

OSF HealthCare hosts Sesquicentennial Opening Mass (Broadcast)

For The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis

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INTRO:

A CENTURY AND A HALF OF FAITH... SERVICE AND COMPASSIONATE CARE WAS CELEBRATED WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 28)... AS OSF HEALTHCARE MARKED THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS.

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ON OCTOBER 28... 1876 – THE FOUNDING SISTERS ARRIVED IN PEORIA... ILLINOIS... ESTABLISHING WHAT WOULD BECOME A LEGACY OF SERVING OTHERS WITH THE GREATEST CARE AND LOVE. TO COMMEMORATE THIS HISTORIC MILESTONE – OSF IS HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS AND MASSES ACROSS ITS REGIONAL MINISTRIES. A PRIVATE MASS OF THANKSGIVING WAS CELEBRATED WEDNESDAY IN THE MAIN CHAPEL AT OSF HEALTHCARE SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER IN PEORIA... WITH THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP LOUIS TYLKA OF THE DIOCESE OF PEORIA PRESIDING.

FOR SISTER AGNES JOSEPH WILLIAMS... THE MAJOR SUPERIOR OF THE SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS... THE ANNIVERSARY IS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE FAITH AND SACRIFICE OF THE FOUNDING SISTERS.

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"We feel it in our hearts. The day makes us remember our founding Sisters and how they came from Germany to Iowa to Peoria, not knowing or having anything. They solely relied on God to direct them and to help them," Sister Agnes Joseph says. "And how all of our Sisters, for the 150 years, have done exactly the same thing. God has not disappointed us, He promised He would be with us, and we're here to serve His people."

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WHILE MUCH HAS CHANGED OVER THE LAST 150 YEARS... THE SISTERS' COMMITMENT TO THEIR FOUNDING MISSION REMAINS. THAT MISSION CONTINUES THROUGH THE DEDICATION OF OSF MISSION PARTNERS... WHO CARRY OUT THE SISTERS' VISION OF COMPASSIONATE CARE EACH DAY.