comes into the soul as the morning sun into the world.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Summer Days are Few Stop and Smell the Roses – Sr. Gloria Schultz

Summer days are few comes from a song looking for workers for God's vineyard. Summer days in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan can indeed be few however, I am thinking of more than the season of summer. Summer reminds me that there is always a need in our lives to put things in balance. We need to work, pray, eat, play, and have time for relationships. I ask myself if I take time for the playful days of summer and relationships all along the road and in every season.

Here I am out at the cottage enjoying life, relaxing, and taking time to reflect. The sunrises in the morning are beautiful and so are the sunsets in the evening when the fog or mist doesn't hide them. It reminds me of the way the resurrection continues to go on in the world each day and gives me courage in the midst of our world's challenges. Sometimes the challenges are like the fog or mist that hide the resurrection that is just around the corner. It is a clear call to embrace all that life offers me and to live it fully.

I see beauty everywhere and at all hours. I especially love the early hours of the morning between 3 and 6 when darkness covers the earth and the trees hold a unique beauty. The darkness always raises an excitement in me as I know morning will come. Somehow I experience hope in a deep and real way then. God gifts us with this nature every day. I, and maybe you as well, need to learn to stop and smell the roses more often.

We tend to live busy lives packed with many good things, yet we don't live in the present moment very often. I think that is part of stopping to smell the roses. It is being aware of God in all people and events as well as in nature. So we pray: God, give us eyes to really see you in all that happens. Give us the grace to pause during the day to be mindful of you. Help us to gaze on a plant, a tree, a leaf, a flower every day if only for one moment. Calm our spirits and our lives with the peace that passes all understanding.





News of the Sisters

Sr. Martha and Sr. Anne Charles remain on a leave of absence to take care of their parent(s). Sr. Anne Charles's mother has cancer of the tongue and it has re-occurred. She does not want to eat so keeping her nourished is no small task. Sr. Martha's father has uncontrolled diabetes and high blood pressure. Her mother's blood pressure is not controlled either. Both parents have Alzheimer and her brother has been given less than 3 months to live. They obviously would appreciate your prayers.

Sr. Juliana Djo has gone for her first home visit to Seoul, Korea since her arrival in the United States in 2003. Her father died during her time here, so this helped her with her grief work. Her time at home was healing, enriching, and renewing.

Sr. Nenita Leonardo will start her new position as teacher's aid in September at St. Jane de Chantal in Bethesda, Maryland. The children will love her and will profit from her presence and guidance.

Sr. Daria Moon will make her renewal with her groupmates in Seoul, Korea. It includes a 30 day retreat starting the end of July, 2010 She will return on August 26 to join us for our District Assembly. Please keep her in prayer as well.

Sr. Marie Claire Tuballa continues her 60th jubilee celebration in the Philippines at a renewal with her groupmates from mid-June to the end of July. After her renewal she will spend time with the Sisters followed by her family visit.

Please pray for Sally Daniel. She has chosen another path in life. May she continue to grow in her relationship with God in her new life.



Hello, dear Friends,
I am SISTER MARIA
CRISTINA GUYTINGCO
from Manila, Philippines, and
am the latest addition to the US
District.

On August 31, 1968, I joined the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres in the Philippines, a year after graduating from St. Paul College



of Manila with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce, major in Accounting.

I made my first profession in May 1971. As a young religious, my assignments were varied: I was in the city, in the province, in a hospital, in a school, as a student, or as a temporary teacher.

After my perpetual profession in May 1976, I was assigned to Santa Cruz Mission in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato as the Finance Officer for 12 years. This was followed by a 2-year stint in the Provincial House as Provincial Secretary. The next 10 years brought me in my own alma mater: the first 4 years as the school's General Services Administrator and then for 6 years worked as Asst. Exec. Secretary at the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE) of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).



