.”

After Mass, more than 200 guests gathered at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack for a cocktail reception and celebratory dinner. Among the dignitaries paying their respects to Sister Theresa were Lodi Mayor Bruce T. Masopust and Councilman Marc N. Schrieks who presented the Felician President with the key to the city.

Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney presented Sister Theresa with a Certificate of Commendation for her years of service to the College. “We send students to Felician College and in return we get great teachers,” said McNerney.

Governor Jon S. Corzine, former US Senator Bill Bradley, US Senator Robert Menendez, US Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Congressman Steven R. Rothman, Fairleigh Dickinson University President J. Michael Adams, Senators Sarlo and Gordon, Assemblymen Scalera and Schaer, and Assemblywomen Wagner and Voss were among the many who sent commendations, proclamations, resolutions and letters of congratulations.

“Sister Theresa is the epitome of what leadership should be,” said Felician Regent Ray Bramucci. “I believe in Felician College and I believe in the work that Sister Theresa has accomplished. Under her leadership, the most unlikely college students have been given the opportunity to shine.”

Following the Felician tradition of assuring that the needs of students are always at the forefront, Sister Rosita announced the creation of the Sister Theresa Mary Martin Scholarship. “The scholarship is another way in which we will be able to continue to put Students First – something that is very dear to our President,” she said.

The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of a large oil portrait of the Felician president and the announcement that Becton Hall, on the Rutherford campus would be rededicated as Sister Theresa Mary Martin Hall later that week.

“Sister Theresa stood there when she heard that Becton Hall would be named after her,” recalled Susan Chalfin, Vice President for Student Services and Administrator of the Rutherford campus. “Her jaw dropped and her eyes widened. She was in total shock. She couldn’t speak. I have never seen Sister at a loss for words. It was wonderful. She was thrilled, more thrilled and overwhelmed than I had ever seen her. It meant so much to her.”
A Spark of the Divine

On Wednesday, faculty and students participated in a Prayer Service and Tribute that included the Lighting of the Seven Sparks of the Divine. Seven faculty and administrators each lit a candle and described how Sister Theresa embodies the maxim Spark of the Divine.

“The first flame is the flame of the sun,” said Dr. Ann Guil- lory, Assistant Vice President for Academic Support Services and Director of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program. “Sister Theresa Mary is filled with light. All creation becomes brighter, more alive, by her presence. Filled with this light, she brings the Spark of the Divine wherever she goes.”

After the prayer service and tribute everyone, including a multitude of students gathered in the dining hall for a sumptuous lunch and a surprise audiovisual presentation created by the Student Government Organization (SGO) as a gift to Sister Theresa.

“The students wanted to create something that was truly personal,” said Sister Mary Tarcilia Juchniewicz, Vice President for Student Affairs. “This was a labor of love.”

The presentation, whose theme was the Kenny Rogers song, Through the Years, included nearly 100 photographs from the past 25 years and featured students, faculty, staff and other Felician Sisters who were touched by Sister Theresa’s caring and generosity.

Sister Theresa Mary Martin Hall

On Thursday, rainy skies cleared long enough for the building dedication and blessing of Sister Theresa Mary Martin Hall to take place.

“We want to thank you, Sister Theresa, for your love, dedication and service,” said Sister Mary Aquinas Szott, Provincial Minister and Chairperson of the Felician Board of Trustees. “You said at your Inauguration as President ‘If we have to risk, we will... but, we are going to be the Promised Land of Higher Education in the 21st Century.’ Twenty five years later, here we are, in the Promised land of Education, celebrating you and your presidency.”

In her remarks, a visibly emotional Sister Theresa said: “I am simply God’s instrument. Twenty-five years ago I was not ready to be President of Felician College. But I have since learned that God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. He called me. I answered. And, He went to work. The rest is history.”

