



*For unto us
a child is born*

...AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR,

The mighty God,

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6



Merry Christmas

This Christmas we pause to remember
 Jesus coming from above.
 Christ's life is truly a gift to you,
 He willingly came in love.



Yes, Jesus is born this day
 Precious Savior, the King of Kings
 He came to dwell on earth this day
 so let this message ring.

Christmas blessings from above,
 fill our hearts this day
 as we focus on the Christmas message
 and the wonder it conveys.



It gives us reason to praise God
 for all that he has done
 and for all that he is yet to do
 in those who trust his Son.

So this Christmas time, thank the Lord
 for the precious gift he gave
 and for loved ones and friends who help create
 the memories that are made.

*Our love and prayers are with each of you.
 A novena of masses will be offered for you,
 your loved ones, and your intentions.
 We hold you in our hearts
 and we will continue to pray for you throughout this year.*

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres

Sister Updates

Sr. Rosalie Hughes was blessed during her renewal in Rome and trip to France to visit our roots. We are happy to have her home again.



Sr. Marie Hoa Pham is in Vietnam serving the elderly Sisters there. She has decided to stay in Vietnam.

Sr. Marie Diem Nguyen's visa has been approved and she will be a missionary in District USA from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. We are waiting to hear when she will arrive.

Sr. Eden Orlino transferred to Escanaba in April to do ministry at Bishop Noa Home in Pastoral Care and is doing a great service for our residents and tenants.



Sr. Daria Moon entered the art contest for Paint Fest America at Washington Hospital Center and won. Congratulations Sr. Daria and thank you for using your talents and creativity.

Sr. Gloria Schultz's term as District Superior will end on December 9th. In our next Newsletter we will be able to tell you who the next District Superior is along with her council members.

My Autobiography

By Sr. Eden Orino

My name is Sr. Eden Orino, SPC. I was born on February 3, 1950 to Artemio Orino and Pilar Lambino. We are 7 siblings and I am the 6th. My roots are from Pangasinan, a province located north of Manila. My father served in the military as dentist which is why I was born in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur along with my older sister Mellie when my father was assigned in the area.

My mother was a convert from Methodist. Because of her devotion to Mother Mary, our family has a special devotion to her. We are two SPC (Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres) nuns in the family. Sr. Teresita Estrellita entered in 1967 and I followed her exactly a year after. I received my acceptance to enter SPC at age 17, and entered right after finishing one year in college at St. Paul College Manila where I also finished my secondary school. After my Theology and Philosophy course at the Sister Formation Institute, I went back to finish my Bachelor of Music at St. Paul College Manila.

I was sent for missions to the following schools/houses: Santa Lucia Institute in Ilocos Sur; St. Paul School in Madellin, Cebu; Kabankalan College in Negros Occidental; St. Paul College Manila; St. Columban



College in Zamboanga del Sur; St. Paul School in San Rafael, Bulacan; St. Paul College Pasig, St. Paul School Makati. After my mission in the SPC schools, I was requested to serve the 'bigger church' in the Philippines by Cardinal Orlando Quevedo and Bishop Ramon Villena to serve in the Social Action and Development of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia and the Diocese of Bayombong, respectively. I was on 'loan' to the 2 arch/diocese for almost 25 years.

After 6 long months of waiting for my visa, I arrived in District USA on February 8, 2016.

At present, I am with the Bishop Noa Home at the Pastoral Department. The apostolate is very enriching and challenging and the experience is humbling and evangelizing. I am grateful to God for this gift of mission.





Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

By Sr. Gloria Schultz

We decided to do a pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. We chose Washington, D.C. so that our Sisters in Washington, D.C. could be a part of it. Sr. Juliana, Sr. Marivic, Sr. Norma, Sr. Dorothea, Sr. Marie Hoa, and I set out on June 17th in the van for the drive to D.C. Sr. Eden flew to D.C. where we met her, Sr. Estela and Sr. Daria. Along with joyful days of sight-seeing,



we went through the Holy Door at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, went to mass and spent time in prayer there. We also visited the Franciscan



Monastery which is a replica of the holy sights in the Holy Land. We prayed before these sights and in the Monastery.



This was followed by a glorious 8-day directed retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on the Potomac River in Faulkner, Maryland. We were all richly blessed by the whole experience and our hearts are

truly thankful for all of the graces that we received. Be assured that you were in our prayers on this experience and especially during our retreat.





An added bonus to this experience was a deeper bonding and blessed community days together filled with rich times of prayer, especially praying the Divine Office together and the daily celebration of Eucharist. Since our retreat ended on June 29th which is the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul and is one of our Feast Days, a friend cooked supper for us and joined us for a picnic style dinner on the patio

and presented us with a dozen roses. Doesn't that all speak of the generosity of God and God's mercy? We were beyond grateful.