In 2001, I was "borrowed for one year" to help in the General Secretariate of the Sisters of St. Paul in Rome, Italy. That one year stretched out to 8 years. After a 13 month layover in the Philippines, I was called to Marquette, Michigan where I arrived on December 3, 2009.





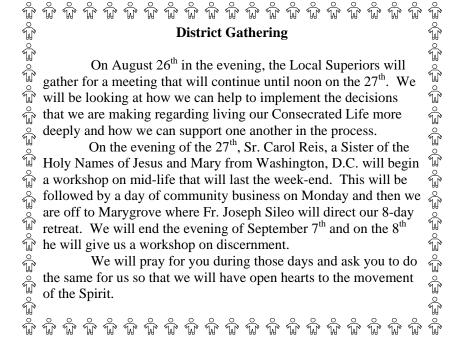


Sixth Grade Field Trip to our Motherhouse

Sr. Francis and I welcomed the sixth grade students, their teacher, and chaperones from Bark River to our Motherhouse on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. They had come to visit our



Diocesan Cathedral and learn about its history. Since they were already in Marquette, they also came to the convent to learn something about religious life. We enjoyed them and invite future classes to come as well. They were delighted when I said, "Our convent is open to retreats for adults, but we would make an exception for this class as they are so well behaved." May God stay close to them as they grow and mature.



News about Haiti -

Sr. Gloria Schultz

Sr. Francis Mortola and I, Sr. Gloria Schultz, went to Haiti on March 24 to support our Sisters, to bring supplies, and to find out what



the most important needs are so we can continue to help our Sisters and the Haitian people.

We are deeply thankful to American Airlines for their support and help in getting supplies to Haiti. Their willingness to help allowed us to bring 13 pieces of luggage which included badly needed medical supplies, food, clothes and baby blankets.

Even though months have passed since the earthquake, there is still much destruction and people are displaced and still living in tents. Everywhere there was an open space, you saw a "sea of tents". The poverty is immense. It is estimated that unemployment is over 90%. Most live on less than \$1.00 a day. We have no idea how fortunate we are and how much we take for granted. After seeing their way of life and their spirit, I find myself deeply challenged to examine my way of life.

Before the earthquake we had 7 houses in Haiti, 8 schools and 1 health clinic for the poor. Our District house in Delmas and a school were destroyed during the earthquake. Fortunately school was dismissed early that day so no students died. One Sister was in the school building however she was not seriously injured. We have much to be thankful for since no life was lost in our building. Most of our other buildings have structural damage that can be fixed.

During the earthquake 70% of the schools were destroyed and many children died since the schools were in session. The government only took care of about 10% of the schools before the earthquake therefore the Catholic Church took care of most of the education. So once again the Church will put a lot of resources into education. It is our desire to support this effort so we are making plans to rebuild a



school of ours that was destroyed during the earthquake along with our District House.

The Haitians are very resilient and faith-filled. They were a great inspiration to us. On Palm Sunday the mass lasted 3 ½ hours. Everyone came to praise God and the time



was not noticed. The choir sang the Passion in Creole and it was deeply moving. It was a rich experience for which I am deeply thankful.

They will need help for a long time. Please help us to not let them become a forgotten people.



Sr. Nenita - Haiti

The whole tapestry of my Haiti experience in Port Au Prince was enriching and amazing and allowed me to transcend all sorts of comfort. I was able to see a 3 D picture of Hope amidst a "Good Friday Scene". Beginning at Miami Airport, as we were waiting for all the volunteers for Vision Airlines (Chartered plane by the University of Miami Health System) I encountered professionals of different walks of life... dentist, nurses, doctors, physio therapist, office workers, military, social workers, you name it, who were there to give their gift of self to this devastated place. Since I was early, I was asked the same question, "Is this the line going to Haiti?" "Sure indeed," I replied! A community of believers was formed and this I should say was enriching and amazing, a situation where one was called to serve the last, the least and the lost. As a huge country different states were represented by persons gifted with much love and came to a place where they learned to find support, to comfort and to love each other. This became a source of energy when we arrived in Haiti's airport at 10 p.m. on March 1, 2010, which happened to be the 48th day since Port Au Prince was hit by the 7 magnitude earthquake that happened on January 12 in the afternoon.

