

The City Ornament Project

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2010 CITY ORNAMENT CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF UIS

The 2010 Springfield City Ornament issued by St. Joseph's Home depicts the colonnade at the University of Illinois Springfield.

Mayor Tim Davlin today proclaimed the ornament the "Official City of Springfield Ornament for 2010." This is the eighteenth collectible ornament in the series depicting local landmarks and events.

Founded in 1969, UIS has awarded more than 32,600 bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees over the last 40 years. UIS has alumni living in all 50 states and 44 foreign countries. In Sangamon County alone the university has nearly 10,000 living alumni members. UIS had educated 28% of the college-educated workforce residing in the city of Springfield. For additional information on the 40th Anniversary visit www.uis.edu/40years.

The ornament series is a project of St. Joseph's Home, a not-for-profit nursing home established in Springfield in 1903. "The ornament program supports the mission of St. Joseph's Home, which has relied on the generosity of our Springfield benefactors since the ministry began in 1903," according to St. Joseph's Home development director Terri Hempstead. "We hope this

year's ornament appeals to Springfield residents, SSU/ UIS staff and alumni, and our series collectors all over the country. It's a beautiful and easy-to-mail gift."

In its first 17 years the ornament program has generated approximately \$600,000 to support the home's ministries.

Each 24-karat gold-plated ornament comes in a green velvet-lined box and includes a signed and numbered certificate of authenticity. The ornaments will be produced in a limited edition of 5,000 pieces.

Ornaments are now available at these Springfield locations: St. Joseph's Home, UIS Bookstore, St. John's Hospital gift shops, Tinsley Dry Goods, the Illinois State Museum Store, Heartland Credit Union, Vono Medical Supply, Pleasant Nursery, Pease's Candy, Wild Birds Unlimited, Bank of Springfield, and It's All About Wine. They can be ordered online at www.saintjosephshome.org or www.abelincoln.com.

The four earliest ornaments, depicting the Old State Capitol, Lincoln's Home, the Dana-Thomas House, and the Legend of Rubbing Lincoln's nose, have been retired. The fifth through 17th ornaments in the series are available at St. Joseph's Home, but not at all other locations. Previous ornaments still available feature the State Capitol, the Legend of Rubbing Lincoln's Nose, the Main Gate of the State Fairgrounds, the Rees Memorial Carillon, St. John's Hospital, several New Salem sites, Lincoln's Tomb, the Presidential Library and Museum, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, Union Station, the Lincoln Bicentennial, and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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