

'Late Nite Catechism' pitches in with habit of helping

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When "Late Nite Catechism" co-creator Vicki Quade developed the idea of a one-nun comedy show, she didn't just create it for commercial success. She had a bigger plan in mind — to help raise awareness and funds for various orders of Sisters. And when Noble Fool Theatricals approached her about bringing the hit comedy to Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, they wanted to help local Catholic organizations by donating opening night tickets to them.

"We immediately began researching local convents in the area so we could reach out to them and offer a free group outing to the show," said artistic director John Gawlik. "St. Patrick's Catholic Church of St. Charles and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Wheaton were among our most excited organizations to graciously accept our offer."

Since the show's inception in 1993, Quade has been working to help raise retirement funds for various orders of Sisters, who are not supported by the Archdiocese. During every show, patrons are voluntarily asked to donate to her cause as they walk out the door. More than \$2 million has been raised and donated to orders of nuns nationwide.

Starring Lisa Braatz in the role of Sister, the wise-cracking, lovable nun, the interactive show continues at Pheasant Run in St. Charles through May 31. Show times are 6 p.m. Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Pheasant Run Resort is at 4051 E. Main St. For tickets, call (630) 584-6342 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Visit www.noblefool.org.

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