



Joyful Apostolate

Summer 1999

Share our Blessings!

God is preparing the Church and our community for the Great Jubilee in many different ways, and we want to share God's gifts with you through a kaleidoscope of words and pictures. First, the most recent blessing: Sister Arlene Te has made her final profession, joined by Sister Irma Ochoa and Sister Rosemarie Karl who renewed their temporary vows. Sister Adriane Torrisi and Sister Ann Wong made first vows.

We thank God for His merciful love and for Sister Ida's undaunted effort to be present at Vows. As Sister Ida walked the Sisters down the isle with radiant joy, she was welcomed with a standing ovation!



Left to right: Sister Arlene, Sister Ida, Sister Jane.

Sister Arlene has passed the U.S. medical licensure examination and she is completing the Fellowship Program in Family Medicine at U.C. Irvine. Sister Arlene will soon join our Sisters in Taipei to assist Sister Mary Ann and Sister Grace in Cardinal Tien Hospital for the physical and spiritual benefit of families.

Pilgrimage: that all may be one.

A two-week pastoral pilgrimage to the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand was led by Sister Lucia, director of the Asian Pacific and Ethnic Ministry in the Los Angeles archdiocese. Among the 34 participants were bishops, priests, religious, professors and workers from 7 archdioceses of the U.S. In Taiwan, our Sisters welcomed them! By personally experiencing national traditions, cultural and religious customs, all will better understand and appreciate the challenges that Asian Catholics face in the U.S. The Los Angeles archdiocese has the highest concentration of Asian Pacific population in the United States and conversion to Catholicism is increasing.



Participants from Los Angeles with Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila. Front left: Bishop Joseph Sartoris, Cardinal Sin, Bishop Gabino Zavala, Sister Lucia Tu.

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THE CHAPLET OF MERCY

for private recitation, using ordinary rosary beads.

Begin with:

Our Father, Hail Mary, The Apostles' Creed.

On the large bead before the decade:

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.**

On the 10 small beads of each decade:

**For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
Have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Conclude with:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

(3 times)



Dear Jesus,

Your Heart is always moved
by sickness and misery.

You did not refuse to help anyone
who came to you.

Please, honor Sister Faustina as a saint
by healing Sister Ida, if it is your will;
or grant her a blessed and holy death.
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!
Jesus, we trust in you.

♥, *from Sister Ida*

We are forever grateful

to our dear friends and benefactors, General Thomas and Emma Jane Riley for initiating and continuously promoting our community and its apostolic mission.

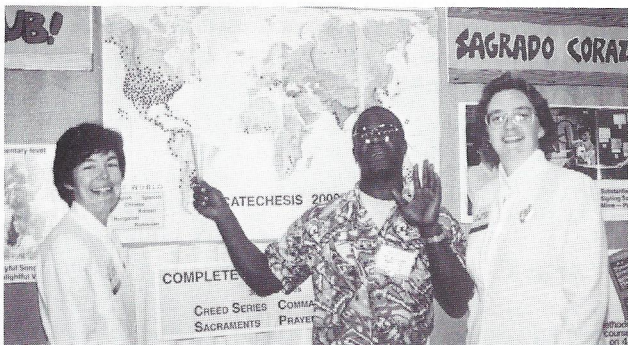
The annual fundraiser, "Gentlemen's Haberdashery," is a blessing and essential in supporting our Heart of Jesus Retreat Center. God the Father has called them home; Tom and Emma Jane are now our friends in heaven.



Left to right: Sister Ida, Tom and Emma Jane Riley, Sister Jane.

Our Worldwide Video Catechesis

"Sacred Heart Kids' Club" is often called a blessing for the new evangelization in the Church on five continents: in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Hungarian. So far it has reached countless millions of children and religious educators in 38 countries. In complete harmony with the Catechism, it delights children and strengthens their faith. It is used in dioceses, schools, parishes and broadcast on television in several countries. The Vatican Film Library has a complete set.



An elementary school principal shows on the world map where his school is using our video catechesis on the Pacific island of Palau.

1997, Year of Jesus.

Continuing the Pilgrimage

To continue our thanksgiving for our 1996 pilgrimage to Hungary where our community originated, and to pray for vocations, we make a Holy Hour every Friday before the Blessed Sacrament.



Holy Hour on Christmas Eve in the chapel of our Sacred Heart Retreat Camp at Big Bear Lake.

Our new convent at Big Bear Lake

After living in a converted garage/cabin for 17 years, our Sisters who conduct the Sacred Heart Retreat Camp are grateful to have a new five-room convent. We are deeply grateful to generous benefactors who made this possible. From September to May, our Sisters give retreats to thousands of young people and various parish groups. It is a blessing for the Church and for us to witness change of hearts, lasting conversions and a new sense of belonging to Jesus in the Church. Our summer programs: Family Retreat Camps, Girls' Camps and Leadership Retreats provide increasing depth of faith and joyful hope to participants and their families.



