He walked the earth to know what it's like to be human.

He suffered the pain of death on a cross to set us free.

He ROSE FROM DEATH to bring us everlasting life.

He GAVE US THE HOLY SPIRIT so we would never walk alone.

# HE IS JESUS, our Savior and King!

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. Luke 24:34



# Blessings at Easter

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."

God gave His precious life for us.

He died on the cross to save us.

He has risen for us.

For He really LOVES us.



Yes, He died.

He rose.

He lives.

His Spirit lives within.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Alleluia!

We wish for you an Easter decorated with the gifts of peace, joy and love

which are the gifts of our Risen Lord and Savior.

May each day be a day to rejoice and give praise.

Know that you are in our prayers.

A mass will be offered for you and your intentions during the Easter Season.

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## **Appointment of District Superior and Council**

#### By Sr. Gloria Schultz

We had our consultative vote and I will remain the District Superior for 3 more years. It was suggested by Mother Maria Goretti that we have 3 councilors instead of two. Sr. Francis Mortola remains the first assistant. Sr. Rosalie Hughes continues as 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant. Sr. Juliana Djo is now the third assistant. We welcome her and value the gifts and ideas that she brings. Pray that the Spirit will lead and guide us in the decisions for the District and that we will hear and follow faithfully.



### District USA Moves Forward

Since the Chapter in September, we have been working hard in the District to do the follow-up work of the Chapter. The document that we write at the Chapter is known as the Capitular Acts. The document has arrived and we are making efforts to put it into practice. At our District Assembly, we noted areas that we need to stress in the District. From

that each Sister decided what they would like to work on personally. From the Sisters plan, a house plan was drawn up. In the future a clearer District plan will be made to further our efforts to grow. The logo from the Chapter is "Alive in the Word; let us be light." Our efforts to grow will help to keep this alive in our hearts.





# **Update of Sisters**

Sr. Francis left for the Philippines on February 5 and was to return the beginning of March however her sister Delsa ended up in the hospital with pneumonia, high sugar, and a mass on her thyroid. Since the surgery cannot be done until the lungs are completely clear, Sr. Francis will not return until the end of April so that she can be there for the surgery and part of the recovery of Delsa. Please remember them in prayer.

Sr. Dorothea received difficult news that her only brother who is 67 has colon and liver cancer. He had 50% of his colon removed, has recuperated and started treatment. Prayers are appreciated.

Sr. Nenita Leonardo went for her home visit in the Philippines on February 26<sup>th</sup> and will return on March 31<sup>st</sup>. It is good that she could be with her family as they make decisions about the needs of her sister who lost everything in the disaster. Please continue to keep the family in prayer.

Sr. Juliana will have her home visit in Korea May 26th so that she can see her sister who's health is failing. Please keep Sr. Juliana and her family in prayer.

Sr. Estela and Sr. Daria who are missioned in Washington, D.C. will have their home visits this summer. Sr. Estela will go to the Philippines and Sr. Daria to Korea. May they have safe travels and return refreshed and renewed.

Sr. Norma will be coming to District USA and will be missioned in Wakefield at Divine Living Infant Center. We are waiting to hear her arrival date from the Philippines. We are grateful for her yes to serve here and wait, with open arms.

Sr. Juliana, Sr. Gloria, Archbishop Sample and Sr. Priscilla at the Installation of Bishop Doerfler.



Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres

# Installation and Ordination of Bishop John F. Doerfler

By Sr. Gloria Schultz

With great excitement, we gathered at St. Peter's Cathedral on February 11, 2014 for the ordination and installation of the Thirteenth Bishop of the Marquette Diocese. It was the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and this added meaning to us since we believe that all of this took place under the guidance and protection of Our Blessed Mother. This was an added gift to the fact that we were being gifted with our Bishop that we had waited for

expectantly and patiently.

