



Joyful Apostolate

July 2015

**Servant of God
Sister Ida Peterfy, SDSH**



Rejoice with us in the news that Sister Ida has been named Servant of God! In the May 15th issue of The Tidings, Archbishop Jose Gomez invited all the Catholic faithful "to bring to his attention any useful information which they might have to offer regarding the cause" of Beatification and Canonization of Servant of God Sister Ida Peterfy. We encourage you to write a letter to Archbishop Gomez with any memories you have about her holiness or how her prayers for you were answered (recently or while she was alive). **We would love a copy of your letter too!** If you would like a holy card with a prayer for her canonization, please send us a self-addressed stamped envelope to 869 S. Rimpau Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90005.

For a link to the full text of the petition of the cause,
visit our website: www.sacredheartsisters.com

"God is in love with you! Can you believe this? It doesn't matter how long you live- one day or 120 years, you are loved forever!" Sister Ida



1939 & 1940 Camp for poor children, Hungary



1940 Sister Ida says Yes to God



1949 Teacher in Innsbruck



1951 Laborer in Harvest



1956 Canada Time Magazine Interview



1956 with Chinese students in Canada



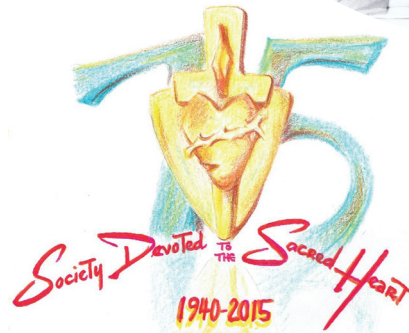
1956 Cardinal McIntyre invites Sister Ida and Sisters to LA



1996 Pilgrimage, Sister Ida with priest who hid her during war



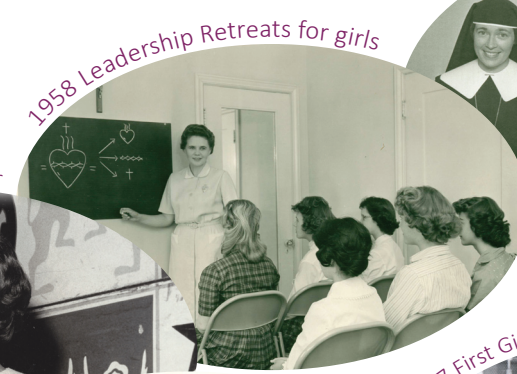
1999 Sister Ida attended Sister Arlene's Final Vows



**Celebrating 75 Years
of Grateful Love**
November 7, 2015
St. John Eudes
11:00 am Liturgy
Archbishop Gomez presiding



1962 Loyola University Citizen of the Year



1958 Leadership Retreats for girls



1957 Training Catechists in LA



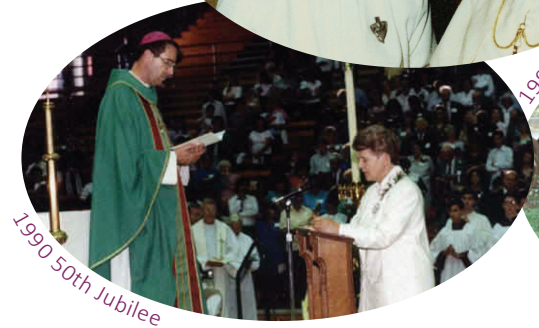
1992 Opening of Mission in Hungary



1991 "You are a blessing for the Pope"



