

The image features a serene landscape with tall, thin grasses in the foreground, their dark silhouettes contrasting against a warm, orange and yellow sunset sky. In the background, a calm body of water reflects the soft light of the setting sun. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

O God...

let thy glory be above all the earth

50 Years, 47th Chapter, and Evangelization

By Sr. Gloria Schultz

Newsletter time has rolled around again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for our 50 years in District USA. Our kick-off was a success and we are delighted as we move forward into a year of celebrating.

As we prepare for our big celebration at St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan on May 19, we are also mindful of another big event for the Congregation. Starting the end of August, we will begin the 47th Chapter of the Sisters of St. Paul. At this gathering our Superior General and her council will be elected. We ask you to join us in praying for this event and the New Evangelization, which now colors all that we do, by praying the following prayer with us, making up a prayer of your own or including us in a petition. May the Holy Spirit guide us before, during and after the Chapter.

PRAYER

Praying this prayer is also a part of our Evangelization Plan as we prepare for the kick-off of the Year of Faith in October. May the Holy Spirit guide the Church before, during and after the opening of the Year of Faith.

*Father of infinite goodness,
in your great loving plan,
through your beloved Son,
you have blessed us
with your countless graces.*

*Today once again,
despite our weaknesses, you choose us
to bring your message of love to the world.*

*You who have given us the grace
of believing in You, Father,
please listen to our prayers :*



*Send your Holy Spirit
that he may guide
our halting and often hesitating steps.*

*Grant us the eyes of faith
which will help us to discern your signs
in events, and thus adjust ourselves
to your will.*

*During this year
preceding the 47th General Chapter,
prepare our hearts to welcome
the coming of Christ in this joyful hope
which frees us from all fear.*

*Keep us faithfully united
to one another in charity.*

*Holy Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea,
in the midst of our raging seas –
troubled by winds contrary to the
Gospel spirit,
we bring you our prayers:*

*Be near to us throughout this period
of preparation for our next General
Chapter and obtain for us
the light of the Holy Spirit.*

AMEN !

News of Sisters

Sr. Martha Trinh's younger Sister died of cancer in April. This is very difficult for the family especially the parents as they lost their only son to cancer the year before. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sr. Marie Kim Phuong Nguyen's father has been very sick. He had pneumonia and a urinary tract infection along with blocked arteries in the heart and blocked carotid arteries. Due to his age, he will not have surgery. He is now home from the hospital and regaining some strength. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

Sr. Anne Charles Sia continues to be in Mere Monique Home in the Philippines where she is receiving the care she needs and enjoying the company of her family and many Sisters.

Sr. Lucienne Bautista had a pacemaker put in so she is now doing much better. If her health continues to be okay, she will come for our 50th anniversary mass in 2013. I know that many of you would love to see her.



Bishop Noa Home Renovations

We have some major renovations scheduled for the Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens which we sponsor. The renovations will be done in phases. The first phase will be to add on a rehab unit, a larger physical therapy room and a coffee shop. If all is on schedule, we will break ground in September. We will keep you posted.



Grant Received

We are deeply grateful once again to Ms. Helen O'Neil Shere, President of The W. O'Neil Foundation for the Grant monies given for aging Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. We received \$7,427.00 to purchase equipment to assist us in the aging process. We are delighted with a comfortable lift chair, which makes it possible to sit in a comfortable chair and still be able to stand with ease.



We also purchased an electric medical bed that allows helpful positions for an aging or sick body, as well as the ability to raise and lower the bed, which really aids in making the bed. The new scooter makes it easier to go longer dis-



tances when the body aches and isn't moving so easily. These aids help very much for those of us who are aging.
—Sr. Gloria Schultz



50th Anniversary Kick-Off

We thank God for our 50th anniversary kick-off at Holy Name Catholic School in Escanaba. We appreciated their generosity in hosting our program where we shared our history through power point, skits, pantomime and music. We are deeply grateful for all who helped to make this opening such a success. The whole cast did a fantastic job, the stage hands were excellent, and the light crew couldn't have been better. The costumes Bonnie Hurkmans designed and sewed made the scenes come alive. The maintenance men from the Bishop Noa Home built a large screen for the power point which really enhanced the presentation. Children are always great and there was no exception in our program. Members of St. Joseph-St. Patrick Parish, St. Anne Parish and friends made up the choir. John Igtowski directed the choir.

Dan Adamini accompanied on his guitar and Ray Adamini on the piano. Their beautiful voices really added to the celebration.

We had 153 people in attendance and we heard many wonderful comments from them. We are thankful that they enjoyed it so much. A delicious finger-food reception was prepared by the staff of the Bishop Noa Home.

The program was professionally taped by Jeffrey Geniesse. If you were not able to attend and would like to see the program or would like a copy to share with someone else, we are taking orders to the DVD. The cost is \$10.00