Bishop John Doerfler was the Vicar General of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit was theordaining Bishop. He was joined by the former Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, Archbishop Alexander Sample of Portland



Sr. Dorothea, Sr. Juliana, Sr. Gloria, Bishop Doerfler, Sr. Nenita, Sr. Priscilla and Sr. Rosalie

in Oregon, and Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay as co-consecrating Bishops. It was a treat for us to connect again with our friend, Archbishop Sample.

It was a beautiful celebration of praise and honor to our God. The Cathedral was packed and hundreds of voices rang out the praises of God. It was very uplifting to our spirits. The whole celebration was filled with the Spirit and we felt honored to be in attendance in this historic moment when the Spirit was so alive and active.

I was honored to be chosen to represent the Sisters of the Diocese to go forward to give our new Bishop the sign of peace. It gave me the opportunity to thank him for his "yes" to serve us.

At the reception, we had an opportunity to join the reception line and to greet him in the name of the Sisters of St. Paul. Needless to say a group picture was a part of this process and we now treasure this picture.

May God bless him and continue to lead and guide him as he serves the Diocese of Marquette.





## Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Grant

By Sr. Gloria Schultz

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We are truly blessed to have received grant money again this year from Washington, D.C. to help with present needs and long-range planning needs as the Sisters age. We are very thankful for the generosi-

ty shown us in this grant. A list of our purchases follows:

A hospital bed 2 bedside stands Lift chairs Lift chair stand 8 chapel chairs with arms 2 laundry baskets Shopping cart Hand truck IPads and covers Memory foam for some of the beds

We are so blessed to have these items. They help us a great deal and make life easier. As our few numbers grow older, the need gets great-



er and greater. We pray for the person who started the grant and for those who distribute it. May the Spirit continue to lead and guide them, take care of their needs, and wrap them in love.



## **Bake Sales and Donations for the Philippines**

The Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in Marquette along with friends and the cooperation of St. Christopher Parish held two cinnamon roll bake sales to help the victims of the disaster in the Philippines. One was in December and the other one the end of January. The money was delivered to our Sisters who head a disaster team to help victims in need. We were absolutely amazed at the generosity of the people. Many bought at the bake sale. Many donations were given at the bake sale, mailed to us, and given to our Sisters.

We were able to raise around \$20,000 all together. Some money was also given to Sr. Nenita to bring to her family to help with the building expenses for her sister. We cannot find the words in our hearts to thank St. Christophers for letting us bake in the Church Hall kitchen and hold the sale in their Church, all those who helped with the baking and sale, and all those who bought goodies and/or donated. We ask God to pour out his blessings on them with the same generous response and even greater.











# God Smiled at Me

- Sr. Priscilla DeGuzman

The very first time I saw a Sister was in a market in the Philippines. I was about 5 years old then, I thought she was the most beautiful creature I've ever seen more so when my mother explained to me who she was, what she does and how she loved God with all her life . . Then I knew what I wanted to be. When I told my dad I wanted to become a Sister, his answer was that I needed to grow up first and learn more about God . . And so my journey began. . .



Baby Priscilla



First Communion

As I grew up, my plans changed from being a flight attendant, concert pianist, to a ballet dancer, but when I made my first communion among hundreds of children in the church, the priest pointed at me and announced that I was an angel ... hmmm.. That sounded better. So I took interest in helping the Sisters at church, played the organ for the choir, became a member of the Legion of Mary and was teaching cathechism at 12 years of age. Right after High School graduation, I

asked my dad again if I could be a Sister.

His reply was that all Sisters finish college first. So I finished my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in a school run by the Sisters of St. Paul. College was fun, especially with my classmates "The Floracoelis" who up to now are still closely connected with each other supporting one another. I enjoyed meeting new friends, swimming, tennis, jogging along the beach, parties, roller skating and playing volleyball on the college varsity team . . . And continued to know and love God.

I joined the Sisters of St. Paul in 1977 in the Philippines, a year after I finished college. I made my perpetual vows in 1986.

