Jesus Christis risen today Alleluia!





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## Easter Greeting

(Written by Sr. Gloria Schultz)

Alleluia! Rejoice Christ is Risen! May the joy of the Risen Christ bubble within like a spring of water full of life. May hope fill you with courage to be faithful to sharing the message of Jesus. May you be wrapped in love as you carry this love to others. May peace be within and without so others may experience it. May the promise of Easter fill your being as you build the kingdom of God.

We wish you Easter blessings! We wish you the joy of knowing Christ lives in your heart anew! And we support you with our prayers.

## Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres



#### Obituary of Sr. Anne Patrice Cahill Skradski Funeral Homes of Delta County



Sister Anne Patrice Cahill, (Baptismal Name, "Julia"), age 97, of 2900 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, went to be with the Lord our God Saturday morning, January 21, 2012, at the Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba. Sr. Anne Patrice was born July 18, 1914, in Portlaois, Ireland, the daughter of Patrick and Anne (Lawlor) Cahill. In 1929, at the tender age of fifteen, Sr. Anne Patrice left home to become a Sister of St. Paul de Chartres. Her decision to become a Sister was made at a young age because "so many needed God". Sr. Anne Patrice went to England for two years to study French. On November 26, 1931, Sr. Anne Patrice

entered the Convent in Chartres, France and on August 17, 1932 she entered the Novitiate. When Sr. Anne Patrice took her religious name, she was named after both her mother and her father. Sr. Anne Patrice professed her first vows on August 28, 1934, in Chartres, France, and her final vows on August 28, 1939 in the Philippines. From 1935 to 1945, Sr. Anne Patrice was a student as well as a high school teacher, of French and English, at St. Paul College in Manila, Philippines. While residing in the Philippines, Sr. Anne Patrice received her Bachelor of Science in Education and her Master degree in Administration. She was a missionary in the Philippines for thirty years. Seventeen of those years she was the Mistress of Novices and helped to form hundreds of young women in becoming Sisters. Sr. Anne Patrice's steadfast dedication to education and Catholic faith continued throughout her entire life. From her childhood decision and induction to become a Sister, Sr. Anne Patrice continued her mission from 1945 until her death in 2012. She lived through WWII in the Philippines and was held prisoner in a large room in the convent of the Assumption Sisters. Sr. Anne Patrice was a Superior and student at St. Paul College in Paranaque, Novice Mistress in Quezon City, student in Soissy, France, Junior Mistress in London, England, Acting Novice Mistress in District USA, Assistant General in Rome, Italy, District Superior in District USA, and Assistant District Superior in District USA. From 1987 to 1995, she ministered to elderly and tutored at Nativity Catholic Academy in Washington D.C before moving to Escanaba where she was the Pastoral Minister at Bishop Noa Home. In 1998, Sr. Anne Patrice retired and volunteered in Pastoral Ministry at Bishop Noa Home. She



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volunteered until 2006, at which time, she became a resident at Bishop Noa and has resided there since. Sr. Anne Patrice is remembered for her beautiful gualities of Humility, Simplicity, Piety, Prayerfulness, Acceptance and being Loving and Compassionate. The International Missionary Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, to which she belonged, is deeply indebted to her for her gifts, contributions and witness in the formation of so many young woman to religious life and in carrying out the mission of the Church in the world. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include:

Nieces: Mary Mclean and Nancy O'Leary, and 3 additional surviving nieces. Sr. Anne Patrice's religious congregation of 4000 Sister, including the 15 Sisters in the United States District.

Also listed among the surviving family are 4 nephews, several grand nieces, several grand nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick and Anne:

Brothers: Jim, John, and Pat Cahill

Sisters: Sr. Benedict Cahill and Annie O'Brien

Niece: Elizabeth

Sr. Anne Patrice's family received friends on Wednesday, January 25 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM, at the Skradski-Boyce Funeral Home in Escanaba, with Blessed Rosary services following visitation, at 6:00PM on Wednesday, at the Skradski-Boyce Funeral Home. Visiting hours continued on Thursday, from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, at St. Anne Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial services to celebrate the life of Sr. Anne Patrice Cahill followed at 11:00AM on Thursday, at St. Anne Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. Francis DeGroot and Rev. Fr. Emmett Norden officiating. Luncheon followed in the St. Anne Parish Hall. Sr. Anne Patrice will be laid to rest in the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Marguette.