Fifty Years to Celebrate

By Carol Goodman

Who could imagine that a religious Congregation that today numbers over 4000 Sisters world-wide, that serves the people of God in five continents throughout the world, would begin in a small, poor, wind-swept village, in the wheat growing region of France in 1696. A humble parish priest, Fr Louis Chavet, of Levesville-la-Chenard, saw that his parishioners were in need of education and care for the sick. He invited the young ladies of the parish to help him minister to their needs. He invoked the teachings of Jesus that, whoever serves others serves Him. Eventually four young women from the parish volunteered to help him. They came together in a small house of the parish where they educated the children and visited the sick and destitute. Despite early deaths and hardships at the beginning, the work in the parish flourished, they grew in numbers and soon spread their ministries to other parishes. Eventually, they outgrew their small house in Levesville and moved to the diocesan city of Chartres. The Bishop of Chartres named them the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres and following in the steps of St. Paul, they adopted theology of the paschal mystery as the core of their spirituality. The Congregation grew and was soon sending missionaries to the islands of the West Indies. Their Paulinian spirituality of death to new life, was soon tested during the French revolution in 1789. The Congregation was dissolved and the Sisters were all dispersed by the revolutionary government. It was indeed a time of great trial and uncertainty. It was only under the reign of Napoleon that they would be allowed to come together again to serve the people. Once again they quickly grew and began to serve not only the people of France but were now sending missionaries to the countries of Asia and beyond. Over the years the Sisters engaged themselves in many new and different ministries and adapted to the needs of the times. They are now a great family of many nationalities and languages serving in many countries throughout the world. Who could have imagined that the small seed planted in the fertile soil of a poor village in France would bear so much fruit for the Kingdom of God!

Such was the heritage that the first Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres brought with them, in 1963, to work among the people of the

Diocese of Marquette. They eventually, in 1968, build their District House and Novitiate in Marquette.

On August 5, at Holy Name School in Escanaba, they launched their 50th Anniversary celebration of their presence in the USA. The Sisters have served in many schools and parishes in the Diocese of Marquette and in 1988 the Congregation assumed the sponsorship of the Bishop Noa Home. Since 1986, they are also ministering to the people of the Washington, DC area.

It was indeed a wonderful communal celebration as the very young, as well as the not so young, joined the Sisters in the preparations and the presentation of a program which depicted the beginnings and growth of the Congregation. Narrators presented the story and actors portraying Fr. Chauvet, the first Sisters and parishioners of Levesville, appeared on the stage to recall the early years of the Congregation. They also portrayed the story of the fateful meeting of two Sisters who were visiting from the Philippines and met Mrs. Chisholm on a bus in Chicago which led to the Sisters coming to the Diocese of Marquette. Who could have imagined? The period costumes the actors wore enlivened our imagination as did the music that accompanied the celebration which was provided by the choirs of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish as well as St. Anne Parish and many other volunteers including the Companions of St. Paul. The auditorium was filled with well-wishers who thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. Many of the participants have known and supported the Sisters in their ministries for years.

Sister Gloria Schultz, the present District Superior, thanked the participants as well as everyone for coming to join in the celebration. She also brought folks up to date concerning the many ways that the Congregation in collaboration with so many friends and volunteers have been able to help not only the suffering people of underdeveloped countries, but also education in the diocese of Marquette. The story of the love for the Lord and the service to our brothers and sisters continues and who knows what we can imagine for the future?

All were invited to participate in light refreshments and the conversation among all the participants continued. They had come to celebrate in Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres and the celebration will continue with the climax being a celebration in May 2013.





LCWR
**(Leadership Conference
for Women Religious)**
By Sr. Gloria Schultz



Sr. Francis Mortola and I attended LCWR in St. Louis, Missouri from August 7-11. This was an important gathering as we were responding to the Apostolic Assessment of LCWR. Spurred on by a contemplative prayer process, daily celebration of the Eucharist, and an inspiring morning prayer ritual, we moved through a process to respond to the challenges we received.

It was decided that all LCWR members desire open and honest dialogue that may lead not only to increasing understanding between the church leadership and women religious, but also to creating more possibilities from the laity and, particularly for women, to have a voice in the church. Furthermore, the assembly instructed the board to articulate its belief that religious life, as it is lived by the women religious who comprise LCWR, is an authentic expression of this life that must not be compromised. Please keep this on-going dialogue with Bishop Sartain in your prayers.

The whole gathering was very moving. We were greeted outside the hotel by many people carrying placards stating their support and love of Sisters. Letters and notes poured into the hotel by the hundreds and over 900 Sisters in leadership gathered for this meeting. On Thursday evening a prayer vigil was held in the park outside our hotel by the lay people supporting religious women.

We had thought-provoking and inspiring talks on religious life and on the need to stop human trafficking. We invite you to do some informative reading on human trafficking. Contrary to a common assumption, human trafficking is not just a problem in other countries. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and some U.S. territories. Victims of human trafficking can be children or adults, U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, male or female.

According to U.S. government estimates, thousands of men, women, and children are trafficked to the United States for the purposes of sexual labor exploitation. An unknown number of U.S. citizens and legal residents are trafficked within the country primarily for sexual servitude and, to a lesser extent, forced labor.

In the future, you will be hearing more from us about human trafficking.

Mission Project Report

Since October 2011 \$26,098 has been collected for our Mission Projects so far. \$15,390 has been distributed to our 3 charities as of today. When all the money has been given Haiti will receive \$15,218; Venezuela will receive \$5497; and the U.P. Catholic Schools will receive \$5383.

Sr. Gloria was blessed to be with Sr. Mary Paul the District Superior of Haiti in Cayenne. We talked a great deal about what is going on in Haiti. The situation is still very serious, many are still living in tents, and cholera continues to spread in the mountain. There has been clean up and improvements; yet much still needs to be done. With the money collected for Haiti we were able to save the school in Oriani which was in danger of closing since they could not pay their teachers. Sr. Gloria was deeply touched that we were able to keep it open with your support as the children living in the mountain are very poor and have very little. We have been able to feed more children and have helped to provide food and clothes as well as to pay for doctor's appointments and medicine for the orphans.



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