2000 Great Jubilee, Sister Ida walks through Holy Door



1990 50th Jubilee



1990 Groundbreaking for Heart of Jesus Retreat Center



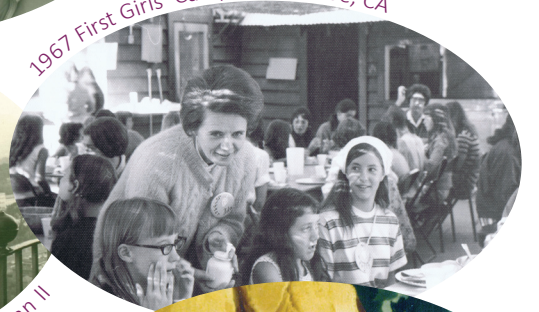
1986 Sacred Heart Kids' Club



1985 Opening of Taiwan Mission



1965 25th Jubilee trip to Rome for closing session of Vatican II



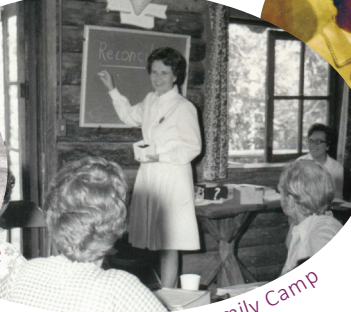
1967 First Girls' Camp, Lake Tahoe, CA



1970 "My Friend Pookie" on ABC



1980 Dedication of Sacred Heart Retreat Camp



1970 First Family Camp

To view a more in depth look at the past 75 years, visit our community history timeline on our website: www.sacredheartsisters.com

FROM THE HEART OF SISTER IDA



*Sister Ida, alone in Toronto, Canada,
wrote the following to the Sisters in
Innsbruck, Austria
on Dec. 16, 1949,
not knowing when they would
see each other again.
The words of her heart echo in each of
our hearts as we celebrate these
75 years of Grateful Love.*

We fall on our knees before our Savior and give Him thanks:

1. for coming among us and that we can know Him. We thank Him for giving so much light of His own light. The “Light of the world” shed His most precious rays on us, and in His light we found the best path.

2. We give thanks to Him for accepting us, for accepting the offering of ourselves, and making us totally His own! Our life is one with His life. We have no earthly riches; we only have one treasure: the will of the Father. We have no comfortable plans and hopes for the future, all we have are hearts filled to the brim with trust in Him. We cannot see yet what the Father plans for us, but with joy and delight we give Him everything we have. How beautifully obvious the “one body” is! It is not our merit, but His marvelous love that envelops those who belong to Him.

3. We give thanks to the Father for allowing us as members of Christ, to work hard in the great work of redemption, and we give thanks for the crosses that it involves. We know that we must live, work and suffer with Him, so we can rise with Him. The grain buried in the ground will bring forth fruit, a hundredfold. If it is totally consumed, it will become part of the entire harvest! The one who lives in Christ as the member of His Body, will share in the entire work of redemption, even if she herself did not even save one single soul. Millions of souls thank her for their eternal, never-ending happiness in Christ.

And now, with embarrassing humility we offer the gifts of our Society to You, Lord. But by your light we have to blush; everything we gathered for you with the sweat of our brow is so little! But we offer it all to You anyway. In each of our little gifts there is a light, the light of love. We have done all for You! We know that it is all pleasing to You. We solemnly promise to You, Jesus, that we will be true to You until our last breath, and we storm heaven for your graces to remain faithful.

Letters to Sister Ida

from our Hungarian Sisters who have gone before us



Dear Sister Ida,

Since I first heard about you and then when I met you, you were a God-sent gift to me, an answer to my prayers to find my vocation. At our first meeting, your determination

and courage stood out, then your kind joyfulness and charity. You showed real concern about me, in all I was doing, my spiritual life, well-being, studies and teaching.

Not long ago your seminar on pain, death and heaven, and our trip to Hungary gave me a new chance to leave behind, offer up again everything and gratefully thank God for you and for all His gifts He gave during these years.

Sister Aurelia

Dear Sister Ida,

I met you in 1945, and that meeting changed my life. Through you, Sister Ida, I came to know the loving heart of Jesus and became a religious devoted to His Heart. You led us with your example and encouraged us with your caring words.

Your personality and your love of God has drawn many to become our Sisters, or to become more dedicated Christians. Holy Mother the Church has expressed her appreciation of your gifts and leadership through her bishops. On this day I thank God for you in gratitude for all that you have been for me.

Sister Helen Clare



Sister Ida and Sister Helen Clare



Sister Agnes and Sister Ida

My dear Sister Ida,

From the beginning of SDSH you always followed the Lord the most closely, with a burning love, with the greatest faithfulness and holiness, and with the greatest suffering. At

the same time, you also led us; you showed us how we can follow Our Lord even in the midst of the hardest heartaches. The strength and heroism of the Heart of Jesus radiates in a striking way from your words and actions. I will always be with you, with faithfulness, gratitude and warmest love, and follow your God-like example.

Sister Agnes