Messages of condolence to Sr. Anne Patrice's family may be offered online at



Nieces attending Sr. Anne Patrice's funeral

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# Life of Sr. Anne Patrice Cahill

Sr. Anne Patrice Cahill. Mother Patrice in the Philippines, Mother Anne Patrice in Marguette and Washington DC, was born in Portlaois, Ireland on July 18, 1914 and baptized as Julia Cahill. Her mother's name was Ann and her father's name was Patrick so in religious life she was named after both of her parents. Her mother was a housewife who was dedicated to helping neighbors. Her father was an excellent tailor who mostly made men's suits although she can remember him making her winter coats. She has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. She is the fourth child of the six.

Sr. Patrice wanted to be a missionary since she was a child. She was 15 years old when she left Ireland in 1929 with a fire burning in her heart to be a missionary because so many had a need for God. A Sister of St. Paul de Chartres came to Ireland looking for postulants and got in contact with her. She accepted to go with them and become a Sister. When she told her mother. her mother took her to see the parish priest who advised her mother not to give her any money. He told her mother to encourage her to enter a Congregation in Ireland. However, Sr. Patrice had her mind made up. She went with the Sisters of St. Paul to be a missionary. This was her dream. She wanted to save souls. She knew inside of herself that she had to do something. She said that "there were so many people that needed to know God." Her philosophy was to never look back and to always look ahead. This is exactly what she did. She was 15 years old when she left Ireland and did not return to Ireland for years.

She was taken to England to

continue her studies for 2 years and to start to study French in preparation for the novitiate in France. Then it was off to France to be formed as a Sister of St. Paul. She entered the novitiate 2 years after leaving Ireland at the age of 17. She entered in France on August 17, 1932.

After her novitiate she began training as a nurse. She discovered that she didn't have the talent. When she was going to give a patient an injection, she missed him and the needle went in her finger. (I can still see her laughing as she told this story.) So teaching was decided on as a better profession for her.

She took her First Vows on August 28, 1934. She was getting impatient to go to the missions. They would not send her before she turned 21. She wanted to go to a cold country as she was not fond of the heat. However in 1935 she was sent to the Philippines where she taught French and English in the High School while she obtained her Master's Degree in administration. She took her final vows in the Philippines on August 28, 1939.

Sr. Patrice was in the Philippines during the war. The Japanese took over many of our buildings and she along with many others were taken to the Assumption Convent where they were prisoners in a large room. They were not allowed to talk with one another. She told stories of how she heard the screams of those who were being tortured in our building that was taken over by the Japanese across the street from the Assumption Convent.

She was a missionary in the Philippines for 30 years (1935-1965). Fifteen of those years she was the



formation Directress so she helped to form aspirants, postulants, and novices so she helped to form hundreds of young women. She was also the junior mistress in England as well as for the international novitiate for our Congregation in Rome. She was the mistress of novices and junior sisters in the United States as well for many years. Our Congregation is indebted to her for forming so many young Sisters and helping them to understand what religious life is all about through studies and her example.

Everyone who knew her experienced her Irish wit and humor. One evening after supper she was showing signs of a stroke. It was decided at the Bishop Noa Home (BNH )to call the ambulance and have her checked. It was around 2:30 a.m. Sr. Therese was very tired and resting her head. Sr. Patrice and I started telling stories to one another and we were laughing so hard we were crying. Somehow I don't think this is the normal scene in an emergency room.

Another time when I brought her to the emergency room they asked how much she weighed. Her response was: "Once I weighed 129."

Once Sr. Nenita and I were in her room at the BNH and Sr. Nenita kept saying: "Sr. Patrice what can I do for you. Sr. Patrice how can I help you." The repetition was endless. Finally Sr. Patrice answered: "You can help by being quiet." She loved silence in order to be in thoughtful reflection and prayer.

To this day she is still remembered in the Bishop Noa Home by many when she used to go around visiting residents with Sr. Helen. It is said that they were always present. Sometimes they would be sitting in the resident's room sleeping with them however they were present. Many also speak of how Sr. Helen and Sr. Patrice were always saying the rosary. Indeed, she was a woman of prayer.

From a child on she wanted to save souls. She did not have the idea of proselytizing. Her idea was to pray and make sacrifices for them. She led a life filled with sacrifices. She never complained. Moving to the BNH was difficult for her and she never complained about that either. How we would get inklings of how difficult it was for her was in comments like: Sr. Benedict (her blood sister who was a Presentation Sister) was spared this humiliation when she died before having to be taken care of this way. She was lucky. Throughout her stay at BNH as she continued to let go on so many levels no one ever heard her complain. This was one of her ways of sacrificing and doing penance for her sins.

Her special qualities are hard to narrow down. She had many however I would like to mention her humility and simplicity of life which were so evident to everyone. We all experienced her life of piety, acceptance, love and compassion. She was truly childlike and she was a woman of prayer, a woman of faith, and a woman who lived the Gospel message to the fullest.

