The words that I speak unto you, and they are





I've seen better days,
but I've also seen worse.
I don't have everything that I want,
but I do have all I need.
I woke up with some aches and pains,
but I woke up.
My life may not be perfect
but I am blessed.

-Lessons Learned In Life



#### **News of the Sisters**

Sr. Marie Claire Tuballa will be returning to the Philippines the first week of December. We will miss her more than words can say. You will be hearing more about her in the next



Newsletter. Please pray for Sr. Claire during her time of transition.

Sr. Priscilla DeGuzman, a former Sisters of St. Paul, from the Philippines, returned to the Congregation on July 28. She will be missioned in the United States and will be doing a year of novitiate with us before she takes her vows again. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sr. Francis Mortola will be handling the formation of Sr. Priscilla, as Sr. Francis is the formation directress.

Sr. Rosalie Hughes will be going to Rome as the elected delegate along with Sr. Gloria Schultz on September 5, 2013 for the General Chapter. Please pray for the guidance of the Spirit on the Chapter and especially on the elections of

our new Superior General. We will be returning on October 1<sup>st</sup>.



### **New Missionary**

#### By Sr. Gloria Schultz after interviewing Sr. Dorothea Jang

Sr. Dorothea Jang arrived as the new missionary to District USA on May 15, 2013 from Seoul, South Korea. She arrived in the midst of all of the hustle and bustle as we prepared for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of District USA. She seemed to adjust quickly and right from the beginning pitched in and helped with everything. It seemed as though she had always been with us. It was obvious that she is a true Sister of St. Paul de Chartres who does whatever it is that needs to be done. How blessed we are to have her as part of our District.

To begin with, Sr. Dorothea will stay in Marquette to brush up on her English, get a driver's license and all of the necessary things for her to function in the United States. On August 26th, she will move to Escanaba and work in pastoral care in the Bishop Noa Home.

She grew up in Kangryueng City in the eastern part of South Korea. It is a mountainous area and is also by the sea. This scenic area is a wonderful place for a vacation. She took advantage of the mountains to become a hiker and loved to climb up the mountainside.

Sr. Dorothea's parents are deceased. She has an older brother still living. Her younger brother died as an infant.

She entered the convent in 1979 and took final vows in 1987. She has never been sorry that she entered the convent and grows to love religious life more the longer she lives it.

Sr. Dorothea is particularly fond of the Prophets in the Bible and her favorite is the Prophet Jeremiah. If you remember, Jeramiah told God that he was too young and could not speak. Sr. Dorothea was very shy when she was young and did not like to speak out so she easily relates to this. God did many things in Jeremiah and the same is true for Sr. Dorothea as she has become very sociable and talks easily with others now. She sees the difficult life that Jeremiah had and how he kept going and re-



lied on God all the time. This is the way she strives to live her life so he is a great example to her and an inspiration.

Growing up some of Sr. Dorothea's interests were biking, skating, swimming, hiking and tennis. She learned to play the piano when she was in junior high. She still enjoys hiking, reading, and listening to classical music.

Sr. Dorothea was missioned in St. Louis, Missouri from 1999 to 2004 and was under the Seoul Province. She came here to help in the Korean Parish there and they only spoke Korean. Things changed and in 2001 when she started to learn English and took Clinical Pastoral Education(CPE). She did 5 units of CPE and is trained as a Hospital Chaplain.

One of her favorite Scripture passages that she finds helpful is from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians where he says "you shine like stars in the sky" (Phil. 2:15b) She finds this passage very encouraging as well as the fact that it gives hope as it is a promise held out to all of us.

Welcome Sr. Dorothea! Thank you for your "yes" to serve in District USA.



Summer 2013



# 50th Anniversary

#### By Sr. Gloria Schultz

We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 19, 2013 which was Pentecost Sunday with great joy and now our hearts are filled with thanks for all the graces that God poured upon us and for all of the love and support from each one of you.

How blessed we were to have the support and presence of other Sisters in our Congregation. Among them were Mother Myriam Kitcharoen, our Superior General, as well as our own Sr. Mary Ann Laurin presently assigned in Rome. We were also honored with the provincials from Canada, Philippines, and Thailand as well as others Sisters. Sr. Cristina Guytincgo and Sr. Lucienne Bautista, who many of you know, honored us with their presence from the Philippines. Sr. Mauguarite Dugas, our first novice mistress in the orphanage, graced us by her presence. We were 23 Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres and that alone gave great joy to our spirits.

Displayed were the flags from all the counties where we served. We carried in the American flag and the flags from the countries that have given us missionaries. Without them, the Americans could never have joined the mission of building the Kingdom of God in District USA.

We remain deeply grateful to all those who helped us prepare for this celebration from décor in the church and church hall, music, liturgy aid, and food for the reception. The list is endless so we continue to offer prayers for them.

The mass was followed by a joyous reception. We felt honored that so many took time to come to the mass and reception. All of the Sisters were deeply touched by the outpouring of love and support. We have been richly blessed.

I will now let the pictures tell the rest of the story of our celebration.



























































#### Meals and Time Shared

#### Sr. Gloria Schultz

We were honored to have most of the guest Sisters of St. Paul stay for a few days after the celebration. Many meals and much laughter were shared along with stories, concerns, visions, hopes, and dreams. All of these are treasured in our hearts and will fuel us for a long time giving us hope, courage, and all the necessary graces for what lies ahead.

