



# Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

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## **A Milestone Celebration of Gratitude at the SBS Motherhouse/ Shrine in Bensalem, PA**

(Bensalem, PA – July 2, 2016) Founded on February 12, 1891 by St. Katharine Drexel, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (SBS) are celebrating their 125th anniversary with a Celebration of Gratitude event on July 9 and 10, 2016 to be held on their Motherhouse Grounds at 1663 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA. This two-day public event, is a joyous celebration marking a milestone of accomplishments in education and service to the underprivileged Black and Native American communities that were achieved throughout the 125 years of service by St. Katharine and the SBS.

Saturday's activities include an Opening Ceremony, opportunities to visit with Sisters, Associates (ASBS), Alumni and other friends of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, there will be a presentation on Native American Music and Dance, displays on SBS missions and ministries, a book signing by author Cordelia Biddle, and opportunities to meet Robert Gutherman and Amy Wall, recipients of miracles through the intercession of St. Katharine. Guests are welcome to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Elizabeth Chapel and visit the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel either day. Saturday will conclude with Benediction.

Sunday begins with a Mass celebrated by main celebrant and homilist Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory, SVD from the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas. There will be seating under an outdoor tent for 600 guests. A light reception will follow with a later presentation and book signing by author Lou Baldwin which will conclude the day.

Activities will begin both days promptly at 10 a.m. There is limited handicapped parking, however, there will be opportunities to drop off people close to the venues prior to parking. Surrounding restaurants and convenience stores are within walking distance to the event. Visit the 125th event page on the SBS website at <http://www.katharinedrexel.org/news-events/125th-celebration-event-page/> for a map and complete list of scheduled activities.

The congregation announced in early Spring its decision to list both the Motherhouse and Virginia properties for sale as part of its focus on the future needs of both the SBS, and the ever-growing need in the world to be a sign of the power of the Eucharistic Christ to effect unity and community among all peoples. As the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament celebrate their 125th anniversary, they recommit themselves to their mission statement with a hope filled emphasis toward future ministries — *“Guided by the spirit of Katharine Drexel, we are called to share the gospel message with the poor, especially among the Black and Native American peoples, and to challenge all forms of racism as well as the other deeply rooted injustices in the world today.”*

Link to logos, media images of our property and planned event activities:

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Media>

Access this press release online:

<http://www.katharinedrexel.org/news-events/in-the-news/>

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