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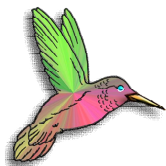
*Lord  
God*

*is a sun  
and shield:  
the Lord will give  
grace and glory:  
no good thing  
will he withhold  
from them  
that walk uprightly.*

*Psalm 84:11*

## Greetings

*-Sr. Gloria Schultz*



The summer days slipped thru our fingers as there wasn't much hot weather. On the other hand, the beauty of nature surrounded us and we were blessed. We hope the same is true for you. We were highly entertained by a larger number of hummingbirds than usual. They emptied their food container every day. They were a gift for us to feast our eyes on.

Now the fall colors will bless us as another feast is placed before our eyes. The beauty is breath-taking. Thank you God for your artistic hand which speaks so eloquently of your banquet of love that you place before us each day. Anoint our eyes to be able to see your love in the people who touch our lives and in all of the events as they unfold. Also, anoint our sense so we can feel the gift of your loving presence. Thank you for the richness of your gifts.

While I am not a poet, I share some simple poetry I wrote to continue to express the greatness of God.



## Colorful Blessings

As we look around, we behold the handiwork of God. Autumn scenes of majestic color, fill this earth we tread. Leaves of red, gold and yellow, seem to float gently to the ground.

Witnessing of the Creator, without making the tiniest sound. God comes silently and touches the deep places within. It is the Holy Spirit where the indwelling did begin.

Our blessings are abundant and a time for thanksgiving. It is a time to pause and give thanks for the life we are living. In this season of creative beauty, we look to God above. Giving thanks and praise for the glorious view of His love. May God be praised in all that we do and say. May our lives point to our Creator God in every way.



## Thank You Sr. Agatha Le and Blessings

May God bless you Sr. Agatha for your generosity and hold you in the hollow of his hand. You have been a great gift to us and a gigantic help.

As you know, Sr. Nenita left for the Philippines to take care of her mother. That left us without anyone in Pastoral Care at the Bishop Noa Home. Mother Goretti was concerned about the situation and sent us Sr. Agatha to fill in temporarily until someone else could be sent. Joyful Sr. Agatha arrived in Escanaba in March. Sr. Agatha was here with us from 2003 to 2005 to study English so she was welcomed back with joy.

She left the United States to go to Rome to study as a canon lawyer. She continued to stay in Rome and helped our aging Sisters after she finished her degree. At that time, she also took a

course in accounting. When we heard that she would come to the United States to help for a while, we were delighted. She was called back to Hanoi, Vietnam to be the novice mistress. She left us for Rome on August 8 where she said her good-byes and packed for her trip to Vietnam.

We gathered in Escanaba to do a sending forth service and to thank Sr. Agatha.

We cannot express our gratitude for her spirit of love, compassion and joy that she brought to us and to the residents and

staff of the Bishop Noa Home.

We sent our love and prayers with her and ask you to pray for her as she makes this big transition in her life.



## Sister Update

A sincere thank you to Sr. Rosalie Hughes for being the District Superior for 3 months while Sr. Gloria was recovering.

Sr. Gloria returned to her mandate as District Superior on May 31.



Sr. Priscilla left for the Philippines on June 25th to continue her formation as a Junior Sister before she takes her final vows. She will be in the Philippines doing formation for 2 years.



Sr. Eden Orlino will be coming to the United States as a missionary and will serve in pastoral ministry at the Bishop Noa Home. We are waiting for her visa to be processed.



Two students studying in Rome arrived in Escanaba on August 10 to help out at Bishop Noa Home since Sr. Agatha returned to Rome. Sr. Cecelia Seo is a Korean and Sr. Martha Pham is a Vietnamese missioned in Australia. They will be with us until September 20th working in pastoral care at the Bishop Noa Home. We are so

blessed to have their young energy.

## Blessing of Bishop Noa Home's Rehabilitation Unit

*-Sr. Gloria*



In our last newsletter we talked about the new Rehabilitation Unit that was being added on to the Bishop Noa Home to be of better service to the needs in our area. The renovations took longer than projected due to many challenges along the way.