We are few in the District so preparing meals was impossible. Thanks to Bonanza who catered for us and delivered the delicious meals hot so we ate like queens.

Besides time spent at meals and just sharing together in groups, we had some outings. News of these will follow.













## **Bishop Noa Home Excursion**

By Sr. Gloria Schultz

Our first outing was to our own Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba for Senior Citizens. We were greeted by our Administrator Elsie Stafford and all of the department heads. They treated us like royalty and we had an excellent time. First we shared a meal where all were



introduced. The meal was delicious and we enjoyed one another's company. Mother Myriam presented an apostolic blessing for the Bishop Noa Home to Elsie. One of the staff members made a beautiful cake. When you see the pictures, you will see little statues of Sisters. Surprise! Everything on the cake was edible and, trust me, it was scrumptious.

Afterwards we headed in groups on a tour of Bishop Noa Home. Some were seeing it for the first time and others were seeing the improvements. Part of the tour included an explanation of the upcoming renovations. Everyone was impressed with the plans and saw the need. Please keep those renovations in your prayers.

Included in the tour was a visit to the convent and a little break with snacks. A good time was had by all. We are thankful for all of the kindnesses of the Bishop Noa Home staff and ask God to bless them abundantly.









# Visit to Keenagers

#### By Sr. Gloria Schultz

Now you may be asking why we wanted to visit Keenagers which is run by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Marquette. We have been asked to bring a presence in pastoral care so plans are now underway for us to probably go next year. Our goal is to send two Sisters who will minister full time attending to the spiritual needs of residents and staff.

The former rectory in Wakefield will become the convent. It is fully furnished yet we are looking forward to adding some of our touches. Along with some décor we will be setting up the oratory once again. There are many exciting possibilities.

We were blessed to meet Fr. Bracket a long time friend and supporter of the Sisters of St. Paul. He is now a resident of Keenagers so it will be a great joy to minister with him once again as he says daily mass at Keenagers.

After we left Keenagers, we headed to Ironwood to see the mural painted on the wall of a building downtown to honor miners. As you know, the west end of the Diocese of Marquette was a big mining area and thousands of men

made their living mining. My father was a miner. The painting is beautiful and well done. Thanks to all the men who worked as miners under difficult and challenging circumstances.

From there we stopped at Ben Franklins. We even have pictures from inside with the flowers and the bears that were part of the display.

Once again, I will let the pictures tell the rest of the story.























## Sr. Daria Moon's 25th Anniversary

By Sr. Gloria Schultz

With great joy in our hearts, the Sisters from Michigan joined our two Sisters in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the silver jubilee of Sr. Daria. Delighted to be together, the house was filled with laughter, excitement, prayer, and meals as we prepared for the celebration which was to take place at St. Ann's Church on June 29, 2013 the feast of Peter and Paul which is already a special day to us.

We gathered in the Church for an II a.m. mass with Msgr. Moseley as the main celebrant. There were several other priests in attendance. Sr. Daria's mom Juliet came from South Korea for the celebration. What an honor it was to have her in our midst. In the offertory procession, Sr. Daria and her mother



brought the gifts of bread and wine while Sr. Estela carried wheat which is a symbol of the Sisters of St. Paul and I carried our Book of Life (our Constitutions).

Sr. Daria renewed her vows after the homily and then offered a dozen roses to Mary, our Blessed Mother, during the communion meditation. Holy is His Name was being sung and it is a version of the Magnificat. Everyone was deeply moved by the singing which helped us to raise our hearts, our minds, and our very being to God in praise and thanks.

A reception followed the beautiful celebration of the mass. The Church Hall had been decorated, much food was prepared, and everything had been readied for the celebration to continue. Many people came to both the mass and the reception. As everything ended, we returned to the convent with hearts full of thanks for all of the love and support that we experienced. God has blessed us to overflowing! Indeed, "holy is his name".







# THANK YOU!!

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Also thank you for all the generous gifts in celebration of our 50th Jubilee.





## Ministry to the Poor at Sawyer

Sr. Francis Mortola continues to minister at Sawyer doing outreach to the poor. Through the years the ministry increased from catechesis to adults and children. praying the rosary together, and having special times of prayer to meeting the bodily needs. Distrubution of bread from Econo started on Mondays. As the need was seen, they stared having a free meal of soup and sandwich once a month. From Food for America we were able to pick up food once a week for families that requested help and did not have the transportation to get the help that was

available. As these programs increased and attendance at the various functions also got larger, we quickly outgrew the space we were renting for these programs.

A new space was found, a grant obtained, and the search began for more space. We now rent a space which have a basement, the main floor, as well as an upper level. This gives a space to increase the catechesis, increase the programs that were being offered as well as office space and a chapel. It is now larger and is our own space and not shared space in a building. With this set up, we were able to increase our hours so more people are dropping by and the use of the center has increased.

An open house was held on May I and the Center was renamed, after a contest, to **St.**Francis Connection Center. A dedication was held on June 15 and the Center was blessed. We thank God for the growth.



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