It was only a 5 minutes drive from the airport to the place where we were called to serve. When asked what responsibility I would take, I opted for the 12 hour day duty with the PROJECT MEDISHARE which is an organization of the UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HEALTH SYSTEM. There was no chance to pick up my suitcases upon arrival because there was a need to do Spiritual Care to a critically ill father of 3 daughters. The interpreter in Creole was brilliant and very good and I believe he conveyed my message and prayers very well. I had a chance to visit and comfort the family the next day. There was a tour to the TENT: places for resting- to look for your own cot, a Medical and Surgical ward, Pediatric Ward which leads you inside with 3 Operating tables, 5 ICU beds, and a NICU & PICU area where I felt confident and skilled to serve. In the NICU/PICU, you can see 3 blue suitcases modified into an isollette with 2 neonates each inside to keep them warm and a hydrocephalus twin whose body temperature never went up due to lack of heat and feeding is through a feeding tube. With such conditions, I had to create something that could



alleviate pain in a place where there was nothing.

I found a Styrofoam box and created a comfortable place for Fred (my favorite premature baby who was also a tube feeding, however, he sucks well with me) to give space to one of the twins. This creativity gave comfort in a place where there was nothing.

For 5 days the flesh was weak but the Spirit was moving and urging me to find some more souls where Christ could be manifested. I went to help with the supplies and we organized items which were used often, and they were very thankful. I had the chance to see around the city: Ruined Cathedral, Presidential Palace, Hospitals, post office, Universities, Religious Retreat Houses and seminaries were devastated including our own Haiti District House and School. Hope was seen in the surrounding tents to those who were our neighbors who had lost their property and built tents within our district compound. I had the chance to sleep one night with our own 6 Haitian Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in Port Au prince and 2 aspirants who had been spared from any physical disaster. I Thank my dear God for such a powerful experience. Above all, my week's experience in Haiti will ever be in my heart. It is evident that with this personal experience of a catastrophe like this, I can never be immune to its effects.





Thank you St. Jane de Chantal

A heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal for their generous donations for paying the tuitions of students and the salaries of the teachers in our schools in Haiti. We had a mass said for you and your intentions.

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Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

The Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary that was given to Sr. Patrice in Washington, DC was transferred to Marquette in 2009. The brick platform was built for her by the Knights of Columbus of Marquette while Janet Patten and Ralph Kozak repainted her. She was completed and enthroned on May 21, 2010 and blessed on May 25, 2010.







Bake Sale for Haiti

On May 8th we had another potato cinnamon roll bake sale for Haiti. Sr. Francis Mortola along with her helpers Sr. Marie Claire Tuballa and Sr. Rosaline Charoenchantavit prepared all of the rolls for baking and froze them. This time we had it easy in Escanaba. All we had to do was to advertise, to take orders, to bake, to frost, to wrap the pans and to sell them. We were able to sell 150 pans of potato cinnamon rolls at \$5.00 a pan. After taking out the expenses, we cleared around \$700.00 With everything on our calendars, we aren't sure when we will schedule the next sale.

Council of Congregation Follow-Up in the United States — Sr. Gloria Schultz

In the last Newsletter, you heard about my trip to Vietnam, the Philippines and the meeting of the Council of Congregation. Upon returning home, I prepared to meet for two days with the Sisters from Marquette and Escanaba and then flew to Washington, D.C. to meet for two days with our Sisters there. Our two Korean Sisters from Virginia who are a part of the Seoul Province joined us. What a blessing this was!