We are happy to say that the Rehab Unit opened and is a beautiful unit to take care of the needs of those who come. There was a blessing and open house for the Rehab Unit on May 13th. Many took the opportunity to stop by and we are thankful for their support. We thank God for the completion of such a beautiful unit and the opportunity to be a better service to those who need it.

## Forming Positive Partnerships in the Community and Ground Breaking Ceremony

*By Elsie Stafford*

A wonderful partnership is being created in Escanaba by combining mission resources, talents and passion. Mrs. Patt Besse has donated \$400,000 for the construction of the Gary Abrahamson Jr. Memory Care Center. The Center is a mission sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres and will be located behind the Bishop Noa Home. The Memory Care Center, named in honor of Patt Besse's son, Gary Abrahamson Jr. is a new non-profit entity solely formed for the purpose of providing adult memory care services on a daytime basis to residents with Alzheimer's disease or dementia related illnesses. It is solely funded by donations, many of which continue to come from families that have been touched by Alzheimer's disease and have been cared for at the Bishop Noa Home. The Community Action Agency (CAA) will move their "Perspective Adult Care" services to the new site. The CAA mission statement of "Providing opportunities for people of all ages and means to improve their quality of life through advocacy, education, housing, nutrition, volunteerism and support services" will continue to be the focus for the Center.

Mrs. Besse is a long-time supporter of persons with memory deficits such as Alzheimer's, dementia and brain injuries that preclude independent living and almost always require 24-hour care. She has served on the Michigan Brain-injury Association Board in Lansing. She also met with then Governor Engler to create brain-injury awareness and to encourage his assistance in applying for available matching funds from the Government. Patricia Abrahamson-Besse cared for their son, Gary, for 23 years along with Gary's father, Gary Sr. Mrs. Besse states "I am acutely aware what an important part Perspectives plays in our community. Community Action has strug-



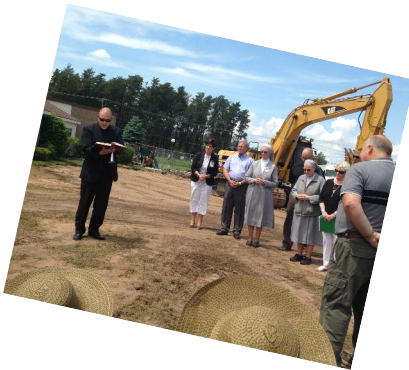


gled to provide needed services as the State continues to cut funding. The Alzheimer's population is growing with the increase in life-span and caregivers desperately need the respite to be able to keep their loved one at home". John and Patricia Besse have been supporters of the present Perspectives Adult Care program.

The International Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres have owned and operated the Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens since 1988, ministering at the Home for over 51 years in Escanaba. This partnership is in keeping with their mission to expand their services to better meet the needs of the community and to raise the quality and dignity of life for those entrusted to their care through strong and faithful community benefits. The Memory Care Center is a state of the art facility to serve the clients and also to provide support and education to care givers. The

Center is an open concept with a homelike feel that will provide amenities to best meet the needs of both the client and the staff. The Center has a lovely secure outside area for clients, as well as an open concept living area that will encourage crafts and baking activities.

On June 26, 2015, we had the ground breaking ceremony for the Gary Abrahamson Jr. Memory Care Center. Mrs.



Patt Besse spoke at the ceremony and Fr. Jamie Ziminski did the blessing. We are delighted that we can move into Phase II of the planned renovations. Please pray for God's blessings on the renovations and our future plans. We are grateful for Patt Besse's contribution and well as the many others who donated so that this project could begin. If you are interested in donating to help us to raise all that is needed, we would be thankful.



## Congratulations Sr. Daria Moon

By Mary Fellman

In 2011 as I was walking home from a little neighborhood grocery, I slipped and fell on some wet leaves not just once, but a second time in quick succession as I tried to stand up and keep going. A lovely young couple came right upon me and gave me the help I needed to rise without falling, and I was able to continue my short walk home in the rain. Although I knew the fall had been a bad one, at least I could still walk and get around until a day and a half later when I collapsed in our dining room on the way back to my room, and there was no one who could hear me call for help. Eventually someone did come downstairs and the landlord was called who then called 911 as I was unable to stand or walk.