A Gift of Gratitude

In honor of Sister Theresa’s jubilee, the Alumni Association planted a tree in front of the newly named building. Next to the tree, a large rock bears the following inscription: This Bradford pear tree is planted in honor of Sister Theresa Mary Martin on the occasion of her 25th anniversary as President of Felician College. Given with gratitude and affection from the Felician College Alumni Association.
A Life-Changing Experience: Nicaragua

Dr. George Abaunza wanted his students to experience first hand what it is like to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

“I firmly believe that as members of a Franciscan institution we belong in places were the poor live,” said Abaunza. “We have so much and yet are often unhappy. The majority of the world has very little and yet they find joy in life.”

Abaunza, chair of the Philosophy Department at Felician College was scheduled to visit Nicaragua this past summer to conduct workshops at several local schools. He took the opportunity to extend his trip in order to invite students to take part in a humanitarian mission.

Xiomara Hernandez, Rosalyn Bedoya, Janelle Biamonte and Susan Kleczynski, all Teacher Education majors eagerly accepted the invitation.

During their 10-day stay, the students and Abaunza visited a number of schools as well as many organizations that helped the disadvantaged.

“We worked in American Nicaragua Foundation (ANF) warehouses and offices, two orphanages, three public schools, a comedor (soup kitchen), a nursing home and housing project,” recalled Abaunza. “We also went to the main Managua dump which is surrounded by the homes of the poor.”

“I saw this as an opportunity for students to bond with the people they were helping and make connections.” he added. “That way, they could return on their own and maybe bring others who could help.”

In their own words...

Rosalyn Bedoya
One of my favorite places was “El Comedor” which in English is translated as “the dining area”.

There I met some students for whom this was the only meal that they have all day - yet they all had big smiles. This has made me realize how many of us take for granted all of the things that we have.

This experience opened my eyes to a whole new world, and now I want to be a part of something that could make a difference, even if it is not by much.

Susan Kleczynski
Our trip to Nicaragua was a rewarding experience. I was both impressed and inspired by the dedication of the staff at the American Nicaraguan Foundation (ANF), as well as the administrators we met at the various schools, clinics, nursing homes, and orphanages that we visited.

As a new ambassador for the ANF, my memories of the meaningful work the Foundation performs will serve as a powerful motivator to continue to spread the word to everyone I meet.

Xiomara Hernandez
In one of the schools we visited lacked basic resources such as pens, notebooks, and textbooks. Nevertheless, the teachers managed to make do with what they had to educate children.

The school’s director told us of a young student, Manuel, who had stopped attending school because his mother was sick. Manuel had to become the man of the house and had to take care of his mother and himself.

We were invited to visit their home and as we walked there we could not help but notice the strong odor that permeated the area. Manuel and his mother lived in a garbage dump and their house was a shack constructed out of large pieces of tin.

Manuel came out and his mother soon followed. She approached us with the brightest smile I have ever seen. I was amazed to see how happy and gracious she was.
Manuel and his mother taught me that no matter how extreme the situation is, people can move forward in hope.

Janelle Biamonte
My time spent in Nicaragua was truly life changing. There is not a day that goes by that I do not tell others about the trip and try to enlighten them about the hardships and struggles of the Nicaraguan people.

I believe that in order to make lasting changes one needs to plunge into the actual problems that exist and experience firsthand the hardships that many of our neighbors face daily.

Mary Norton: Making a Difference Locally and Globally

There is a quiet sense of strength and determination in Dr. Mary Norton.

A nurse and educator, Norton has lived in New Jersey all of her life but she has also traveled the world training healthcare workers care for the disadvantaged. Currently she is Associate Dean and Professor, Global Academic Initiatives at Felician College.

“My career has taken me from the USA to South America, the Middle East and Asia, teaching, developing educational programs, delivering health care, and doing research,” said Norton.

In 2005 Norton was instrumental in securing Non Governmental Organization (NGO) status for the Felician and established a three-credit fellowship program at the United Nations for Felician students. Today, Felician is one of only 18 colleges worldwide to be granted NGO status by the UN.