Since this was close to the Fourth of July, we extended our stay to include celebrating the gift of our independence together in the home of our Nation's Capital where the history of our nation is so rich. After celebrating our independence with morning prayer and mass, we

began our preparations for a delicious cook-out with one another and friends. We had a great time together preparing and then celebrating. We finished the day with thankful hearts for the opportunity to be together and for the gift of our freedom.

The next morning those of us in the van were on the road home early in the morning. We arrived home safe and sound filled with God's love and mercy after many blessed days together. This experience has changed our lives and will remain alive in our hearts for some time. Thank you God!





World Youth Day 2016

By Sr. Daria Moon

World Youth Day (WYD) is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ. This event is an opportunity to experience the universality of the Church; to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others. World Youth Day is celebrated every three years in a different country and is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, by means of prayer and the sacraments, together with thousands of other young people who share the same interests and ambitions.

My name is Sister Daria Moon, SPC and a member of 7th Community of the Neo-Catechumenal Way at Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church in Maryland. I was blessed to participate in the World Youth Day pilgrimage held in Krakow, Poland on July 17-August 4, 2016.



When I first felt called to go to WYD, I shrugged and was worried about how I would ever afford to go. The desire helped me to discover a hidden artistic gift that I never dreamed of having. I began to paint and many people offered to pay for my paintings. Thank God! Eventually I raised money for my trip through many friends, family members, patients, and staff at the hospital. My prayers were answered and my story to Poland begins.



Our group all met in Philadelphia, boarded the plane and off we were all night until we arrived in Italy. We all had an opportunity to get acquainted, a priest, deacon, two couples and many young people, including me from all over.

First stop was Rome where we visited Assisi, a famous place of St. Francis. That evening we were divided up and were blessed by several different hosts that offered our group shelter, dinner, showers, beds, breakfast and a ride. With such hospitality we were safe and so very blessed.



Our group joined another group from Philadelphia to visit the Catacombs of St. Callixtus; one of the greatest and most important official cemeteries of the Church of Rome. It occupies an area of over 90 acres, with a network of galleries about 12 miles long, on four levels, more than twenty



meters deep. In it were buried many martyrs, 16 popes and many Christians.

We visited the Coliseum singing and playing instruments, bongos, guitars, tambourines and meeting friends from all over the world. What a wonderful joyful time we had. In the evening the community from Italy and our group gathered to celebrate mass for the soul of Carmen Hernandez, co-founder of the Neo Catechumenal Way who died in Madrid on July 19. She used to talk about the importance of being in the Church. I thanked her for her presence in my life.



The next day after lunch we walked around Rome to St. Georgia the center of the Neo Catechumenal Way observing the beautiful buildings. We photographed a wonderful portrait of the life of Christ done by Kiko who is a founder of the Neo Catechumenal Way. Next we went to Loreto, a hill town and is most commonly known as the seat of the Basilicca della Santa Casa and a popular Catholic pilgrimage site. In the evening we traveled all night by ferry to Croatia where we were welcomed and came together for prayers and were provided breakfast and lunch. We went to a beautiful park where we had confessions with four priests.



In the evening we divided again for home stay by several wonderful hosts. I had the pleasure of staying with a Croatian Woman named Gordana Odak. It was challenging because I could not



spek her language and I am sure she may not have understood me entirely. Gordana prepared a lovely dinner, provided a shower and gave me her own bed to sleep in including a wonderful breakfast and a bag lunch and transportation. That evening we met the Croatian Community and celebrated mass at a Jesuit Church in old town Croatia. The church was filled with so many people from all around the world enjoying one another and sharing laughter and thanksgiving. We went outside and danced and enjoyed another wonderful festive night. Love knows no special language.



We gathered for Morning Prayer at a Jesuit Church. Many people

joined in fellowship with us. That afternoon some of our young people had time to go swimming and they had such an exciting time. That evening we traveled to Hungary and our team, led by our Catechist, selected each of our youth to open a scripture by chance and to share their life experiences and struggles as well as challenges they face. We all had an opportunity in the group to speak and give feedback to each other. It was very healing and encouraging to many of our team members.

That evening we slept at the University of Slovak. After morning



Mass we continued our journey to Hungary. We met the Neo-Catechumenal Way Community in Hungary and celebrated mass together. We had an opportunity to visit the beautiful St. Steven Cathedral Church and celebrate Mass. In the afternoon we went to Budapest and enjoyed the beautiful scenes in Hungary.