The ambulance took me to the Washington Hospital Center ER, and I just remember what seemed to me a large group of nurses and technicians working around me; my main thought was what indeed was happening to me. This was the beginning of a lot of confusion until later on I was told that they almost lost me, I had had a heart attack (small one...) and the reason I could not walk or move my arms much was because of something called Rabdo's myelitis which occurs often after a "crush injury" such as miner's experience when their coal mine caves in. My response to most of this was not to respond because I was overwhelmed and couldn't think clearly. Then Sr. Daria came into my room (need I say her smile proceeded her), gave me a rosary and promised she would be back. She kept her promise and said the rosary,

talked with me about getting out of the hospital, and on my last day at WHC before going to a rehabilitation facility, revealed we had a mutual friend we both loved, the late Sister Mary Madden, "stationed" at St. Ann's Parish, and a resident at the convent Sr. Daria lived in – they were housemates.

When I got out of rehabilitation, Sr. Daria asked me if I would like to attend a support group she and Sr. Estela were hosting at the convent, once a month every second Saturday, and I was delighted to be asked, although I again was not ex-





actly clear about the group's purpose; we have a guest speaker, generally a priest or other religious (Sr. Gloria has even come!), then Mass, then a wonderful pot luck lunch which continues to remind me of Thanksgiving. I'm not a very experienced cook as a single person, but I have been motivated to do my best to contribute something tasty, and in large enough containers so that there will be enough, and also that people can take food home, as all of us in the group are in one way or another challenged in how we are able to live; when I didn't have comfortable shoes, or proper things to wear for the season, *voilà*, Sr. Daria just happened to come into some helpful things – a lot of things.

It was only much later, several years actually, as I was typing



something for Sr. Daria that I came across one stated purpose for our monthly group: all of us (at least a great many) were without close family contact either due to death, long held differences, long distances, etc. and I was not really aware of that purpose for the

first couple of years I met with the group! We are a very diverse group and it is surprising how much empathy comes out of these meetings, how anxious and articulate we ladies of a certain age (and younger too) find ourselves being when someone is in need. When I did learn this heartwarming fact, I felt once again that I had been promoted to the level of my incompetency, and yet God had put me in the midst of people who really didn't care if I was a bit thick or clueless oftentimes... they are there to help.

The group has been a great comfort to me, and a source of optimism as I have made it into retirement, without an often realistic worldview, but with the same assumptions and habits of long ago. No, I don't have any close family in the area, but I have learned what it must be like to share with family members, to encourage them and to let them offer me their loving kindness.

Just a couple of years ago, Sr. Daria celebrated her Jubilee of 25 years as a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres, and I was so honored to be invited to her Mass and then afterward, an amazing luncheon with so many delicious Korean dishes, and even some gentle Korean dance and music was a most remarkable one. First, the huge number of people who came; they filled the large space in St. Ann's, and the won-



derful presence of many of the Sisters in Sr. Daria's community, the current Pastor of St. Ann's, many other clergy, and people who I had gone to Mass with at St. Ann's so many years ago—all came to honor Sr.

Daria—and celebrate.

Forgive me if I do not remember names (but you will know who you are) but without exception the Sisters in the Community of St. Paul of Chartres were delightful, kind, and ambassadors letting us know they were glad to meet those of us, especially those of us with no title or known accomplishment—they made us feel like family, and I'll give you an example. Recently because of a death in my family, I needed to spend some time in New York, approximately 3 months, and the thing that surprised me most was the similarity most of us had in expressing ourselves, how easy it was to understand each other most of the time, and how, even if we had been strangers for decades, we still seemed to be on the same wavelength, whether we were close friends, or not. It is a bond, which I had missed for most of my adult life, and which was a lovely discovery. The Sisters who sat at the table I did, and there were several, all put us at ease if we had any trepidations about what we would say, and they also were able to joke with us over the simplest things, in the most understated and funny way, which left the impression they were delighted to be with us, as comfortable and accepting as family.

