



Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA, Center for Addiction Medicine

Transforming How Addiction is Treated

Founded on faith, guided by education and science, and inspired by hope, the Sister Ignatia Gavin, CSA, Center for Addiction Medicine (SIGCAM) brings together addiction treatment, education, outreach and spiritual support for individuals, families and the community.

A Pioneer in Addiction Medicine

In the 1930s, when alcoholism was widely viewed as a moral failing, Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA, a member of Cleveland's Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA), recognized it as a medical condition afflicting a person worthy of profound respect. Her pioneering work and belief that care must begin with dignity helped shape addiction medicine and the early development of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Care, Connection and Recovery

SIGCAM is an integrated addiction medicine center combining evidence-based clinical care, behavioral health, spiritual support, workforce training and community leadership. Located on the second floor of the Sisters of Charity Health System building, SIGCAM offers welcoming spaces for healing and connection, including a dedicated chapel and community gathering room for treatment groups, Central neighborhood residents and community learning.

Clinical Excellence

Clinical treatment services at SIGCAM are provided through Rosary Hall, a fellow ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, which is dedicated to compassionate outpatient addiction treatment and support.

Furthering Addiction Medicine Education

In collaboration with Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, SIGCAM supports addiction medicine education through endowed programming, clinical rotations, workforce development and professional training.



Sr. Ignatia Gavin's legacy of compassion continues to shape addiction care.

Mission in Action

Sr. Ignatia Gavin, CSA, Center for Addiction Medicine reflects Catholic Social Teaching by welcoming each person with radical compassion and honoring their God-given dignity. Through accompaniment, prayer and excellent care, SIGCAM seeks to make God's healing love present to those on the journey of recovery.

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