However, a family crisis led me to decide to assume responsibilities for my parents because of their health issues and financial situation. So I asked to leave community and worked in Los Angeles as a registered nurse at St. Vincent Med-



With the Sisters of St. Paul in the Philippines

ical Center. I was privileged to work with the best Doheny operating room staff, anesthesiologists and world renowned neurootolgists and neurosurgeons of the House Ear Institute.



When both my parents passed away, I asked to return in community with the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in the District USA where I am now back in formation.

Looking back through the years of my journey, I saw how God so lovingly cared and protected me. He generously blessed

me with opportunities to

do what I needed to do for my family.

God lovingly sheltered me in His grace to overcome challenges including battling a rare benign heart tumor. Thanks to all the support and care of Dr. Taro Yokoyama, St. Vincent Heart Team, Dr. Derald Brackmann, the surgeons and staff of St. Vincent, The Floracoelis, my family, and sisters Ivy and Lina.

He provided a path for me to continue praying and serving Him with the secular religious women called the Sisters for Christian Community.

He wonderfully allowed me to enjoy singing and playing the piano for the Filipino choirs, teach Catechism and simply love and be loved by the parishioners, volunteers and families of St. Casimir Church, St. Vincent Chapel and Columban Church.

In God's great wisdom, He surrounded me with holy men and women, sent me angels and friends, family and relatives, who made sure that when my task of caring for my parents was done, my journey brought me back with the Sisters of St. Paul.

I am especially thankful for my Spiritual Directors, Fr. James Hanley, SJ; Fr. Ernie Espina, CM; Fr. Tom Karanauskas, Sr. Joyce

Catechism Class in California

Weller, DC, and my Mom Poly.

So here I am now surrounded by God's beauty in nature and hearts of the people of Marquette, enjoying the warm love andsupport of the Sisters of St. Paul, making me feel that God is smiling at me and that where I am now is where God wants me to be.



Sr. Pricilla DeGuzman





# **Compassionate Hearts Club**





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## **Mission Projects**

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the generous support that you have given for our mission projects. A list of how the money was distributed will follow. Just a reminder, the amounts will vary as some people opt to donate to a specific mission or for a specific purpose.

Haiti \$6147

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Marquette \$3210

Victims of Human Trafficking \$3430

We receive many thank you notes and know that money is being used for what we ask. Many students have received scholarships to pay or help pay for their tuition. Money was used for such things as doctors and dentists to help victims of human trafficking. In Haiti we continue to aid the schools, salaries, and take care of the some of the needs of the Sisters.



Haitian School Children

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## Haiti

#### By Sr. Gloria

Our Sisters in Haiti are continuing to serve the poor with great zeal and courage. Sr. Mary Ann Laurin, just returned from Haiti and was able to share the following news with us. If you remember, the school and District House were destroyed in the earthquake. One small house was still standing and another small



house was built to protect them from the weather however it has no running water. Termites are devouring the wood. Benefactors from St. Bartholomew Island in the Caribbean put up a temporary box school and it is also getting eaten by termites. They called it box schools as they are small and in the shape of a box. There are 8 separate buildings for the school and each one has 2 classes. They only have basic essentials, no audio-visuals, one old chalkboard, and just a few books. The children learn mostly by memorizing. As you already know from what you read, they need to build a school and convent. The convent needs to be large enough to also be a novitiate or it has to be a separate building. The Sisters are now trying to figure out ways to raise the money to fund these



projects.

Plans are to raise money for the school first to better serve the children and those in needs. They have 35 to 40 students in each class right now so they are very crowded. The needs of the Sisters will come after our students are taken care of.

We are in the middle of construction of an orphanage in Haiti. It is more than an orphanage since we take in children when the parents cannot take care of them.

Haitian School Children

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# Thank you!!

A Special THANK YOU to all who donated for the storm disaster in the Philippines.

#### A heartfelt thank you to all who had sent donations, gifts, and contributed to our Mission Projects.

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