Welcome Mark Rokos

Mark is the newest person on the second shift in our building and grounds department. His title is General Maintenance 2.

Mark grew up in Westland, Michigan, approximately 30 miles west of Detroit. He is close to his mom and dad and brother. Mark has been happily married for thirty-one years (this June) to his wife Mary and they have a dog named Angel.

Mark, Mary, and Angel live in a townhome in Winfield, approximately four miles from work. Prior to joining the Wheaton Franciscans, he worked at a senior living retirement community in Wheaton as the director of building maintenance and housekeeping.

When asked what excited him about his new job, Mark responded, "I am pleased to work for a company that not only cares about the people we help but also the people who work here. I enjoy knowing I make a difference in people's lives by taking care of the building, its equipment, etc. I get satisfaction knowing that I am part of a bigger picture and that I help people even though they may not know I do so."

Mark's passion is fishing, both deep sea and inland lake fishing. He also has a 1932 yellow hot rod that he enjoys very much. It looks like the yellow hot rod in the movie American Grafitti.
Welcome Kevin Korst

On June 7, we welcomed Kevin Korst as the new Archivist for the Wheaton Franciscans and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) sisters.

Kevin has a Bachelors in American History from the University of St. Francis, A Masters in American History from Eastern Illinois University, and a Museum Studies Certification from Northwestern University.

We asked Kevin to tell us a little about himself.

Tell us a little about your family: I have been married to my beautiful wife Elise for almost nine years. We have two sweet and exhausting boys named Connor (8) and Grant (3). I also live close to my parents and have two older sisters.

Where do you live? We live in Plainfield, which is also the area I grew up in.

Where did you work before coming to the Wheaton Franciscans? Before my current position, I was the Local History Manager at the Oak Lawn Public Library for just over thirteen years. In that role, I was responsible for exhibit development, research, digital collections, programming, outreach, and a host of other tasks.

What are you most excited about with your new job? In my brief time here, I have already come to appreciate the Wheaton Franciscans' incredible history and their impact on the larger world. I am excited to preserve and share their rich story with communities both near and far.

Anything else you would like us to know? I love to read, watch baseball and football, play games with my kids, run, and spend time outdoors.
Archivist Jeanne Guilfoyle Retires

Jeanne Guilfoyle has served as the Archivist and Heritage Coordinator for the Wheaton Franciscans for more than 16 years. Although her background is in social work, Jeanne fell in love with archives immediately. Her passion for the Wheaton Franciscan community, her love and competence in conducting research, her care and creativity with sharing our history through displays, stories, and presentations are a lasting legacy.

In 2009, Jeanne authored the *Images of America: The Wheaton Franciscan Heritage*, published by Arcadia Publishing. Jeanne was also instrumental in the publication of the History of Covenant Companionship and the History of the Wheaton Franciscan Ministry in Brazil.

In addition to being a standout archivist for the Wheaton Franciscans, Jeanne is also a Covenant Companion with the community. Jeanne is celebrating her 25th Jubilee as a Covenant Companion on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

Jeanne, from the bottom of our hearts we wish you a happy and relaxing retirement. May you enjoy fantastic meals, good friends, and all the joy in life you so richly deserve.
Mary Krystinak has a long history with the Wheaton Franciscans. She has been a Covenant Companion for more than 31 years. Through the years she worked with the sponsored ministries (Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc., and Franciscan Ministries) as well as one previous time with the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters. This time around, Mary has been with us for more than 10 years.

Mary has brought her wide range of interests and talents to every role. She was one of the very first Covenant Companions and served as the Covenant Companion Coordinator for several years. Her curiosity and willingness to learn led her into technology and she designed the Sisters’ first website and email system. Her most recent role was OLA Administrator. This led her to bring her talents as a certified Master Gardener to help build and plant the OLA gardens and brought healthier eating into the Sisters’ dining room. She was also brave enough to develop our campus beekeeping endeavor.

Mary established her own business, Mary’s Wholesome Living, while living in the Wheaton area. Many of us have sampled her homemade jams, pickles, and more. In November, Mary and her husband John moved to the Denver, Colorado, area to be closer to family.

Mary, thank you for your generous heart and willingness to try new things. Many blessings upon your retirement.
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And those who stayed home.