



The Lange Letter

Oblate Sisters of Providence



December 2004

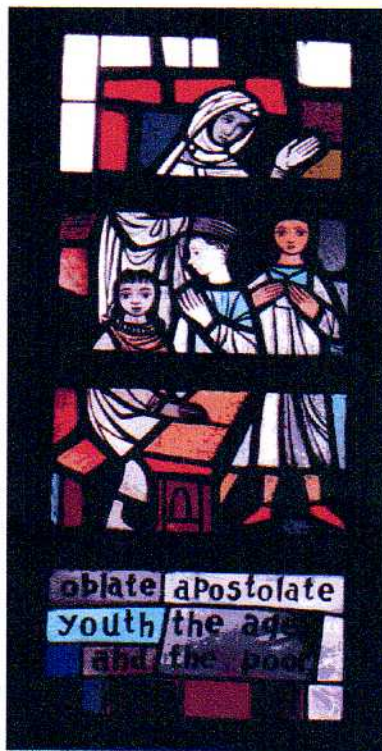
Mother Mary {Elizabeth} Lange Guild News

Issue No. 40

The Year of

The Church's inauguration of the Year of the Eucharist revitalizes our faith, reminds us of our treasure and of an ever abiding Emmanuel. To a sister anxious about completing the recitation of her rosary, Mother Mary Lange replied, "Rather, hasten to the Blessed Sacrament." (Willigman copy, p.8). In these few words Mother Lange expresses her deep and consuming devotion to the Blessed Sacrament - Jesus Christ present upon our altars, Jesus Christ our spiritual food and nourishment.

"Hasten to the Blessed Sacrament" indicates Mother Mary's personal



This window in the OSP motherhouse chapel identifies the Oblate ministries.

the Eucharist

devotion and finds resonance through the ages. One hundred seventy five years have not diminished this spiritual legacy left to her daughters and to the world. Oblate Sisters of Providence continue to reverence, be comforted, and receive strength through daily Mass, frequent visits to the chapel, and monthly day long exposition of the Blessed Sacrament closing with Benediction: "Pange Lingua Gloriosi", the glorious Bread of Heaven. (See also "Hasten to the Blessed Sacrament", *Lange Letter*, August '93, Issue 7; [Timeless Wisdom - Mother Lange Said](#), p.24)

As we near the time when the documentation for the Cause of Mother Lange can be submitted to the Roman congregation, it is a joy to recall the phases we have been

through: searching civil records like census reports, examining the long record of the annals of the Oblate Sisters (originally Father Joubert's diary), and finding Elizabeth's name (later Mother Mary Lange) on Easter duty lists and the membership of pious confraternities. Then there was a journey to Haiti, especially the northern area associated with Elizabeth's family, and experts dispatched to the French depository of Haitian records and the Cuban area of settlement of Haitian refugees.

We have examined books and articles about Mother Lange and the Oblates. We have tried to answer inquiries about her life and work. We have

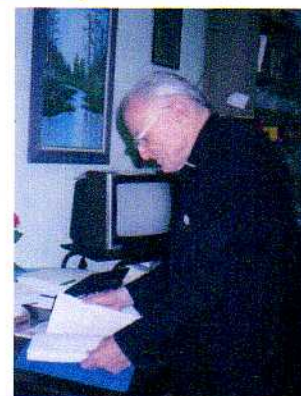
The Journey Continues

by *Father John Bowen, S.S.*

Above all, we have enjoyed the encouragement and support of Cardinal William Keeler.

Before long we hope to shift our focus to the examination of possible cures or other unusual blessings coming through Mother Lange's intervention. In both phases we continue to enjoy the prayerful support of all Guild members.

tried to respond to misconceptions and mistakes in identity. And always we have had the careful reviews of our work by the Historical Commission and the Archdiocesan Tribunal.



Father John Bowen, postulator, finalizes Mother Lange documentation.

