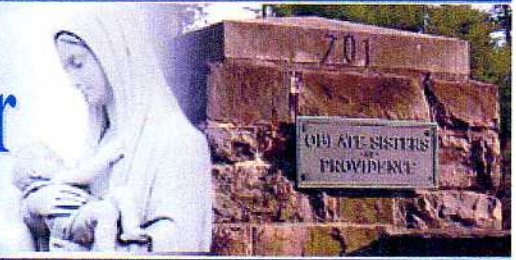




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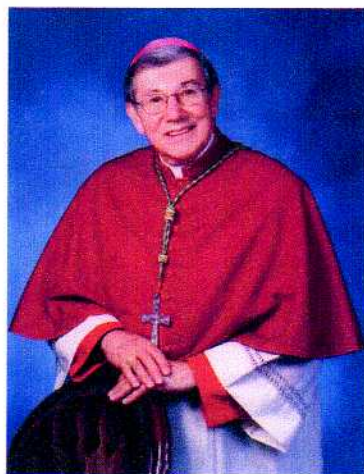
Telling the Mother Lange Story - One Rosary at a Time

By Toni Moore-Duggan

“We recommend this important affair to our good Mother...”

It is well known that much of Mother Lange’s spirituality is centered around her relationship with Mary, the Mother of God. Taking the name of God’s mother Mary as she entered religious life came, out of her devotion and recognition that to honor Mary was to honor God. Given the perils of her journey to holiness, Mother Mary, as do her daughters today, find much solace in regularly praying the rosary. Mother Lange and her daughters know that praying the rosary is a sure way to the heart of Christ. And that through Mary they would receive graces that would hasten fulfillment.

The Board of Directors of the Mother Mary Lange Guild was inspired to share Mother Lange’s Marian spirituality through the distribution of rosary packets in parishes. This project gives insights into Mother Lange’s Marian spirituality and also increases devotion to Mary. **The packets contain a luminous rosary, a leaflet depicting the four sets of mysteries of the rosary and information about Mother Lange and the Mother Lange Guild.** Oblate Sisters of Providence, Board and Chapter members visit parishes, meet and greet the people of God and distribute a rosary packet.



Free will offerings cover the cost. Rosaries are freely distributed whether or not an offering can be made. The Mother Mary Lange Rosary Project offers an opportunity for individuals to receive this item of devotion—if not for themselves—then, as a spiritual gift for someone who may

learn the Mother Lange story or be in need of a stronger relationship with Mary the Mother of God.

Parishes that would like to participate by hosting a visit from Guild members distributing rosaries, please contact the Guild Office at 410-242-6861



Mother Lange Day—A Good Beginning for Black History Month

By Sister Mary Alice Chineworth, OSP

The annual service celebrating Mother Lange’s death was held February 3rd at Mount Providence Convent. One of the highlights of the program was the testimonial of two individuals cured of illnesses that their doctors had indicated was terminal. Both prayed for healing through the intercession of Mother Lange. Both have survived five or more years and hope that by sharing their story, others will take intercessory prayer seriously, have increased hope and trust that God will also favor their requests. Medical records of the healings await the scrutiny of proper authorities.

Dr. Diana Hayes, guest speaker for the occasion, kept her hearers spellbound by her presentation of Lange’s life. She made even well known facts come alive as she clothed them in the historical setting reflecting Dr. Hayes’ rich background of study and experience. She followed the Oblate Foundress from Fells Point, the place of ship disembarkation, through the city of Baltimore to Chase Street where Mother last lived and died. She recounted the saintly life lived in spite of the suffering and indignities heaped upon her. She also had a sense of joy through the peace and confidence that was hers in the knowledge that she was doing God’s will. What a fitting celebration of her going home!

Most Reverend Denis Madden, Auxiliary Bishop and Urban Vicar of Baltimore will officiate at the Annual Rededication Service scheduled for May 24th at Mt. Providence Chapel.