Sister Joanna and Sister Doris with camp counsellors.

1998, Year of the Holy Spirit.



Archbishop Rigali greets Sister Ida before the Retreat.

"Jesus, I trust in You!"

This was the theme of our eight-day retreat given by Archbishop Justin Rigali of St. Louis, in August 1998 in our Camp at Big Bear Lake. His personal friendship, pastoral love and spiritual support is a continuous blessing

Hungarian Mission Expands

We continue to be inspired and edified by our Sisters in Hungary; they provide joyful catechesis, introduced Catholic gatherings — so unknown during 45 years of persecution: RCIA, parish celebrations, prayer groups, Leader-



Sister Kriszta, Sister Judith, Sister Bernadette, Sister Eva.

ship Retreats, catechist formation, Sacred Heart Kids' Club, Family Camps and Children's Camp.

Sister Judith is the Religious



Sister Kriszta (a.k.a Sister Shannon Stafford) teaches religion in excellent Hungarian!

Education Coordinator in the archdiocese. The Bishops' Conference asked her to co-ordinate the preparation of the National Catechetical Directory. Launched by our Sisters, the annual National Catechetical Congress had delegates from Slovakia, Romania and the Ukraine.

Sister Bernadette's presence is a blessing to our Sisters and to the people; her warm heart knows no language barriers!

1999, Year of the Father.

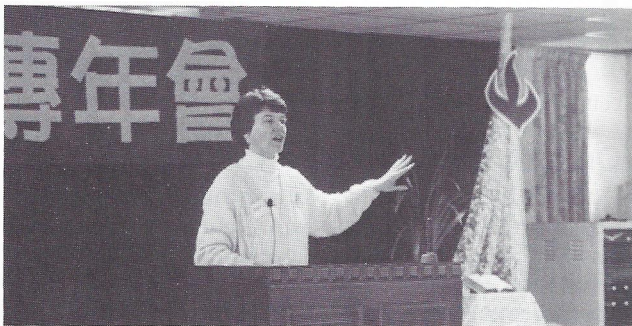
Taiwan Mission Rejoices!

With the pastoral support and participation of Archbishop Joseph Ti, our Sisters conducted the annual Religious Education Congress, with 97 catechists. All returned to their dioceses with renewed enthusiasm, practical methods, guidelines and catechetical material.

Sisters and friends joyfully celebrated Sister Elaine Marie's renewal of perpetual vows and silver jubilee, first in Los Angeles, then in Tapei. Both the catechetical and medical mission bring joyful hope and vibrant faith to families and children!



Sister Elaine Marie welcomes a young visitor in the convent during Christmas.

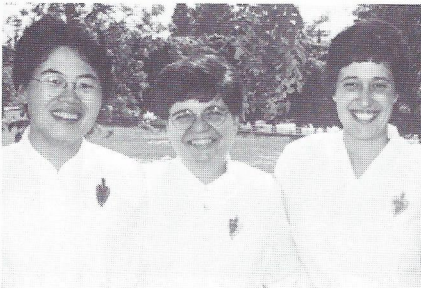


Sister Mary Beth gives presentation in Mandarin at the Religious Ed. Congress.

Blessings of the Lord of the Harvest

New members fill the Novitiate "to the brim" with joyful zeal, learning to live our community charism in prayer, service, religious education and community living.

Our Catechetical/Vocation Team gave vocation talks,



Sister Ann (left) and Sister Adriane (right) after first profession, with Sister Mary, Director of Novitiate.

Youth Retreats and workshops to 4,000 high school and college students — as far as Ohio and Texas.

Please, pray with us for vocations — and for the means to build a larger novitiate!

Jubilee 2000!

Celebrating Jesus in the Eucharist.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1999, our community gathered in the Novitiate with Sister Ida to welcome the annunciation of the coming of Jesus at Christmas for the Year 2000. We had a solemn Eucharistic procession, Holy Hour and Mass.

SDSH Jubilees: Blessing of Faithful Love.

During our years of preparation for the Millennium, we celebrate jubilees of our Sisters with joyful gratitude: Silver jubilarians Sister Mary, Sister Grace, Sister Elaine Marie, Sister Rosario, Sister Diane, Sister Frances and golden jubilarians Sister Agnes and Sister Helen Clare.

A first invitation to

Begin the Jubilee Year

with the Sacred Heart Sisters and friends

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany 2000

Save the insert and mark your calendar!

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**Please,
join us in
prayer for
Sister Ida.**

We are asking the intercession of Blessed Faustina Kowalska. Her Novena of Mercy and Sister Ida's Prayer is on the other side of the picture below. Cut it out and keep it as your Prayer Card.

We will be grateful to hear from you!

Detail of the window, "Jesus the Healer"
by Isabel Plczek. Heart of Jesus Retreat Center.