

Joyful Apostolate

Fall 2016

We give thanks to our Lord!



(left to right)
Vivian Sun, Sister Martha, Charis Kwon, Cecilia Chiu, Sister Teresa

Director of Formation Sister Teresa and Assistant Director Sister Martha welcomed Vivian and Charis as they entered our Novitiate on September 15th. After days of prayer, they made a consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on September 21st and became postulants in our Society.

Cecilia spent time with our Sisters in Taipei, Taiwan, as her immigration process was completed. She arrived to the United States and to our Novitiate on November 9th and received a very happy welcome! On November 14th, Cecilia made her consecration and became a postulant.



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"We are sent to proclaim the Good News of to prepare the Kingdom of God in the heart



Dear Family, Friends and Benefactors,

At this special time of Thanksgiving we want to thank you for the love, kindness, support and generosity that you have shown to our Community throughout the year. We are blessed to have you in our lives and we are graetful for every encounter that we have with you. Thank you for your example of love that edifies each one of us and gives witness of generosity in love and service.

You and each of your family members are lovingly remembered in our daily prayers.

Sister Mary and all of the Sacred Heart Sisters

Profession of Vows Sister Laura, final vows & Sister Micaela, renewal of vows



(Top photo, left to right) Sister Micaela Ramirez, Bishop (of Orange) Kevin Vann, Bishop (of San Bernardino) Gerald Barnes, Sister Laura Bradford, Sister Mary Tomasella.

f our Lord Jesus Christ, in order ts of His people." -Constitutions of the S.D.S.H.



Bishop Joseph Brennan (center), with (left to right) Sister Bernadette, Sister Lucia, Sister Hermine, Sister Joanna and Sister Mary

Sister Hermine- 75th Jubilee of professed life



Sister Lucia & Sister Bernadette- 50th Jubilee







Sister Joanna- 25th Jubilee







See videos from the Jubilee, including Sister Hermine recalling her 1st profession of vows: on our website

Saint Louis, Missouri

"Love is Our Mission"

Family Faith Formation, as presented by our Sisters in Saint Louis (Sister Adriane, Sister Guadalupe, Sister Laura) to Saint Alban Roe parishioners.





Taipei, Taiwan

Sister Mary Beth (right) and Sister Ann (left) have launched a Family Faith Day program which meets one Sunday each



month from September to June.
The Sisters invited families
who know us through catechist
formation and children's camps.
In this first year of the program,
6 families and 25 volunteers are
joyfully participating.







Sister Mary Ann received an award this year from the Breast Cancer Patient Alliance

Budapest, Hungary





Family Catechesis Program: Communion preparation classes are two Sundays a month. Sister Michelle and Father Emánuel (Emu) Lejtényi, teach 27 third graders while Sister Audrey teaches the parents.

Plébániai Közösségi Háló (Parish Community Net), grades 1-10, meets each Thursday afternoon, with about 50 children and 15 leaders, broken down into four age groups under Sister Ines' creative leadership.





We pray in thanksgiving that our Sisters were saved from harm when a fire erupted in our convent basement on November 8th at 5 a.m.! The basement is severely damaged and every item in the house is covered in soot; we are grateful for our friends in Budapest who are helping our Sisters. Please pray for the restoration work, which will take several months.

For more photos and updates from our Sisters in the Missions, look for our Facebook pages: #SDSH Sacred Heart Sisters St. Louis, Jesus Zhuyesu (Taiwan), Jézus Szíve Nővérek (Hungary)

From the Heart of Servant of God, Sister Ida Peterfy



"Faithfulness with gratitude is a shortcut to heaven. This is a time to remember what the Lord has done for each one of us. We have experienced this in so many great and small ways. I give thanks to God for our Sisters' faithfulness and love for God, for Community and for the people of God.

Some of you know our Community, that we were founded in 1940 in Hungary, when WWII was just around the corner. We never had a traditional habit, we wore alikelooking dress; we taught religion in a new way, helping the children to understand what a precious gift it is to belong to God, to be sons and daughters with Jesus Our Lord, for having been gifted by the Holy Spirit, God's infinite Love, and to live a life of loving service, as Jesus did.

How many of you have seen our Sacred Heart badge from close? It is a Heart burning with love but carrying the marks of love: the cross, the thorns, the wound. Our Sisters carry the cross, the thorns, the wound graciously and lovingly, ever ready to forgive, just like Jesus. True happiness comes from the depth of a heart united to the Source of Love, to the Heart of Our Lord.

We are the visible Church celebrating this great Thanksgiving to God through Jesus our Lord. Yet, just and truly and really as we, the Church invisible is here too. Not only the Angels and Saints, the men and women who are chosen by the Church to be our examples, but our own family members, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, friends who went ahead of us and are now enjoying a life without tears, suffering or pain. They are extremely happy for and with us. They give thanks to God and support us in our desire to say in many different ways: Thank you, God, for your love for each of us! We love you! We thank you, Lord, for making our hearts so very much like your own."

Thank you to our friends at the L.A.P.D.





Thank you, Officers Joseph Orlanes, Javier Barragan and John Parker (left to right) for our recent seminar on safety and how to respond to threats. We keep you and all police officers in our prayers for safety!

Sister Judith Fogassy



Born: April 28, 1949 Budapest, Hungary

Died: May 7, 2016 Sacred Heart Convent, CA

Entered S.D.S.H.: 9/15/1967

First Profession: 3/25/1969 Final Profession: 3/25/1975

"I love you very much! I carry you in my heart as always, and I will carry you in heaven as well... God has another plan, and it is good. I trust in Him. I trust Him in every moment."

-Message from Sister Judith, April 2016, to the catechists in Hungary

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