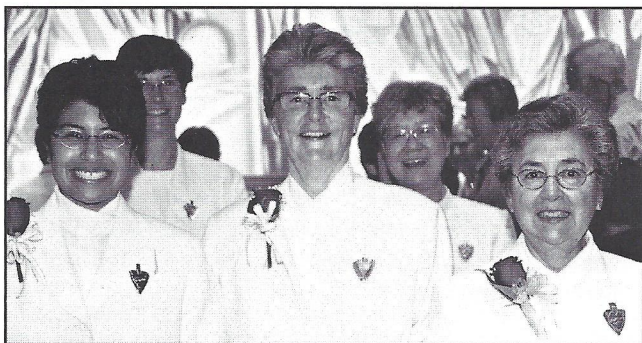


Joyful Apostolate

Summer 2011

FAITHFULNESS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

It was an exceptional joy for our Community to gather in our Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, and give thanks to God for His faithful love throughout generations of our Sisters. We celebrated 50 years of faithful love as Sister Yolanda renewed her perpetual vows during the Mass of the Annunciation. Sister Guadalupe, who entered 7 years ago, renewed her temporary profession and began her preparation for final vows. Sister Hannah, who entered last September, was received as a novice, and began her novitiate formation.



Processing out after Mass, l. to r.: Sister Guadalupe, Sister Jane, Sister Yolanda.

Father Dennis Berry, ST, a dear friend of Sister Ida and our Sisters for many years, gave an inspiring retreat to the three Sisters. He was also the main celebrant of the Mass, joined by Priest friends of our Community.

After the formal reception into the Novitiate, Sister Jane presented the Constitutions of our Society to Sister Hannah.



"God wants to give us the gift"

FROM THE HEART OF SISTER IDA



God cannot *not* love us. He loves us! Why? Not for any secondary reasons like what we have or what we do. He loves us because of *who* we are.

In a magnet there are two separate poles. A magnet draws objects to itself which are similar in substance to the magnet..

Although we cannot see the magnetic power with our eyes or the difference it is making in the iron, the magnetic power actually transforms the makeup of a piece of iron.

If that little piece of iron could speak, it might say, "I began my journey toward the magnet, I was moving ahead steadily, until I was united to the magnet." Suppose the little piece of iron had free will and would say, "I started my journey to the magnet, but then I decided to try something different and I dipped myself in plastic or porcelain." Then what would happen? The piece of iron would never make it to the magnet. Why? Because it put on something which was unlike the magnet. As soon as it will get rid of the "coat" it put on, it will be drawn to the magnet.

What happens in magnetism? That piece of iron becomes magnetic. Then it can pull others and unite others to the magnet. But if it is separated from the magnet, it will fall off, and it cannot bring others into that unity.

God loves us, not because of our good deeds, but because of *who* we are; He loves us because He has so much of Himself in us. We are created in the likeness of God. Because we have His love in us, we are transformed.

This is what it means to be united to God. We can do things which are God-like. We can say "I am doing it," but how much *like* God, because we have His love in us.

Sister Ida, pray for us.

*ft of His love. His love is not a reward
it does not depend on*

GIVING THANKS WITH THE CHURCH

Our beloved Shepherds and Priest friends solemnly concelebrated Mass on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Sister Ida opening our mission house in Taipei, as well as the golden jubilee of Sister Mary Ann Lou, and the silver jubilee of Sister Mary Beth Kozlowski and Sister Anna Tom.

We are most grateful for the presence and support of Archbishop John Hung Shan-Chuan, and the honor of having him as the main celebrant of the Mass. Among the concelebrants was Msgr. John Yao who has been our faithful friend since 1985 when we began our mission.

It was a beautiful event, magnificently prepared and attended by friends from the archdiocese and Cardinal Tien Medical Center. Many warmly expressed how happy they were to see Sister Jane, our Superior General, and five other Sisters from California and from Hungary joining the four Sisters in Taiwan for the celebration.



In the front row is Archbishop John Hung Shan-Chuan. In the back row: Archbishops Joseph Ti and Peter Liu, and Papal Nuncio Msgr. Paul Russell. With them in the front row left to right: Sister Anna, Sister Mary Ann, Msrg. John Yao, Sister Jane, Sister Mary Beth and Sister Yolanda. Second row left to right Sister Arlene, Sister Judith, Sister Grace, Sister Lucia, Sister Andrea.

*rd for our good behavior,
our accomplishments. God gives His*

ON A MISSION IN OKLAHOMA

Neither rain nor snow nor cancelled flights could keep Sister Adriane, Sister Teresa and Sister Rose from flying from St. Louis to Oklahoma in February.

