

# Two authors to autograph books at St. Mary-of-the-Woods today

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Two authors with significant ties to St. Mary-of-the-Woods will be at Providence Center on Saturday to autograph copies of their books. Sister of Providence Luke Crawford grew up in a close-knit family in a Terre Haute south-side neighborhood. She has written a book about her family and neighborhood called "1605: Parenting at its Best."

The Crawford family home was at 1605 S. Center St., in the heart of the Farrington Grove district. It is an area where many

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■ Both authors will be available in Providence Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

of Terre Haute's well-known residents lived. The book gives a glimpse down the city's memory lane of some of the more prominent families: the Roots, Cards, Kunklers, Lambs, Hulmans, Hazeldines, Silversteins and Natkempers. Also mentioned are some of Crawford's father's law partners: Gambill, Sullivan and Zwerner and others.

Sister Crawford's story has touches of humor, sadness, anxiety, tenderness and discipline all mixed together with healthy doses of love and respect. The story is told in vignette form.

"This is a book about good judgment, honesty, impetus to growth, essence of living and preparation for logical thinking," Sister Luke said. "We learned many good lessons. Our parents didn't tell us what to think, they taught us how to think."

Her father was Frank J. Crawford, a well-known local attorney. Her brother, Frank P.

Crawford, was a former city attorney and city judge. She also shares the strength the family gained through her mother, and she talks about the relationships with her siblings.

Sister Luke also shares her story about joining the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, her various ministries and the friendships she had along the way.

"1605" is a book that brings together all the family structure has to offer, including dependence on one another and the influence of spirituality.

Glenna Orr is a graduate of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. Her book is titled "Open Minds, Open Hearts - A journey with the ages."

Orr's book is a collection of memories about intergenerational volunteer programs that were created to bring together two distinct groups of people at very different stages of life: those who were just beginning their journey and those who had a lifetime of experiences to share.

Orr said the purpose of her book is to inspire young people

to enrich their lives through volunteerism and learning by helping those who have a more restricted life, such as those living in retirement centers, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

The author recently retired as a reading specialist and teacher at Hollin Meadows Math and Science Focus Elementary School in Fairfax County, Va. She soon will teach a community college-level course titled "Developmental Reading" to adult students. She works with organizations that place a strong support link between children and seniors.