On one occasion when I asked someone to interview her to find out more about her life and to put it into writing, she stated that she didn't like to be interviewed because she didn't consider what she did with her life to be important and stated that she was only doing God's work and what she was called to do. She was a very humble woman. While she literally taught us and many others, we learned even more from her by her example and her zeal building for building the Kingdom of God.

Sr. Patrice, we hate to disagree with

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you however we must. Your life is worth writing and sharing so that others may be encouraged and inspired by your life and helped to live a life built on sacrifice, faithfulness, and perseverance.

I could go on forever telling stories about what you mean to us yet it is time to stop. You will be truly missed by us, your family and your friends. Thank you for loving us and letting us love you and for being a friend. May we meet again on that heavenly shore.

You will remain in our hearts





forever.

Sr. Gloria Schultz



Final Vow Day—August 1939



Mother Patrice with a group of Sisters in formation





## Easter 2012





Sr. Patrice with her siblings



## Sister Anne Patrice, a Philippine Missionary

Sr. Anne Patrice was a missionary in the Philippines for thirty years. Sixteen of those years she was the Mistress of Novices in Quezon city for the Philippine Province. She lived through WWII in the Philippines and was held a prisoner by the Japanese in a large room in the convent of the Assumption Sisters with several families. Five years after the war in 1950 she was appointed the Mistress of Novices of the Sisters of St. Paul in the Philippines.

I met Sr. Patrice (Mother Patrice was her name for us in the Philippines) for the first time when I was a senior in High School when she visited St. Paul College of Dumaguate where I am from. She was tall and young, very attractive, beautiful, and elegant and had a pretty smile on her face when she was introduced to the high school girls. I was very impressed and thought of what to do with my life later.

The following year I went to see the superior of the community of Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in Dumaguete to ask her how I could become a Sister of St. Paul. Mother Marquerite told me to write an application letter to Mother Patrice which I did right away. After a week I received a reply telling me I was accepted and could come as soon as I was ready with everything necessary for my entrance to the convent.

I arrived in the Novitiate in Quezon City on April 1, 1950 at 6:00 p.m. to be exact. Mother Patrice was called to meet me and take care of me. She welcomed me with open arms and was so happy to see me. Her presence made me feel welcomed. She brought me to the linen room where the postulant dresses were kept. Her assistant novice mistress was on retreat that week and so she took out several of them until she found one to fit me. They were either too short for me or the sleeves were too short for my arms. Finally, she found one just right for me. We were 14 young women in our group for Mother Patrice to form into religious Sisters of St. Paul. This group was her first as a young Novice Mistress. Aside from our group, were also the postulants and novices who were already in the Novitiate when she started her new assignment that year.

Things that Mother Patrice taught us was to do all things for the glory of God, whether we were praying, resting, eating, or enjoying at recreation. She encouraged to us each day to be aware of God's presence in us and in others, to strive for perfection each day, she also emphasized to us to persevere in prayer and that our life is a life of prayer.

I thanked God for Mother Patrice who taught me how to love God more and others, especially my Sisters whom I live with wherever I am sent. Whatever she taught me she showed them by her example. She was so kind, humble, prayerful, compassionate, and very thoughtful. When I did something not agreeable, she called me and corrected me privately, which I appreciated so much. She was a gift to the Philippine Province.

Thank you, Sr. Anne Patrice. I will always remember you as long as I live and the next life to come. I am still a Sister of St. Paul until now because of the good example you showed me and all that I learned from you from the first time of my religious life.

- Sr. Marie Claire Tuballa

## Thank you Sr. Rosaline and God's Blessings!

As you well know from the world news, Thailand has experienced some severe flooding the end of last year. Sr. Rosaline was in Thailand on her home visit right in the midst of all the flooding. Her mother's house and the houses of her family members were badly affected by the flood as is



true of so many others. In response to this great need, Mother Myriam Kitcharoen, our Superior General in Rome, suggested that Sr. Rosaline return to Thailand to be near her mother to help her and other family members and to work as a nurse since the polluted water from the flooding would cause much sickness. With her missionary spirit in hand, Sr. Rosaline readily agreed. Her heart was torn as she had grown to love so many in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She had made this her home and planned to stay here until her death. Yet God had another plan. Like Mary, she said another "Yes".