On Saturday they gave a retreat for Confirmation students from Altus AFB in Oklahoma, the nearby army base of Fort Sill, and the parish of Prince of Peace. The teens quickly formed one harmonious and happy group under our Sisters' inviting and vibrant guidance. Lively discussions, thoughtful questions, and the joy and laughter throughout the day gave insight to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Sunday morning was the children's retreat for Kindergarten through 8th grade in three groups. After hearing the story of St. Tarcisius, one little girl pointed at Sister Rose and exclaimed, "You will be Saint Sister Rose!" A big smile brightened her face when Sister Rose promptly responded, "And you will be Saint Sarah."



*Sister Adriane with a group of children
proudly showing off their craft!*

At the retreat for the adults, parents said that their children came home sharing how much they enjoyed their time with the Sisters. One father said, "My eight year-old son was showing me all of his stickers that he earned this morning and he told me if I was good I might get one too. He had such a wonderful time." We gave him a sticker too to show to his son.

Families who met our Sisters at Edwards AFB and then relocated to other parts of the country, continue to call upon our Sisters to give retreats and catechist formation. How we wish we could respond to all the requests! The harvest is ready but more laborers are needed. Pray for vocations!

love freely."

Sister Ida

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS



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With Cardinal Raymond Burke, l. to r. Sister Catherine Marie, Sister Jane, Sister Adriane, Sister Teresa, Sister Rose. The Cardinal was warmly welcomed and congratulated in St. Louis after his recent elevation to the College of Cardinals, and our Sisters attended the solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral. During their visit with him at the reception, they recalled the time he spent with us in Rome during our community pilgrimage in 2009, traveling on our bus, celebrating Mass for us in St. Paul's Outside the Walls, and visiting the Catacomb of St. Callistus.

EFFECTIVE, DYNAMIC TEACHING!

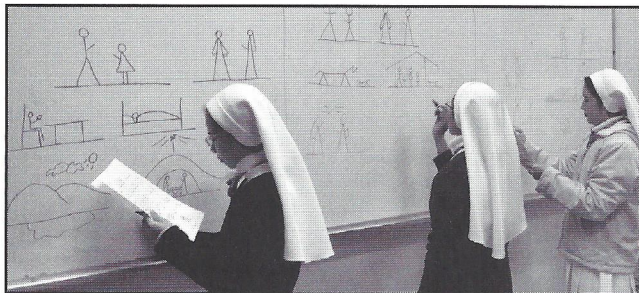
A teenage helper in one of our classes wrote: "I was thinking of not returning ... how could I endure thirty unruly children every week? But then the children suddenly became quiet. I looked around to see why ... I saw that the teacher was drawing stick figure illustrations on the board and had totally captivated their attention, as she was bringing the children to know God and respond to His love. The same thing happened every week; when the lesson presentation started, the children listened totally involved!"



*Sister Rose
captivates
the attention
of a class at
Altus AFB.*

PRESENTING OUR FAITH WITH CLARITY

While giving ongoing catechetical workshops at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei, and in parishes of the Archdiocese of Taipei, Sister Mary Beth and Sister Andrea traveled to Luodong, an outlying region of the Taipei Archdiocese, to present a 3-day workshop for

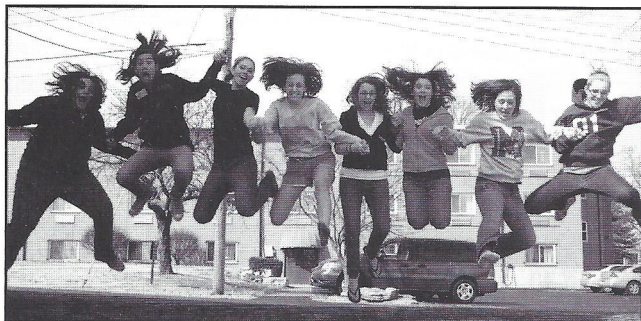


Camillian Sisters practice simple illustrations on the board

the Sisters of the order of St. Camillus de Lellis and a group of lay catechists. The Sisters said that the Five Step Illustrated Method will enable them to convey the richness of the faith with clarity and ease to residents in their Home for the Elderly, most of whom are not Catholic but are very interested in the Catholic faith.

LEAP OF FAITH!

In February the first Leadership Retreat was conducted by our Sisters in the St. Louis area. Young women ranging in age from 15 to 22 participated. Sharing their highlights at the close of the retreat, one commented, "Through the example and words of the Sisters I learned that a prayer relationship is really possible, that I can talk to God as a friend." Several commented that daily Mass and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Penance were their highlights giving them great peace and joy. They wanted to show their leap of faith with a visible leap after the Leadership Retreat!



A SPECIAL VISIT IN HUNGARY



During her annual visitation to our Sisters in Budapest, Sister Jane visited Sister Judith in the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, and met with Auxiliary Bishop George Udvardy (Above)

Throughout the entire visit there with our Sisters it was obvious that there is much to be thankful for – our Sisters' love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and love for the people of God and His children.

Sister Jane visited family and friends of our Sisters. When she made a special visit to Sister Audrey's religion class, (below) she was exuberantly welcomed, and language barrier was not a problem!