Those two days both in Marquette and Washington, D.C., we carried on the theme of the Council which was "walking in the footsteps of St. Paul, living the Gospel, with fresh audacity." The days were filled with summaries of the talks that I heard as well as group discussions and using the process for discernment that was taught to us. The process of carrying on the work of the Council of Congregation started and work was assigned to all of the Sisters. Meetings in the local houses will follow the individual work of the Sisters. Summaries will be given to our District Council and slowly decisions will be made to deepen the living of our consecrated life. Please pray that each Sister will receive the graces she needs to



follow the movement of the Spirit to live more deeply her consecrated life.

While it is true that we worked hard during our two days together, it is also true that when we are gathered we have a great deal of fun as well. The Sisters in Marquette started with playful spirits as we welcomed our Sisters from Escanaba with a band and a song. It was a mini version of the welcoming in the Philippines and Vietnam, however we had one small problem. We didn't have enough instruments so we had to improvise. Sticks made one instrument and another was locks and keys tied together with ribbon. A dowel with ribbon became the baton. So we stared off with joyful hearts.

I brought back many souvenirs from my experience in the Philippines and Vietnam. Since they were all set up in a display, we decided to have a ribbon cutting once again connecting us to the experiences I had overseas. Needless to say, ours wasn't as serious as their ribbon cutting was. Bishop Garland who celebrated mass for us to open our days together joined us for breakfast and joined our light-hearted spirits.

We met in Marquette first so we sent pictures to Washington, D.C. for them to add to their décor and to connect our two gatherings. It was amazing how close the two summaries were. It was a clear indication that the Spirit was working.

The challenge now is to live out the work that we are doing and to grow in our ability to live more deeply our Consecrated life as well as to self-transcend as individuals and as a Congregation.



Sharing in Washington, DC



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Sisters of Saint Paul Install a New District Superior in Hanoi, Vietnam

On March 1, 2010, the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres formally re-installed the Sisters in Hanoi as a District, after 50 years of being under the umbrella of the Province of Danang. Mother Myriam KITCHAROEN (Thai), the Superior General of the Congregation, as well as her four Assistant Generals – Sr. Mary Ann LAURIN (American), Sr. Saint-Jean TRAN (Vietnamese), Sr. Monique GAUDRON (French), and Sr. Maria Goretti LEE (Korean) were on hand to install the new Superior and to join in the Mass and festivities. It is the first time that the entire leadership team of the Congregation has been in Vietnam together.

Visiting Hanoi, along with the General leadership team, were Sr. Marie Madeleine CAI THI HONG A, the Provincial Superior of Danang, Sr. Marie NGO THI MAI ANH, the Provincial Superior of Ho Chi Minh Ville, and Sr. Patrick HUYNH THI BICH NGOC, the Provincial Superior of Mytho. Several of their Provincial Council members also attended the celebrations.

During the 5 day stay in Hanoi, Mother General and her entourage visited the houses of Haiphong, Hanoi, and the neighboring areas. They visited historical places, such as the ancient university of Quoc Tu Giamand, and cultural activities such as the Underwater Puppet Theatre in Mua Roi Nuoc – Hanoi. They were also treated to presentations of cultural dances and singing.

Sister Saint-Francois DAO THI THAO was formally named District Superior of the Hanoi District and presented officially to Archbishop Joseph NGO QUANG KIET and to the Government's Minister of Religious Affairs.

The highlight of the visit was the Mass of Thanksgiving, presided over by Archbishop Joseph NGO QUANG KIET, and concelebrated by Archbishop Joseph NGUYEN CHI LINH of Thanh Hoa, several other Bishops of the North and dozens of priests. In addition to the Sisters of Saint Paul named above, all the Sisters of Saint Paul in the Hanoi area and over 100 members of the local Catholic parishes joined in giving thanks to God for Sister Saint-Francois and for all God's blessings to the Sisters of Saint Paul in the north.

