

# Saint Joseph Villa

## Renewal and Revitalization Project

August 28, 2014 marked a major milestone in the history of Saint Joseph Villa as the Sisters of Saint Joseph officially broke ground on the new parking lot and construction of the Renewal and Revitalization Project.

Sisters, family, friends and project team members gathered in the Anniversary Garden for an inspirational program complete with a proclamation, music, prayer, speeches and the requisite hard hats and shovels.

Addressing the crowd, **Sister Anne Myers SSJ**, Congregational President, remarked, "On this momentous day as we break ground for a new, much needed, much desired parking lot and ritualize the beginning of our Villa Renovation Project, we celebrate with joy a time of transformation, renewal and revitalization of life on this holy ground. We look forward to a future full of hope for all our residents, staff, administrators and visitors. May all these efforts underway lead to greater unity, which is our SSJ Mission, through fuller, relaxed relationships for all who live and work and visit here, as we transition from a medical model to a home environment."

See highlights of the day on the **SSJ YouTube Channel** —  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ssjphila#p/u>

# Breaking Ground



*Top: from left, Anne Myers SSJ, James McPhilemy, Vernon Feather, Scott White, Charles Durkin, Louis Bencardino, Marie O'Brien SSJ, Eileen Marnien SSJ, Mary Dacey SSJ and Mike Beradi.*

*Middle: Ground is blessed. From left, Dorothy Apprich SSJ, Father Jack McKenzie OSA and Pauline Plefka SSJ.*

*Bottom: Sisters bless ground for construction of Saint Joseph Villa. (1964)*





*Top left: The band, pictured from left, Dumonvil Lindor, Maureen MacElderry SSJ, Anna Marie Herron SSJ and Betty Meizinger SSJ.*

*Top right: Anne Myers SSJ*

*Middle: The Groundbreaking Team, pictured from left, Gwen Jamison, St. Gregory McCorkle SSJ, Marie Rudegeair SSJ, Mary Therese Toole SSJ, Catherine Mooney SSJ, Joseph Dailey, Marian Beems, Lynne Bohrman and Michael Rybczynski.*

*Bottom: Sisters, Villa Staff and friends participate in a blessing.*