



Joyful Apostolate

Fall 2018

Summer of Renewal



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and Council members: Sister Catherine Marie Stewart,
Sister Eileen Sullivan (Assistant Superior General),
Sister Susan Blaschke, Sister Adriane Torrisi (l-r)*

Gathered at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center in Santa Ana, California, the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart held their Eighth General Chapter. During our Chapter of Elections, Sister Mary was re-elected as the Superior General and the Council members were elected. The Holy Spirit was very present as we began each day with prayers asking for the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit, as well as readings from Holy Mother the Church and from Servant of God Sister Ida Peterfy, our Foundress. Thank you for your prayers for this ecclesial event. Please continue to pray for us, as we pray for you and your loved ones.



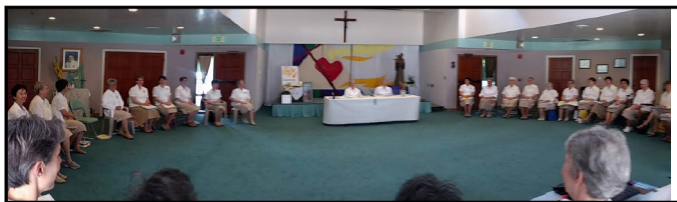
(left) Prayer table with Sister Ida's badge, crucifix, ring, rosary and photo. (right) Sister Eileen, Sister Elizabeth, Sister Mary (l-r) during one of our daily morning prayers.

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Chapter of Renewal



Held at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center in Santa Ana, our Chapter of Elections and Chapter of Affairs was truly a time of blessings and renewal for our entire community. Thank you for your prayers for us!



(above) Dinner in thanksgiving for the loving service of our previous Superior General, Council and Treasurer General (joined here by Sister Eva and Sister Lucia, second and third from left).



(above) Sister Mary, who was re-elected Superior General, is handed the Constitutions of our Society by Sister Eva during her Installation Ceremony.



(above) Prayer and (below) Mass in our Sacred Heart Chapel. (right) Enjoying each other's company.



From the Heart of Servant of God Sister Ida



Sister Ida with puppets from the "My Friend Pookie" TV series, which aired on ABC television from 1970-1972.

I am sure we will be amazed in heaven when we will know the fullest story of our vocations and God's tender loving care in calling us. It is truly a marvel and miracle how God gave us life, and how He tended this life for such a long time and made it grow. All comes from Him and even more than what we can clearly realize.

Through us, people will, or will not see our Lord as so loving, so good, so much a teacher, life-giver and healer. We don't do something only because it is "smart" or "good," we do it because this is what Our Lord wants us to do.

If you love someone so much, it is impossible to work in any other way than with your whole self, with all your talents, all your energies and inventiveness. It isn't about the work you are doing but about the Person you are doing it for.

The miracle of God's love!

Upcoming Events

Sacred Heart Retreat Camp in Big Bear Lake, CA:

+October 19-21 & 26-28: Women's Retreat

+November 10-11: Men's Retreat

Heart of Jesus Retreat Center in Santa Ana, CA:

+Thursdays, beginning October 11: Sacred Heart Kids' Club
for grades 3 and up

+November 4: "Come and See Vocation Day"

+December 8 & 9: Adult Advent Retreat

Sacred Heart Novitiate in Chatsworth, CA:

+Nov. 3: Work Day

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Moving Days- Archives, Museum...

With joy and with gratitude for our benefactors, we spent some days moving into our new Archives Building and Social Hall on our Novitiate property. Our excitement and stamina out-last-ed even the July heat. Sister Bernadette, our archivist, (below, holding license plate) has much happy work to do finishing the organizing of the archives room.



Treasures from the archives- (top left) Tiles and license plate from our Sisters' years in Canada. (top right) The original "Pookie" puppet from Hungary, created by Sister Ida's friend, Nellie. (below) Tina and Roger, from the Sacred Heart Kids' Club video series in the 1980's.



(right) Sister Rose and Sister Micaela prepare furniture for the Museum Room, which will showcase some of our Community's articles from the life of Sister Ida.



(below) Msgr. Padraic Loftus celebrates Mass for us in our new Social Hall.



8-day Ignatian Retreat



We prayed for each of you and your intentions during our annual 8-day silent retreat in June at our camp in Big Bear Lake, California. We are most grateful for our Retreat Director, Father William Blazek, S.J., who led us to the Heart of our Lord through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.



City of Saints

Our Sisters attended this youth conference held annually on the UCLA campus. The City of Saints Teen Conference is a Catholic teen conference hosted by Archbishop José Gomez and the Youth Ministry Division of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. 1,200 teens from throughout the L.A. Archdiocese, joined by many adult volunteers, attended the conference. City of Saints began with a Eucharistic Procession across the campus; a tremendous witness to all of UCLA! Archbishop José Gomez, Bishop Marc Trudeau and many priests and other Religious gave witness to God's love through their presentations, presence and prayer.



(above) Sister Joanna,
(below) Sister Sophia
and joyful teens who
are striving to be saints
in this world.



Jubilee Celebration



(left to right) Abbot Sharbel Ewen O.S.B., Sister Eva Batta, Archbishop Paul Russell, Sister Arlene Te and Sister Mary at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center on July 28th

Sister Eva's 75th



Sister Arlene's 25th



Sister Eva (left photo) and Sister Arlene (right photo) renewing their profession of the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience

Archbishop Paul Russell

Apostolic Nuncio to Turkey, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan



We are very grateful to Archbishop Russell for sharing with us about his experiences of serving the Catholic people as Apostolic Nuncio. We are praying for him and for all those whom he serves.

How did you hear God's Call to Religious Life?



Sister Arlene, Sister Mary (Superior General) and Sister Eva at the Jubilee celebration

Sister Eva Batta

At the end of her 75th Jubilee Mass, Sister Eva shared with those gathered, "I am so deeply grateful to our Lord that He touched my heart at such an early age. I was 15 years old when I made a lifetime decision to answer the call of the Lord Jesus and, thanks be to God, I never waivered.... In the Community we went through difficult times, but never alone. Our Lord ran with us. When the persecution began in Communist Hungary, He protected and helped us... as we travelled on the stormy ocean in a loaded refugee boat.... During this time I learned that when our Lord calls us to follow Him, He is right there. His Holy Spirit inspired and gave me great joy as I was teaching His children, youth, catechists and catechumens, leading Girls' Camps...whatever assignment I was given. Little did I know at 15, in a small country in Europe, that I would be here today looking back at 75 blessed years. I never stop rejoicing that the Lord Jesus called and sent me to continue His work on earth."

Sister Arlene Te

As an obstetrician-gynecologist, Arlene came to know the Sacred Heart Sisters through her medical work at Cardinal Tien Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan where Sister Mary Ann was the Medical Director. Sister Arlene shared that her response to her vocation to our community came when she visited the Sisters in Los Angeles in 1990 on the occasion of (Sister Ida's and the community's) 50th anniversary. "I was attracted to the joyful spirit of the Sisters and the team work."

Sister Arlene entered the Society in 1990. She is currently the Director of Family Medicine at Cardinal Tien Hospital.