KRAKOW – THE CAPITAL OF POLAND

Once arriving in Krakow, Poland we went to Auschwitz-Birkenau the largest of the Nazi concentration and death camps located in



southern Poland. Auschwitz initially served as a detention center and evolved into camps where Jewish people and enemies of the Nazi state were exterminated, in gas chambers, or used as slave labor. During World War II more than 1 million people, by some accounts, lost their lives at Auschwitz. In January 1945, with the Soviet army approaching, Nazi officials

ordered the camp abandoned and an estimated 60,000 prisoners were forced to march to other locations. When the Soviets entered Auschwitz, they found thousands of emaciated detainees and piles of corpses left behind. This was a very touching and emotional sight for all the tourists. We honored their lives in silence.



The next day we attended Mass that was said in English. They said that it was the first time that they celebrated mass with so many bishops from the USA. We felt so supported through the liturgy. After mass we celebrated and danced in front of the Stadium.



We had the pleasure of joining Pope Francis on a pilgrimage walking for seven miles with only what we could carry on our backs, our sleeping bags and belongings.

Along the journey there were many sacrifices involved. There was suffering, hunger, pain, exhaustion, extreme weather conditions, and crowds.

All this was endured for the ultimate goal to reach our final destination. Jesus suffered agony by carrying his cross. Many people from all over the world walked and the young people helped each other carry their belongings. People from Krakow came out of their

houses cheering us and giving us water and snacks as we walked by. Approximately 1.6 million people were in the field. They were singing and rejoicing that we made the journey safely. No doubt St. John Paul's presence was with us holding back the rain and immediately that evening I fell fast asleep.

The Highlight of all was to celebrate mass with Pope Francis. After Morning Prayer we attended the mass. Pope Francis spoke to us on inviting Jesus in our heart like Zacchaeus did in the Gospel and invited young people to say "Yes" to Jesus and with their whole heart make a decision to follow Jesus and tell the world about Jesus. He encouraged youth to believe GOD's providence

and not to be ashamed to open our weaknesses, struggles and sins. This was such an affirmation since we were walking in the Year of Mercy.

The next day our group went to the same spot where the papal mass was held for a meeting with Kiko. He gave us a wonderful talk and called young people who felt called by the Spirit. I was very impressed because many youth came forward in order to get blessings from the Cardinal.



We toured the beautiful city in Krakow by boat and the weather was beautiful. In the afternoon we saw that church where St. John Paul II was a parishioner and got his priestly vocation as a young man. We held mass and were asked to pray for our own vocation. After mass we rejoiced, danced, played music and gave thanks to the Lord and to St. John Paul II.

This journey was close to an end. We all said goodbyes and traveled to Czech Republic and spent time touring and shared in a late dinner. We spent time at the airport sleeping until we started boarding early in the morning. We flew to London on the way to USA. Though I was exhausted, I felt full of joy and thanksgiving. Thank you Sisters, friends and family for your love and support.





Mission Projects October 2016 – October 2017

Our Compassionate Heart's Club was formed in 2008 to help aid the poor in our area and around the world. I would like to say a gigantic thank you to those of you who have donated in the past to the Compassionate Heart's Club or our Mission Projects. We are really making a difference.

The four mission projects that we sponsored last year will remain the same this year. They are the Catholic Schools in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, victims of human trafficking, Haiti, and Central Africa. Following is a little information about each mission.

We know of parents who are struggling to keep their children in a Catholic School so we will help the ten Catholic Schools of the Marquette Diocese to provide a scholarship for a student(s) who cannot afford the tuition.

To fight human trafficking our monies are sent to the Coalition of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT). They are in the process of trying to build an eventual endowment fund to help further the education of women who are coming out of situations of labor or sexual exploitation. Many of these women, once stable, desire to further their education in order to strengthen their skill base, gain a diploma or certificate, and thereby find better employment. Women who apply are carefully vetted and show signs that their efforts will reach a successful end.

You are all well aware that Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world and the earthquake and recent hurricane made living conditions more difficult. The Sisters of St. Paul have seven schools in Haiti where school supplies, equipment, student's tuition and teacher's salaries need support. There are on-going needs for supplies and medicine for the health clinic and our orphans continue to have need of medical treatment and clothing.

The Sisters struggle to take care of their needs as the cost of food and living is escalating. They do not always have their basic needs met. They don't have enough food and other supplies for their health and personal hygiene as well as to help others.

Thanks to many generous and faithful donations, we were able to raise \$26,154.29 Total from October 2015 to October 2016. Since some people have a special request where their money goes, the amounts of the mission varies. Following is a breakdown of the monies:

- Haiti: \$10,040.00
- Victims of Human Trafficking: \$5,409.50
- Catholic Schools: \$5,896.79
- Central Africa: \$4,808.00

Since October 2016 we have collected over \$12,000 and will continue to accept donations for our ninth year of the Mission Projects through October 2017.

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