



Peace
on Earth



Merry Christmas

Thank you God for so great a gift
that you sent your Son Jesus

to dwell among us;

to live in our hearts

and to challenge us to make Christ alive in the
world today.

May Christ bless you this Christmas with peace, joy
and love.

A Novena of masses will be said for you and your
families and your intentions.

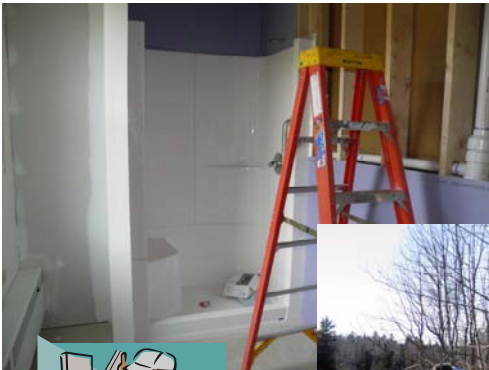
May Christ fill you this Christmas and always!

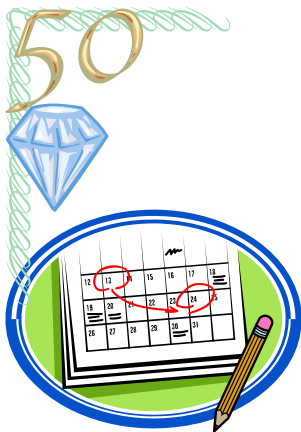


Renovations in Marquette

Our Motherhouse in Marquette was built in 1967 so it is time to update some things, to repair others, and to freshen up other areas so here is what has been happening.

- A garage door has been added to a carpenter workspace to provide a garage for the added car since my move to Marquette the end of April. As we age, garage space is not a luxury in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
- Our sign at the end of the driveway got hit by the snowplow and broke. A new sign was made. The base of the sign was changed to match the pedestal around our Mary and St. Paul statues.
- When the house was built, common bathrooms were the norm. They are inadequate for today's world and for our aging process. We are renovating so that 4 bedrooms have a bathroom. We hope to do more rooms after May.
- We are also changing the flooring in the corridor on that side of the house. The common bathroom on north side of the house is being gutted and turned into storage space.
- The ceiling in the kitchen was changed.
- We will freshen up the paint in the kitchen, dining room, and one side of the corridor on the north side upstairs.





Reminder

Plan to join us for the mass for our 50th Anniversary for District USA on May 19, 2013 at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette. Mark your calendars and reserve the date.

New Website Design

We are proud to announce that our website has a new look. Please check it out at :

SistersOfStPaulUSA.org.



Also check out our Facebook and see what we have added if you haven't already done so at:
facebook/sistersofstpaulusa and "like" us.



Renovations at Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens

In our last newsletter I mentioned about the renovations for our Bishop Noa Home and that the first phase is a 12 bed rehab unit with a larger physical therapy room as well as a coffee shop. We did not want to rush the project so the ground breaking will take place in the spring.

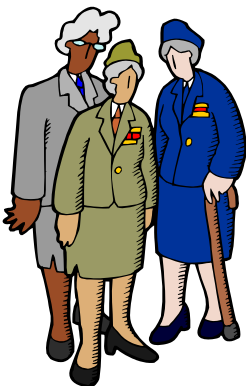
Sisters and Companions of St. Paul

We just celebrated All Soul's Day so we paused to remember Sr. Anne Patrice Cahill who died this year. We also remember our former Companions Barbara Balbierz and Rosemary DeLoach. Please pray as well for Bev Moe who lost her husband Gary in June. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Congratulations Elizabeth Carpenter

We extend our Congratulations to Elizabeth Carpenter one of our Companions of St. Paul. She was chosen as one of the Veterans of World War II to be flown to Washington, D.C. to see the World War II Memorial. The trip honored some of those who served so faithfully during World War II. We are proud of you, Elizabeth.