The Sisters gathered in Escanaba for a farewell celebration of thanks and prayer. We shared a meal at Hong Kong Buffet and then went to the convent to enjoy a homemade cake with ice cream. We had a prayer of thanks for all that Sr. Rosaline has done to build the



kingdom of God in the United States. We extended our blessing on her and asked God to bless her in her new life in Thailand and

Her new address is: Sr. Rosaline Charoenchantavit St. Joseph Convent 7 Thanon Convent Silom, Bangkok 10500 THAILAND

## Time for a "New" Evangelization and the Year of Faith

We need to be aware that Pope Benedict is stressing the urgency of evangelizing modern society, saying that Christians today face the task of reaching a world that grows increasingly apathetic to the message of the Gospel. "The crisis we are living through," he said, "carries with it signs of the exclusion of God from people's lives, a general indifference to the Christian faith, and even the intention of marginalizing it from public life." So Pope Benedict is calling for a new evangelization. He explained that "the term "new evangelization' recalls the need of a new way of evangelizing, especially for those who live in a situation like today where the development of secularization has left deep marks on even traditionally Christian countries."

We know that proclaiming Jesus Christ, the sole Savior of the world, is more complex today than in the past, but our task continues to be the same as at the beginning of our history. We need to find the enthusiasm and courage that motivated the apostles and first disciples. He emphasized that the entire Christian community is called to revive the missionary spirit in order to offer the new message that persons of our times are hoping for. In order for this to happen the lifestyle of believers needs real credibility.

Pope Benedict asked the Bishops to outline a plan to help the entire Church and the particular different Churches in the commitment of the new evangelization; a plan whereby the urgency of a renewed evangelization takes charge of formation, particularly that of the new generations, and is united to the proposal of concrete signs capable of making the Church's response in this particular moment clear.

The Year of Faith emphasizing the new evangelization will begin on October 11, 2012. We encourage - you to read the short yet meaningful Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict Porta Fidei –For the Indiction of the Year of Faith.

The Sisters of St. Paul are taking all of this very seriously and want to respond with the zeal of St. Paul. We are meeting in Cayenne in an effort to recapture the missionary spirit of our first missionaries to a foreign

country. We will discuss the new evangelization and a visit from a council member to the USA District and the other provinces will follow to help in drawing up a plan of action. However we are not waiting until then to begin our efforts. We know from Pope Benedict and statistics that using the means of communication available to us is a way to get good communication to many. So we are studying how to improve our website and Facebook. We would like to make our website more interactive and to improve on the quality and amount of usage in both spaces. If you have any ideas or expertise that you can share with us, we would be thankful. Please join our prayer that we can offer a site that will inspire many, help some to know Jesus, and encourage others on the journey.



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### Trip to Cayenne in French Guiana, South America

I will be going to Cayenne in April for a meeting of all District and Provincial Superiors. The meetings start on the 11<sup>th</sup> and end on the 21<sup>st</sup>. I go with great excitement as this was our first mission which opened in 1727 so we are celebrating the 285<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our foundation in Cayenne to recapture the roots of our missionary spirit. Our first Sisters went to run a hospital. Other Congregations would not go. The French Sisters were not suited for the warm climate in Cayenne nor was their clothing. Yet true to our charism we said yes when other would not go. We will be continuing the work of the Chapter in 2007 and the Council of Congregation in 2010 in the Philippines in an attempt to go deeper with the work we have been doing and to strive to put all that we are doing more fully into practice in our lives, in the local communities, in the District and in the entire Congregation.

I would like to share a poem written by one of our Sisters regarding this mission: "Barely one month for wonder, decision, departure Rather brief... Where on earth is Cayenne: What matter! At thirty who dreams of counting the cost, Even though only a woman? If children and sick cry out for help, In the Lord's name, be it at the ends of the earth, Go we must with never a thought of return."

This poem expresses what was and needs to be part of our missionary spirit. Four Sisters were picked from among the many who volunteered for this new undertaking, and the Superiors were deeply impressed on seeing the

disappointment of the postulants who were not chosen. The postulants knew they could die and they knew the trip by boat was long yet this did not stop them from volunteering. Mary's "YES" was on their lips and they continued each day to say "YES" in the midst of many hardships.

Sr. Gloria Schultz







## Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres—District USA 50th Anniversary Kick-Off



We will begin a year of celebrating our 50th Anniversary this summer on **August 5th at 3 p.m.** at Holy Name Catholic School in Escanaba with a presentation of the history of

the Congregation and our District with skits, PowerPoint, music and pantomime. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

This is your official invitation as we are not mailing invitations. This is an effort to respect our earth and to save money to give to our mission projects

Please RSVP by July 15, 2012 or earlier to (906)226-3932 or by email to srstpaulweb@yahoo.com. You are also welcome to send an RSVP note to Sisters of St. Paul, 1300 County Road 492, Marquette, MI 49855



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