



# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

## Hope in the Good Life

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St. Philip Neri/Bill Seiler

### Living joy and friendship

Born in Florence, Italy in 1515, St. Philip Neri was a mystic and a missionary, a priest and a prophet, a founder of the Oratory and a healer of souls. He lived during a time when there was a great need for reform and spiritual renewal. St. Philip Neri was able to bring a renewal, thanks to God's help and his affable manner. People were drawn to his solid faith which he exhibited in the friendly and joyful way he encountered others. "In dealing with our neighbor," he said, "we must assume as much pleasantness of manner as we can, and by this affability will win him to the way of virtue."



Bill and his wife of 56 years, Kathi, loved the work of Catholic Social Services. They both served on the CSS Celebration of Caring committee and would often drop off fresh produce from their garden for our clients. Bill and his friends played in the CSS Memorial Golf Tourney each year, often being the first to sign up. He loved travelling around the world with Kathi, his family and friends. He was especially proud of his daughters, Dana and Dionne, and loved spending time with them, his sons-in-law Lee and Wade, and his grandchildren Grant, Will, Zach, Taylor and Stephanie.

For 48 years, Bill was a Professor in the UNL Department of Communication Studies, serving as Department chair for 21 years, retiring in 2020. In his nearly half century of service to the department, Bill was recognized by his peers with a long list of professional awards. But his greatest

As the patron saint of joy and friendship, St. Philip Neri understood that a smile or a kind word to someone can go a long way in relationships with those God has placed in our life.

Bill Seiler understood this as well.

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**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA**

**LINCOLN FOOD MARKET & MEAL SERVICES**

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- 14,152 Meals served
- 7,138 Clients helped
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### *Living joy and friendship (continued)*

achievement was the impact he had on the lives of those he encountered at UNL. Current Communications Studies Department Chair Jody Kellas writes, "From the moment I stepped on campus, he was in my corner. His confidence and belief in me and my scholarship helped shape my career and the way I see myself. I leaned on him as a leader and a friend more times than I can count. He and Kathi opened their home to faculty, students, staff, and our families' countless times for back-to-school and holiday celebrations. He invited us to Husker tailgates and introduced us to his many, many, many friends and contacts in Lincoln. His love for Kathi, his daughters Dana and Dionne, their husbands, and his grandchildren is vast and deep. His laugh was infectious."

We are blessed to honor Bill this year at our 28th annual CSS Memorial Golf Classic on Monday, August 5th at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln. Thank you, Bill, for your faith and your friendship!

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**MONDAY | 8.5.24 | HILLCREST CC LINCOLN**  
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