Mission Projects – Compassionate Heart's Club

Our Compassionate Heart's Club was started in 2008. We continue in existence aiding those who do not have as much as we do, who need help



in some way to better themselves, who desire to improve their way of life and who desire that their children have a strong background in Catholic values and their faith.

Once again we did the annual mailing for the Compassionate

Heart's Club with the students at Northern Michigan University Campus Ministry under the direction of Catherine Hardenbergh. I was amazed at the excellent turn out and willingness of the students to donate their time. I am deeply thankful as we started at noon and were finished by 3:30 p.m. Since we started at noon, we had pizza and dessert to energize us for the project.

The three projects that we have undertaken this year are as follows:

Catholic Schools in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

We know of parents who are struggling to keep their children in a Catholic School so we will continue to help the nine Catholic Schools of the Marquette Diocese to provide a scholarship for a student(s) who cannot afford the tuition. We believe in the value of a Catholic education so we would like to aid the schools in their ministry of educating our children with good Catholic morals, a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, good discipline as well as a well-rounded education.





Victims of Human Trafficking

Many victims are human trafficked around the world as well as here in the United States. They are exploited for purposes of commercial sex, including prostitution, stripping, pornography and live-sex shows. However, trafficking also takes place as labor exploitation, such as domestic servitude, sweatshops factories, or migrant agricultural work. Traffickers use force, which could be rape, beatings, and confinement, fraud and coercion to compel women, men and children to engage in these activities.

This year we want to help Hope House run by Sr. Jean Schafer and Sr. Sheila Novak who started this house in California to help victims of human trafficking. Hope House offers a home-like atmosphere to women who, because of a situation of enslavement, have spent time in a shelter or emergency housing, but are now ready to undertake the journey toward personal growth and self-esteem development. Hope House can take up to 5 women who can stay up to 24 months if they are attending educational and vocational programs. Residents with work permits contribute to their room and board and establish savings accounts to prepare for a life of self-reliance.

It takes approximately \$790.00 per month per woman to provide room, board and basic services like bus passes, doctors, and dentists. Monies will also help to cover such things as counseling and psychological needs assessment, education, resume writing and interviewing skills and job search and employment guidance. It will go directly to help with the needs of the women who were trafficked.

Haiti

You are all well aware that Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world and the earthquake has made living conditions more difficult. We have eight schools in Haiti and one health clinic. They are in desperate need of medicine to serve the poor. Help is needed to sponsor student's tuitions in our schools and beyond the level of education that we offer.

We also need help to pay teacher's salaries and to give them a raise. At present, \$20.00 a month for 10 months (\$200.00) pays for the tuition, the uniform, and a pair of shoes for a student. A teacher's salary is \$40.00 a month for 10 months (\$400.00). We are also increasing our efforts to feed the children with a goal of sending a care package of food home as often as possible. Since last year, we have opened two small orphanages in Haiti so we also want to support the orphans in any way that we can. So the list of what we can and are doing is endless.



Hope House

Since we have undertaken to help victims of human trafficking at HOPE HOUSE, I would like to share a little more about it. Hope House helps victims of human trafficking who are ready to undertake the journey toward personal growth and self-esteem development. It is located in northern San Diego County, accommodates five adult women and two in-house staff. Social service counselors guide residents of **HOPE HOUSE** in their journey toward full self-sufficiency. Other intervention is available as the need arises. Residents may stay up to 24 months if they are attending educational and vocational programs. Residents with work permits contribute to their room and board and establish savings accounts to prepare for a life of self-reliance.



Residents must be referred by social service agencies and interviewed by **HOPE HOUSE** staff. Each resident contracts for her own specific growth plan.

Growth opportunities include:

- Counseling and psychological needs assessment;
- Health and wellness training;
- English as a Second Language (ESL) and life-management skills;
- Verbal, reading, writing and math skills;
- Computer training;
- Resume writing and interviewing skills;
- Job search and employment guidance.