A five-time Fulbright Scholarship recipient, Norton serves as the official representative to the UN’s Department of Public Information, as well as the International Council of Nurses and the UN’s Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Last September she co-chaired the Youth Committee and moderated the Franciscan International and Felician College-sponsored workshop titled, “Issues of Trust: Using Civilian Satellites and Military Hardware to Facilitate Nuclear Disarmament,” at the 62nd annual DPI/NGO Conference held in Mexico City, Mexico. The workshop was one of only 12 proposed workshops selected from North American Non-Governmental Agencies.

Last year Norton was nominated and then selected to Chair the United Nation’s 63rd Non Governmental/Department of Public Information Conference which will be held in Melbourne, Australia in the summer of 2010. The theme of the conference will be global health.

“For example, climate change can lead to failed crops and mass famine,” added Norton. “An increase in tornados, flooding and other adverse weather condition can lead to an increase in illnesses such as malaria and tuberculosis.”

Norton plans to make the conference eve more accessible through the use of electronic communications. “I want as many people as possible around the world listening in to the conference and participating and thanks to free web-conferencing software such as Skype people will be able to log on and participate,” she said.

Colleges, universities and medical schools as well as the United Nations University, the non-governmental community, and the UN’s official agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF are among those Norton wants to target for participation in the conference.

Norton also wants to attract organizations that are not usually associated with the issue of health to participate in the conference. “World Bank has a program called Global Learning, which is the flagship of their organization,” she said. “They have global learning centers on every continent.

“I want to build some bridges and bring other organizations in that we don’t usually associate with the issue of health,” she said. “Since global health encompasses research, care and prevention, I want to get everyone at the table talking about health and what their role and contribution will be.
Campus Chronicles

Science Club Donates Willow
On Earth Day 2009, the Mendel Science Club held a bake sale and raised $150 which they used to purchase a tree. The club picked a willow because these trees like the water and have excellent roots to help stop the erosion. The club donated the tree to the College and the Felician Sisters and planted it on the bank of the river that runs through the College’s Lodi campus.

Middlesex County College Signs Agreement with Felician
Middlesex County College signed an agreement with Felician College, allowing Felician to offer baccalaureate programs on the Middlesex campus.

Ruocco Named Cornaro Scholar
Felician student Shaun P. Ruocco was one of three Cornaro Scholars named by Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. This prestigious award, available only to members of Kappa Gamma Pi, carries a $3,000 grant to assist with graduate school expenses. Ruocco’s selection was based on his strong academic record, history of service and career goals.

The Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies was instituted in 1985. All funding is provided by direct contributions from Kappa members.

Ruocco earned his BA degree in History and has begun studies toward a Master of Arts in Education degree. He earned many Boy Scout awards, including Eagle Scout of the Year in 2006 and the Ad Altare Dei Medal.

International Festival a Big Hit!
In the fall, Felician’s Office of Study Abroad held an International Festival, which featured food, music, henna tattoos, samples of ethnic crafts and clothing, as well as Karate, flower arranging and dance demonstrations. Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Mexico, France, Italy, India, Turkey, Brazil and the United States were represented in the Festival.

Students also had the chance to gather information about opportunities to study abroad.
“The International Festival was a huge success,” said Elizabeth Gill, Assistant Director of International Programs. “We received extremely positive feedback from students, staff and faculty.”

“We are very much looking forward to next year’s Festival, which we have already started to plan and we hope will be even better,” said Maureen Brady, Director of the Study Abroad program.

BSN Program Awarded 10-Year Accreditation

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Accreditation (CCNE) has awarded Felician College’s BSN Nursing Program a 10-year accreditation, the maximum given by CCNE. The accreditation was given following a rigorous process that included a three-day site visit.

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency, CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public’s health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. Felician College’s undergraduate and graduate nursing programs have been accredited by CCNE since 1997. Re-accreditation occurs at specified intervals.

The CCNE’s intensive on-site survey visit for Felician College’s undergraduate BSN nursing program occurred in the spring of 2009. During that time the CCNE site team toured the Lodi and Rutherford campuses, the library, observed nursing classes, visited faculty and students in practice at clinical agencies, met with groups of administration, faculty, students, alumni and the Nursing Advisory Board.