Perhaps this is one reason Sr. Daria received THE AWARD FROM JOHN CARROLL SOCIETY and was the only Sister in the group, amongst a minority of women. This award was for a medical staff member who had made a significant contribution to the care of people within a medical environment. The other honorees were doctors, lawyers, and the





women were well known civic leaders, with the exception of Sr. Daria. As a hospital chaplain, she ministers to a staggering variety and number of sick patients and their families, all with different illnesses, and generally with high expectations, realistic or no. It's not just that she does her job, but that she does it with such purpose and obvious love and respect, whether people are appreciative or hostile, and I know I speak from experience, being among some of the patients who are delayed in getting the whole picture.

Often people know who we are without hearing us speak, and it is difficult to imitate a loving heart, though sometimes that is all we can do in trying to have a sacred heart. If we are sincere in our imitation, sometimes we can convince others we do care how they are; Sr. Daria has that gift, practiced or natural, of caring for others like family. She has given me a model to imitate when I am bereft of charity. And let me assure you, that making a promise to God is a very private and mysterious thing, but when you make a promise to a nun, you need to fulfill it as fast as you can, not out of justice, but just so you can grow toward the divine. Thank you, Sr. Daria for all you are, and for giving us chances to grow inch by inch in charity.

One of the patients' family at Washington Hospital Center wrote the poem and gave it to me.

### **Sister Daria Moon**

Oh! Daria Moon what light does shine  
Upon those in your path  
Like a ray of sunshine you light the dark  
No shadow do you cast

Spreading God's word with your quiet gentleness  
An angel dressed in a lilac flock  
Touching those poor souls who are in need  
The humbled helpless of His precious flock

Oh! Daria Moon what joy you bring  
With your laughter and winning smile  
There can be no sadness where you go  
You have the magic touch of a favored child

How blessed we feel for knowing you  
And though we parted much too soon  
The very essence of God goes with us  
In the memory of Sister Daria Moon



## Golden Jubilee

*By Sr. Gloria Schultz*



On September 6 we gathered at St. Christopher Church with great excitement in our hearts. Deeply thankful for the presence of Sr. Mary Ann Laurin, we gathered to celebrate her Golden Jubilee. It was a special honor since Sr. Mary Ann is presently serving her second 6 year term as first assistant in Rome. We felt blessed that we could celebrate with her in Marquette.

Sr. Mary Ann is a native of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan coming from Nadeau. She entered the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in 1965 and resided in what was the old orphanage until it closed. The novitiate was then moved into the old Josephite Convent in Ishpeming. She took her first vows in St. John's Church in Ishpeming on September 8, 1967. Her final vows were taken at St. Christopher's Church in 1974 with Sr. Carol Goodman and Sr. Gloria Schultz.

Many guests came to celebrate Sr. Mary Ann's Golden Jubilee with us. This, of course, added to the specialness of the moment and were deeply grateful for their presence. My heart was deeply moved with thanks for the faithfulness of Sr. Mary Ann and for her growth in her relationship with God thru the





years. She is a witness to us and we thank her for her example.

It is a custom of our Congregation to offer a bouquet of flowers to our Blessed Mother after communion while the Magnificat is being sung. Since Sr. Mary Ann is named after our Blessed Mother and the Virgin Mary's mother Ann, it held special significance for me. I know that both are interceding for her.



The celebration continued after the mass with a time of fellowship with family and friends. We enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by St. Christopher's Parishioners. We are so blessed to have their love, support and help at such celebrations. During lunch our sisters provided entertainment which included song and dance.

We continued to celebrate Sr. Mary Ann at the convent as cards and gifts were opened. It was a great day that we will continue to carry in our hearts. Thank you Sr.

Mary Ann for your faithfulness and your openness to the Spirit throughout the years. May God continue to lead and guide you on your journey.









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