



Joyful Apostolate

Fall 2010

100 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS!



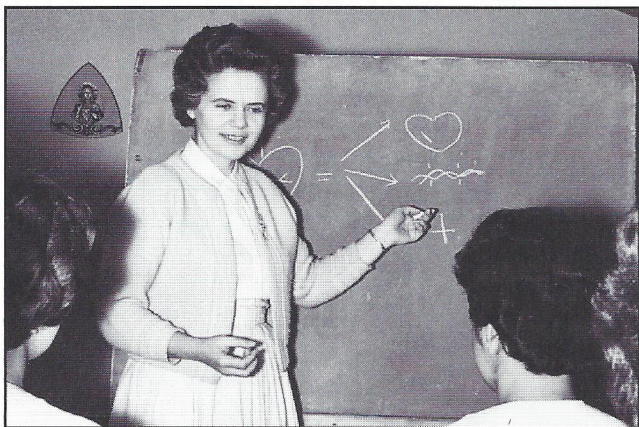
In our Retreat Center Chapel (left to right) Sister Mary Ann, Sister Jane, Sister Anna, Sister Mary Beth. Top: Father Chris Heath (l) and Father Ed Richard.

Filled with the spirit of joy and excitement, families and friends came from Canada, New Jersey, St. Louis and Southern California and joined us for a Jubilee Mass on August 7, at our Heart of Jesus Retreat Center to give praise and thanks to God for three of our Sisters: Sister Mary Ann Lou celebrating 50 years, and Sister Mary Beth Kozlowski and Sister Anna Tom celebrating 25 years of faithfulness and love as Sacred Heart Sisters!

Main celebrant of the Mass was Fr. Ed Richard, who traveled from St. Louis to be with us; concelebrating with him was long-time Community friend, Fr. Chris Heath, from St. Edward's parish in Dana Point.

“Jesus says: ‘If you love me,

FROM THE HEART OF SISTER IDA



It was God who called our Community into existence. The original inspiration is very much from God, it is His work.

Our original inspiration is to spread the goodness of our Lord, to let people know what God is like, that He has a loving Heart, that He loves you and cares for you; how much He wants you to be united to Him.

“Lord, how will your love, your mercy come across?” The fruits of my prayer are the lessons we teach. In our lesson plans we bring out the loving Christ who has a Sacred Heart. This is what we teach: that personal, tremendous love of God for each person.

“Zeal for my father’s house is consuming me!” If you love someone, it isn’t about the work you are doing, but about the Person you are doing it for. This is our inner attitude, this is zeal.

There is an urgency to teach about God - this is the original inspiration of our Community. We are sent, as Jesus was sent; we are sent as the Apostles were sent. Whatever we have, whatever we are doing, it is to bring us, to bring others, in contact with God.

*I will make my home in you.
With joy, take share*

CATECHIST FORMATION IN ASIA

We have joyful opportunities to see the zeal of catechists in several countries: in the Philippines, in Malaysia, in India as well as in China. Recently, we were invited to give a series of presentations to Priests and religious in Beijing, in co-operation with the Verbiest Institute. Practical ideas for



A group with Sister Grace and Sister Andrea.

summer schools and Sister Ida's Five Step Illustrated Method were enthusiastically welcomed, together with easy-to-learn material to help children to understand with the heart how much God loves each one personally. Participants came from many provinces of China, and they will prayerfully share the materials throughout the country.

WELCOMED TO ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARISH, OCEANSIDE, CA.

"Why have I invited the Sacred Heart Sisters to St. Margaret's? To give witness to lives consecrated to Christ, to be an effective sign to the world of the joy and fulfillment that come from a life devoted to Christ; to demonstrate from the way you live your lives together as a family, how a Christian society can live, work and pray together... I have invited you because you offer to religious education not simply a method, but a charism, a gift of the Holy Spirit particular to your religious community. It is simple, straightforward and effective."

*Excerpts from the words of
Father Cavanaugh Wallace, Pastor.*

after in Him.”

Sister Ida

IRELAND

At the invitation of Bishop Dennis Brennan, three of our Sisters traveled from Budapest to the Diocese of Ferns in Ireland, and presented our recently published *Catechist Companion*. Bishop Brennan warmly welcomed our Sisters and graciously participated during the day, together with Father John Paul Sheridan, Director of Religious Education of the Diocese. Forty-one attended, with many Priests from the diocese.

Our catechetical materials and the three booklets containing Sister Ida's thoughts were enthusiastically and gratefully received. It was a providential blessing that the catechist formation day was on the First Friday, and the day of retreat on the First Saturday of the month of Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Ireland and Queen of Hungary. Sister Shannon, Sister Judith and Sister Michelle were delighted to have a glimpse of the beauty of nature around them, too, three minutes walk from the Irish Sea!



Left to right: Father John Paul Sheridan, Bishop Denis Brennan, Sister Judith, Sister Michelle, Sister Shannon and participating catechists.

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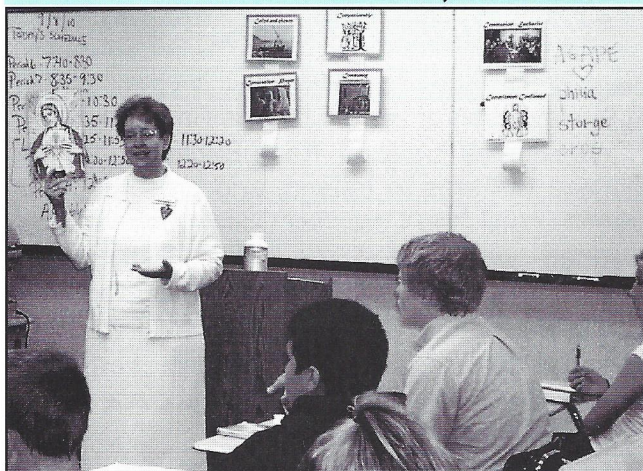
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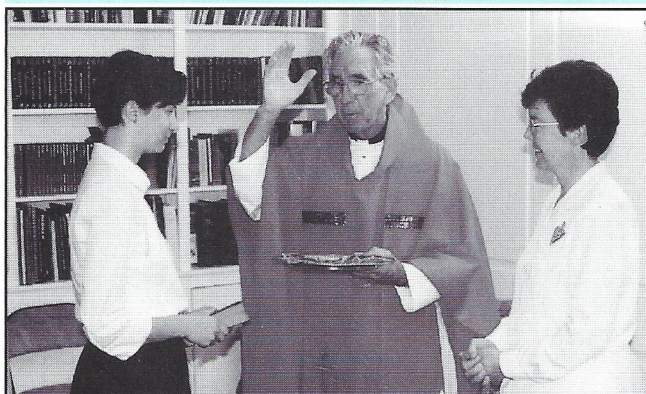
SANTA MARGARITA HIGH SCHOOL RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CALIFORNIA



Sister Virginia gives a presentation to the freshman class on the Sacred Heart devotion and the meaning of discipleship.

Faculty and students warmly welcome a team of our Sisters to participate in the religious education program in the school by working with the teachers and staff, as well as by giving presentations to the 1600 students. They are grateful for our Sisters' joy and enthusiasm as they teach about the love of Jesus and the teachings of the Church.

THE LORD SENDS LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST!



Following a three-day retreat, during a prayerful and joyful ceremony of consecration, Hannah Barnett entered our Community. After Mass, Hannah received her breviary, blessed by Msgr. Peter Moran, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Northridge. On the right is Sister Eileen Sullivan, Director of the Noviate.