It takes approximately \$790.00 per month per woman to provide room, board and basic services. Donation help to cover the cost of such needs as food, transportation, psychological counseling, or English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

If you would like to learn more about Hope House, you can get more information online at stopenslavement.org.



Human Trafficking Facts

Human trafficking, also described as modern-day slavery or involuntary servitude, affects an estimated 700,000 to 2 million people around the globe every year. Of this number, thousands of victims land in the United States – with New York City serving as a major destination and transit point.

Most victims of human trafficking unknowingly enter the market after being lured by promises of work and opportunities by predatory individuals and organizations.

Traffickers often transport individuals from their home countries to unfamiliar destinations, leaving them defenseless and vulnerable. Victims are often forced, through physical violence and psychological threats, to engage in sex acts or to perform work under slavery-like conditions. Trafficking in persons is a violation of human rights.

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that are literally sold into slavery by parents as a means to pay debt or to reduce the number of children they must feed. A minority of the victims are bound as slaves after entering agreements to be smuggled across borders or as a means of covering personal debts under threat of violence.

Here are some statistics for California: The numbers may shock you.

Number of victims at any given time – 2.4 million

Percentage of Victims exploited for sexual slavery – 80%

Number of victims exploited as forced labor (slaves) – 17 %

Ratio of Female to male slaves (including children) – 2 of 3

Annual value of human trafficking in dollars - \$32 billion

Average cost of one human slave - \$90

Odds of rescue – One chance in 100

Life expectancy of a child prostitute – 7 years

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing and lucrative crimes. At \$32 billion per year, it's easy to understand why. Only the illegal drug trade is more lucrative, but far more money and effort is spent fighting drugs around the world than what is spent on human trafficking.

The problem gets worse. Only 10 percent of police stations have any protocol to deal with trafficking. Even worse, many outmoded laws punish the victims themselves. There are plenty of laws that fine and even jail prostitutes, and other laws that threaten to deport victims to the places from whence they came, but legislation to punish the traffickers is spotty and ill-conceived at best.

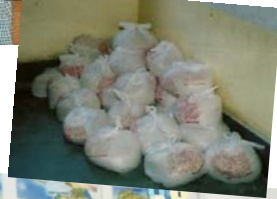


Report of Mission Projects – Compassionate Heart's Club

As of November 15th \$7,465.00 has been collected for the 5th year of our Mission Projects as a direct result of the October Compassionate Heart's Club mailing. Listed below is what we were able to do this past year.

- We have provided tuition aid for 1 or 2 students in each of the Catholic Schools in the Marquette Diocese.
- A safe drinking water system was set up in Venezuela for tribes that are ignored by the government. A building for education is moving forward.
- Much was done in Haiti. We are making a dent in a country that is beyond poor and struggling a great deal. I brought money when I went to Cayenne in April. Here are the kinds of things we are doing.
 1. The school in the mountains in Oriani was in danger of closing as they could not pay the teachers. \$6000 helped to provide a salary for 22 teachers.
 2. \$3000 provided general care for the orphans which included doctors, food and an education.
 3. \$213 was given to the school in Delma.





*Haitian School children
benefitting from your
generous donations*



Compassionate Heart's Club

Thank you for your generous donations.

It is not too late to donate. We will happily take donations all year whether it be through the Compassionate Hearts Club, through the newsletter or even if you just mail a check in. Just remember to note the intentions of the donation when you send it in.





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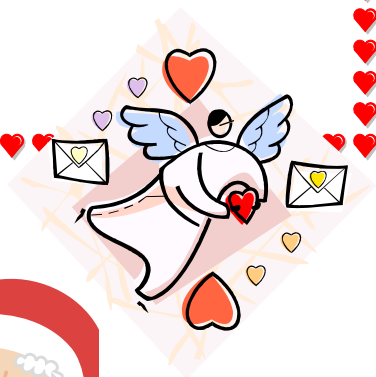
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