Also interviewed were the faculty in the business division and division of arts and sciences. The faculty from these divisions teach their specialties to students in the BSN program and reflect the unique interdisciplinary nature of nursing education at Felician College.

“The CCNE site team praised the quality of our nursing program and our compliance with the accreditation standards,” said Dr. Muriel Shore, Dean of Nursing. Dr. Shore led the two-year accreditation preparation team.
Men’s Soccer

The 2009 Felician men’s soccer team won two of its final four games to finish with an overall won-lost-tied record of 4-13-1. The Golden Falcons also captured the final two regular-season Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week awards, given to goalkeeper David Lo Bue and midfielder Kevin Sinic.

Senior Quincy Small led the Golden Falcons with 21 points on 10 goals and one assist. He is the first Felician male since Nick Levinson in 2003 to record a 10-goal season. Small posted two hat tricks in the season’s first five games. Sophomore Carlos Canido had two goals and a team-high three assists, and senior Jason Smith put up a 3-1 record in goal.

Women’s Soccer

Under head coach Thomas Notte, the women’s soccer team qualified for the CACC playoffs for the second consecutive season. Felician played a tight quarterfinal game with top-seeded Philadelphia University before falling, 2-0. Freshman goalkeeper Allie Cuozo was voted to the All-Tournament team.

The Golden Falcons posted an overall won-lost-tied record of 6-9-2, and finished in eighth place in the CACC with a 4-5-2 league mark. Junior Derienne Jacobowitz, the team’s leading scorer, was elected Second-Team All-CACC, the second year in a row she has been an all-conference honoree. In an overtime victory over St. Thomas Aquinas on Sept. 4, Jacobowitz became the school’s all-time goals leader.

Jacobowitz finished the season with 11 goals and seven assists. Junior Anna Petersen contributed five goals and eight assists, and freshman Emily Gleason added five goals and four assists. Cuozo captured the starting goalkeeper’s position five games into the season and registered a 1.74 goals-against average, a 6-5-2 record, and two shutouts.

Women’s Volleyball

The women’s volleyball team improved by one victory over the previous season with a 4-27 won-lost record. Two players, junior libero Erica Moore and junior outside Amber Doran, passed the 1,000 career dig plateau. Sophomore Ashlee DiSalvo set a single match school record for service aces with eight on Sept. 29, as did Doran with 28 kills on Oct. 17.

Doran was the team’s leading hitter with 3.04 kills per set, good for fourth in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. Jenna Matesic enjoyed a solid freshman season, averaging 2.75 kills per set with a 1.48 attack percentage and 37 aces. Moore ranked among CACC leaders in dig average.

Men’s Cross Country

Freshman Rob Albano enjoyed a dominant regular season, running the fastest two 8,000 meter times in school history. Albano was a four-time CACC Runner of the Week and a five-time conference Rookie of the Week.
Albano was the individual winner in the Philly Metro Invitational on Sept. 26, and helped Felician to the team title at the season-opening Delaware Valley Invitational on Sept. 5.

While Felician’s string of five consecutive CACC team championships came to an end, the Golden Falcons did finish third at the league meet and put two runners, junior Jay Rodgers and sophomore James Vander Wiele, on the all-conference team. Head coach John Brennan was also voted the league Coach of the Year for the fifth time in his career.

Felician concluded the year with a 14th place showing at the NCAA Division II East Regional.

Women’s Cross-Country

Junior Sarah Root and sophomore Leslie Feola were the top competitors for the 2009 women’s cross-country team. Root was the team frontrunner in all but one of the eight races she entered. Feola led the Golden Falcon delegation at the Lehigh Paul Short Run on Oct. 2 and was the No. 2 in every other race.

Felician placed in the top 10 in four meets, with a season-best fourth place in the NYIT Running of the Bears on Sept. 19. The team’s best individual finish was Root’s eighth place at the Philly Metro Invitational on Sept. 26.