Archbishop Kiet urged those present to "thank God for the witness of unwavering faith of the Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres. Their possessions were confiscated, one by one. What remained became increasingly smaller, their number has been reduced, some died, and



others have been imprisoned. Nevertheless, the Sisters have continued to serve the people with all their heart. "

The Sisters of Saint Paul de Chartres arrived in Vietnam in 1860, during the harsh anti-Catholic persecution of the reign of Tu Duc (1847 - 1883). They settled in Hanoi in 1883, almost at the end of the period of persecution, from 1625 to 1886, during which 130 thousand Catholics were killed. Among the first ministries of the Sisters of Saint Paul in Vietnam was the care of orphans, many of whom were the children of martyrs.

When Mother Benjamin went to Vietnam, she landed in what was then Saigon. Soon afterward she sent some Sisters to Haiphong, the large port city near Hanoi. We have had Sisters of Saint Paul ministering there ever since 1883. In Hanoi, at one time, there were about 300 Sisters of Saint Paul in more than 30 parishes. They were working in Holy Childhood centers among the orphans, in schools, in hospitals, clinics, and among ethnic minorities.

During the difficult years when Vietnam was divided into two parts, and the north part of the country was under the communist government, the people were given permission during the first six months to move to the south part of the country. Most of our Sisters transferred south, and Danang, which formerly had been under the Province of Hanoi, with the infusion of so many Sisters, officially became the Province of Danang in 1960.

However, the Province of Hanoi was never closed; it remained a Province, with the nineteen Sisters of Saint Paul who chose to remain in the north. Most of them have now passed away, but we were happy to meet Sister Basile TON NU THI NGA, and Sr. Bernadette VU NGOC QUYEN and Sr. Brigitte VU NGOC BINH (blood sisters) who recently celebrated their golden jubilee of religious life.

Since the take-over of power by the Communists in 1954, the schools and hospitals of the Sisters have been run by the state. During those "difficult years" the Sisters worked in rice fields and were creative in works that enabled them to earn money to buy food. For example, they



The photo shows Sr. Cecile HOANG THI SAM proclaiming the reading in front of Archbishop Joseph NGO QUANG KIET and another Bishop.



raised and sold flowers. They gave music lessons.

Later on, around 1991, when they were permitted to take up more formal ministries, they were allowed to establish nursery schools and kindergartens, to work with the deaf-mutes and the handicapped, and to provide clinics for the poor in the rural regions and among the ethnic minorities in the mountainous regions. The Sisters also visit the sick and help patients in public hospitals. In their ministries, by their charity and their prayerfulness, they hope to plant the seeds of the kingdom of God, praying that they will grow, flourish and bear much fruit.

Currently, there are about 30 Sisters of St. Paul working in the area. And now that the governmental minister of culture and religion has approved the ministry of the Sisters within the parishes, there are fifteen more parishes who have requested Sisters. By the end of 2010, more of the Sisters originally from the Hanoi area who had gone to the Danang Province will join the Hanoi District to help serve the people in these parishes.

The young Sisters from Hanoi will have their initial formation in Danang.

We can say with Job, "The Lord has given and has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." And we can reverse it, "The Lord has taken away, and now has given. Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

- Sr. Mary Ann Laurin

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We are very grateful to all our generous donors for the new Bishop Noa Home outdoor Nativity Set which will be in place this Christmas. Your donations helped us to pay for the Set itself and we welcome any further donations to complete enclosing and lighting the manger, which another generous donor is building for us. Once the Nativity Set is completed and up we will have a Blessing to which you will be invited. Again, "Thank you" and God Bless You in every way! We love you and hold you in our daily Masses and prayers.

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Kateri Tekawitha Celebration

Another inspiring celebration took place at Our Lady Help of Christian Center at Sawyer on July 14 for the feast of Kateri Tekawitha. The celebration started with a prayer service which included the litany of Blessed Kateri and a prayer for her canonization along with Native American drumming.

After the drumming, delicious Indian fry bread was enjoyed by all. There was cinnamon for a





topping or strawberries and whipped cream.

The décor, which included a banner of Kateri, a dream catcher, sage and balloons, created a festive atmosphere.

Please join in praying that Kateri will be canonized soon.



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