



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

February 2021

St. Josephine Vannini/Michelle Primavera

Caring for others, body and soul

One can view holiness and sainthood when one witnesses a life spent on the other person and not the self.

This can certainly be said of St. Josephine Vannini. Born in Rome in 1859 she lost her parents at the age of three. Josephine and her siblings were left orphaned. At the age of 22 she heard God’s call to the religious life while at an orphanage run by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul. She became a sister and became Mother Superior of a new order called the Daughters of St. Camillus, founded in 1909. When Josephine passed away in 1911 the order had 156 sisters. Their mission was the pure and simple physical and

spiritual care of the sick, exercised at home as in hospitals, leprosariums, and nursing homes, both in European rehabilitation centers and in mission countries in the Americas. We celebrate St. Josephine on February 23rd. Perhaps learn more about her and attend Mass on February 23rd to ask for her intercessions for you and your families.

We are fortunate to have a volunteer at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska who emulates the virtues of St. Josephine Vannini. Michelle Primavera is a dedicated volunteer at St. Gianna Women’s Homes. She volunteers one night per *(continued on back)*



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week and is a known resource and consultant for the women, kids, sisters and staff at St. Gianna's for healthcare issues. She has helped women find the help they need in regard to breathing, asthma, and other health-related issues. We are blessed by Michelle's presence and are grateful to God for her sharing her life with ours so that women and children can be helped!

We are marking the 10th year of service of St. Gianna Women's Homes here in the Diocese of Lincoln. Please remember us in your prayers. If you are able help us out by contributing with the attached envelope or online at csshope.org/donate.

It costs nearly \$16,000/year to provide a secure place at St. Gianna's for a woman and her children.....which means a **simple contribution of \$45 will provide one night of safety** for a mother and her children at St. Gianna's.

St. Josephine Vannini, Pray for Us!

Celebration of Caring 2021

Join us in virtually celebrating bringing Hope in the Good Life

Our 34th annual Celebration of Caring will look a bit different than the previous 33 events. In light of social distancing efforts, we will not be gathering in person this year for a banquet. However, you are invited to gather with us at csshope.org/Celebration2021 as we virtually celebrate together bringing Hope in the Good Life. Celebration of Caring 2021 takes place on Sunday, February 21st at 5:30 PM. We will begin with Mass, enjoy some entertainment, have a celebration of how you helped us bring Hope in the Good Life in 2020 and look forward with hope to serving those in need in 2021.



To learn more, including how you can support Celebration of Caring 2021, visit csshope.org/Celebration2021 or mail in your gift in the enclosed envelope. Thank you and be sure to join us virtually on February 21st!

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