At the CACC Championship, Root placed 14th to earn her third All-CACC honor in as many years. The Golden Falcons were sixth in the team standings.

Profile: Janelle Biamonte

Janelle Biamonte can finally relax. In the last four years, Biamonte, a senior education/English major, has committed to four different colleges, attended three of them, and played college basketball for three different coaches. But her final year at Felician looks to provide the stability that has eluded her since her 2006 graduation from Marist High School of Bayonne.

A 5-foot-7 forward, Biamonte has been the leading scorer for the women’s basketball team in each of the last two seasons. But Felician may have never known her if not for the fateful death of United States Military Academy head women’s basketball coach Maggie Dixon at age 28 in April of 2006. Months prior, Biamonte had given a verbal commitment to play for Dixon at Army, but Dixon’s sudden death made her re-evaluate her plans just weeks before her high-school graduation.

Biamonte landed at Division-III Brandeis University, but quickly found the private, liberal arts institution, located four hours from her Secaucus home in Waltham, Mass., not to her liking. She dropped out after six weeks, and enrolled at Montclair State University for the spring semester, where she began her college basketball career. But with three years of eligibility remaining, she left Montclair in search of a better fit for her Catholic, small-school roots, and the Golden Falcons were the answer.

“J.R. (DiNallo, Felician’s athletics director and then-women’s basketball coach) was honest. He didn’t sugar-coat anything, and that was so refreshing,” Biamonte said. “I love the small, Franciscan aspects of the school – that you always have someone you know praying and rooting for you. It just fit; I finally felt like I could rest. And it’s Division II, so I’m getting a taste of what Division I might have been like – where I can say my sport is helping to pay my bills – but the (road) trips are local, which gives you time to put extra effort into your studies as well.”

Biamonte has made excellent use of that time. With a grade-point average of well over 3.9, she has earned all-academic awards from the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and the CoSIDA ESPN the Magazine award program. She also spent a week last August on a tour of school systems in Nicaragua with three other students in the teacher education department.

One more transition awaited Biamonte after her first year at Felician. DiNallo stepped down as the coach to focus on his administrative duties, and Steve Fagan became her third coach in three college seasons. Now Fagan is about to begin his second year with the Golden Falcons, with Biamonte his only senior.

“It’s exciting to finally have the same coach two years in a row,” Biamonte said. “God doesn’t give you anything you can’t handle, and I don’t regret any of my experiences. Dealing with everything I have has strengthened my ability to see what I’m made of. Now I’m the only senior on the team and that takes a lot of maturity and responsibility, but I feel like everything I went through prepared me for this.”
Class Notes

‘09 DONNA GALLO graduated with Magna Cum Laude and Honors Scholar distinction. In December of 2008, she received the Dennis Connors Award for Excellence in Student Teaching. She is a Title 1 teacher at the Franklin School in North Bergen, NJ.

’09 JULIANGA PASCUCCII received her bachelor’s degree in English and Elementary Education. She is engaged to Evan Abraham and is currently employed with the Dumont School District. Her fiancé is employed by Affinity Federal Credit Union in Basking Ridge. A wedding date has been set for November 11, 2011, the sixth anniversary of the couple’s first meeting.

‘09 LAURA PESKOSKY is working as a graphic designer in New York City.

‘07 CINDY MAZUR is employed at Hoffman-La Roche. She is engaged to Tom Calnan, Jr. and is continuing her education at Seton Hall in the MBA program.

‘06, ‘08 SHERIFF LEO MCGUIRE attended Harvard Kennedy School of Government in July and received a certificate in Executive Education and also graduated from the 32nd Session of FBI’s National Executive Institute in September.

‘05 LISA VAN ES became engaged mid-November and is planning a October 2011 wedding.

‘04 HELEN CAGIDE passed the School Leaders License Assessment and is now waiting for her Principal Certificate of Eligibility.

‘04 TONILYN RUSSOMANNO is engaged to Frank Peralgallo. Tonilyn received her bachelor degree in elementary education and English. She is employed in the Little Ferry Board of Education as a facilitator of curriculum and student activities. Frank is employed with the Little Ferry Police Department. A wedding date is set for July 9, 2010 at St. Brendan’s Church in Clifton, followed by a reception at the Venetian in Garfield.

