Sisters of St. Joseph
Coloring and Activity Book

Celebrating our 125th anniversary in 2008!
The Sisters of St. Joseph, and several other religious communities, sponsor a booth about Sisters at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Several years ago, a young girl stopped by our booth to offer us a suggestion, “Why don’t you print a coloring book?” We discovered that the girl was the great-niece of our Sister Bernadine Pachta. We thought Danette’s idea was a good one!

Danette is older now and is involved in helping people herself. In this picture, Danette is making health kits for Hurricane Katrina victims in Mississippi.

Thank you, Danette, for giving us this idea and for your work in helping others!

Who are the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas?

Our beginnings were in LePuy, France in 1650. We came to this country as missionaries in the mid-1800s. We first landed in Cahokia, Illinois, which is near St. Louis, Missouri. As the community grew in number, we branched out across the United States forming new communities. We arrived in Kansas in 1883.

Our Motherhouse is in Concordia but we have Sisters serving in several states and in Brazil. You will meet some of our Sisters on these coloring pages and see some of our many ministries.

Photos on the front cover are courtesy of Doug Walter of Manhattan, KS. Thank you!
Mary Alice was born on a farm in Nebraska. She had one brother and three sisters.
Mary Alice's chores were gathering eggs, watering the hogs and feeding the baby calves milk from a bottle.
She liked to have fun. They played ball throwing it over the barn to each other.
Mary Alice could be mischievous. One day she let the pigs out to run down Main Street!
She knew God was calling her to become a Sister. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph and became Sister Ann.
Help Mary Alice find her way to Concordia.
Sister Ann is a gardener. She likes to watch things grow. Her garden produces lots of fruits and vegetables each year!
Sister Ann has a heart for poor people. She calls strangers “St. Joseph” after the patron saint of her community.
One day a truck stopped for gas. Sister Ann heard a baby cry. She discovered 18 people in the truck. She got food for them all.
Sister Ann is good at finishing furniture, like the pews in the chapel. She had high school girls help her. She says, "It keeps me close to Jesus. He was a carpenter."
She volunteers at the hospital.
She also donates blood.
Sister Ann is someone who cares.
People call her an angel of mercy.
Word Search

Can you find these words that describe Sister Ann?

FUN  CARING  GOOD
NICE  KIND  FRIEND

How would you describe the person who takes care of you?
Danette’s aunt, Sister Bernadine, enjoys visiting her family. (Danette’s picture is on the inside cover.)
Sister Pat helps youth wash cars to earn money for a special project.
Sister Margaret is a hospital chaplain.
Sister Missy is a teacher.
Sisters pray for the needs of others.
Secret Message

Use the code to figure out one of the Sister's prayers.

Sarah is a volunteer helping the Sisters. She even helps her neighbors rake leaves.
Sister Janis is a musician.
What is Sister Philomene playing?
(Answer on page 42.)
Sister Christy is a nurse practitioner.
Sister Lucille helps students repair people's homes.
Sister Margaret gives tours of the Motherhouse.
(The Motherhouse is the convent.)
Sister Beverly works with college students.
Secret Message

Use the code to find out more about college students.

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Sister Anna Marie runs a summer camp for junior high age girls.
The campers have been on a scavenger hunt. Help them find their way back to the Motherhouse.
There are Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil.
Sisters of St. Joseph serve the people of Brazil in the state of Piauí.

(Circle Brazil's capital, Brasília. Color the Amazon River blue and the state of Piauí yellow.)
Brazilian facts:

Language: Portuguese

Favorite sport: Soccer

National tree: Pau Brasil, from which the country gets its name.

Did you know that cashews grow at the bottom of the golden caju fruit?
Connect the dots to discover what some Sisters ride in Brazil for transportation.
Sister Laurie likes to play basketball.
Sports Word Search

Can you find these sports that Sister Laurie likes to play?

BASKETBALL   SWIMMING   RUNNING
VOLLEYBALL   BIKING   SOFTBALL

What sports do you like to play?
Sister Marquita is an artist.
Sisters enjoy playing cards.
Sister Cese helps prepare the chapel for Mass.
Sister Pat performs as a clown.
Secret Message - Page 19:
Dear God, Thank you for loving us so much! Be with those who need your help today.

Secret Message - Page 27:
College students study, have fun and serve others.

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What is Sister Philomene playing?
A cello.

May God bless you!
The Artists

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Jacob Thoman, Manhattan, KS

Jean Rosemarynoski, CSJ
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Did you know...

The Sisters of St. Joseph have...

- a Volunteer program,
- an Associate program,
- a summer camp for junior high girls,
- a border experience each summer,
- Come and See Weekends for those interested in religious life,
- Trinity House for women who would like to explore living in community,
- retreats and workshops,
- opportunities for donors
- a prayer request board
- tours of the Motherhouse and
- more!

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