‘03 COLLEEN JARVIS was named “Kiwanian of the Year” by the Hasbrouck Heights-Teterboro, NJ club.

‘03, ‘05 DIANA MARQUES is now a board certified family nurse practitioner.

‘03 DAVID C. MUSCLE is engaged to KellyAnne Dudsak. The wedding date is set for August 2010. David is a NJ state trooper and KellyAnne is employed as a 4th grade teacher.

‘99 JASON PUNKO recently became engaged and is moving to Fairfax, Virginia. He is currently working toward a MS in systems engineering.

‘99 DAWN SMITH-DENIZAC and her husband Robert announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Marie. Kayla Marie was born at Hackensack University Medical Center at 10:24 a.m. on August 7, 2009 weighing in at 5 pounds 12 ounces and 19 inches.

‘98, ‘00 LORI A. (JOHNSON) WALKER, Director of Alumni Relations, and her husband Robert announce the birth of their son, Robert William Walker Jr. Robert Jr. was born on October 3, 2009 weighing in at 7 pounds 10 ounces and 21 ½ inches.

‘95, ‘99 MARLENE BAUER PISSOT has joined the board of the Women’s Institute and is employed by InGroup, Inc/WebSwagger.

‘70 KATHLEEN J. CRAWFORD has retired from the US Navy Reserve. She is currently substitute teaching and is also involved in her church and community activities.
A note from the Alumni Director…

Keeping in touch with your classmates is now as easy turning on your computer thanks to our Felician on-line community.

Log onto alumni.felician.edu and open up a world of possibilities.

These are just some of the fun features you can access:

- Post blogs about topics that interest you and share your opinion with others
- Add photo albums and slideshows to your profile page to show others what you’ve been up to, and view friends’ photos
- Add YouTube videos to share with other alumni
- Share your resume with other alumni and potential employers
- Post job openings at your company or find your next career opportunity
- Find old classmates and add them to your personal Friends Center
- Choose RSS Feeds to give you the news you want on your profile page
- Link your Facebook, MySpace or LinkedIn member pages to your profile page
- Easily update your contact information to keep in touch with other alumni and the College
- Send instant messages to classmates
- Register for events

You will be able to find out what events are coming up such as:

- **March 6** Magic Moments Auction
  5 pm - The Royal Manor, Garfield, NJ
- **April 18** NYC Food/Walking Tour
  NYC
- **May 21** Night at the Races
  Meadowlands Race Track, E. Rutherford

Visit alumni.felician.edu to sign up today!

Lori A. Walker ’98, ’00
Director of Alumni Relations

Breakfast With Santa
Alumni, faculty, staff and local residents continued a beloved Felician tradition this past December by gathering at the College’s Lodi campus to have Breakfast with Santa. The event, which attracted more than 400 people, is sponsored by the Alumni Association. Sitting on Santa’s lap are Rutherford residents Caroline and Michael Gimelli.

Making Wine
In the fall, alumni had a hands-on experience at Make Wine With Us in Wallington, NJ where they learned about the art of making wine and also tasted the fruits of their labor.

*Figure based on a March 2005 sample of auto policyholder savings when comparing former premium with issue of Liberty Mutual Group Savings Plus program. Individual premiums and savings will vary. Discounts, credits and program features are available where state laws and regulations allow and may vary by state. Certain discounts apply to specific coverages only. No one ensures that applicants are individually underwritten. Not all applicants may qualify. Coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and its affiliates. CD&F Insurance Agency, Inc., a licensed affiliate. © 2005 Liberty Mutual Insurance Group. All Rights Reserved.*
Heritage/Development

Our Pilgrim’s Prose
Four Felician College pilgrims traveled to Assisi, home of St. Francis. Below are excerpts from their stories.

Dr. Ann Guillory, Assistant Vice President, For Academic Services and Director of the EOF Program
Our days were filled with prayer and Eucharistic celebrations at various significant places in Francis and Clare’s lives.

One of the many highlights of our pilgrimage was La Foresta, a community for spiritual healing. Persons with mental health issues and those who suffer from substance abuse live there and raise their own food, cook their own meals and spend much of their day in prayer.

The pilgrimage sowed many seeds. It is now time to pray and live the spirit that we received on this pilgrimage.

June Finn, Registrar
Working at Felician for 23 years, and belonging to the Franciscan Institute, I was sure that I knew who Saint Francis was, but in reality, my knowledge was minuscule.

The pilgrimage immersed me in Francis’ life. Walking the streets where he walked, praying in the chapels where he prayed, made for such an enriching leadership experience.

I want to share the gift of Assisi and I hope that I can bring more of the spirit of Assisi and Saint Francis to Felician.

Robert Ingoglia, Professor
As an historian, the most exciting part of the pilgrimage was the deepening of my understanding of the Reverend Don Aldo Brunacci’s heroic efforts to hide Jews from the Nazis at considerable risk to himself and his clerical and lay helpers in the “Assisi Underground.”

Brunacci’s efforts personify the Franciscan/Christian values of compassion, respect, and hospitality by overseeing the reception, hiding, and (sometimes) integration of over 200 Italian Jews in Assisi.

Anthony Scardino, Jr., Professor
We are God’s conduit of good, and as we learned day after day that only God is good, it made me wonder: What will this trip do for me?

I have always heard the story of all Francis sacrificed to be an instrument of good for God. But the story was made real not by a physical presence of statues, buildings and even churches, but by a deep spiritual feeling that imbued everything and everyone.

We need to perpetuate Francis’ goodness by building a community within our own environment. The hopes are that by controlling our environment, we are spreading his goodness.

Felician Golf Classic Continues to Grow!
Felician College’s 24th Annual Golf Classic raised more than $180,000 for the benefit of the College’s Scholarship Fund. The event, which attracted 198 players, took place in September at the Arcola Country Club in Paramus, NJ and was co-chaired by Terry Murphy, Wakefern Food Corporation, and Maria Romano, The Provident Bank.

The Provident Bank was the event’s Executive Eagle Sponsor.

“We are pleased to report that we had a 10% increase from last year,” said Romano. “The money raised will support scholarships for deserving students who otherwise may not be able to continue their education.”

Golfers took part in morning or afternoon shotgun starts as well as a variety of contests. There were several competitions for participating players including hole-in-one, longest drive and nearest the flagpole contests. Prizes included an automobile, television sets, sports memorabilia, and gift baskets.

“This was a unique and fun way to support Felician’s Scholarship Fund,” said Terry Murphy, Golf Classic’s co-chair. “Our friends helped students by playing, through sponsorships, and by participating in the commemorative journal.”

Felician Golf Classic Continues to Grow!
Is Planned Giving Right for You?

It just might be exactly the right thing for you and your family.

• Reduce estate taxes
• Eliminate capital gains taxes
• Claim income tax deductions
• Benefit Felician College students

Exploring the many vehicles that will allow you to make an extraordinary and meaningful gift to Felician College, is easier than you may expect. Now is the perfect time to make a difference in the lives of Felician students, while at the same time, providing for you and your loved ones.

Selected Planned Giving Options You May Wish to Explore

Planned Giving options can be funded through cash contributions, appreciated securities or even real estate. Both gifts of appreciated securities and gifts of real estate have double tax benefits – a charitable gift tax deduction along with the ability to bypass capital gains taxes on appreciated assets.

• Charitable Remainder Trusts
• Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts
• Pooled Income Funds
• Charitable Bequests
• Charitable Gifts of Life Insurance

Please visit alumni.felician.edu and select “Ways to Give” for additional information on the above planned giving options or, for further guidance please contact:

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The Venetian in Garfield, NJ

For more information or to donate auction items, please contact Lauren Ryan, Associate Director of Special Events, 201-355-1306 or at events@felician.edu