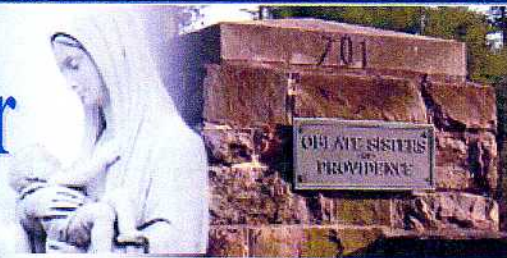




# The Lange Letter

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## *Archdiocesan Investigation of Documents accepted and validated*

By Sr. Annette Beecham, OSP

The following is a summary and update on the status of documents sent to Rome.

The documentation representing the Diocesan investigation was submitted and the Cause for Mother Lange was officially opened. The Copia Publica was prepared by the clerk of the Congregation [of the Saints] based on the submitted documentation. The documentation was accepted and the decree of validity of the Diocesan investigation was given.

The request to appoint the relatore (the Congregation for the Causes of Saints clerk serving as a director while the Positio on the life and heroic virtues is being written) has been approved. A Monsignor Gutierrez will serve as our relatore. Father Spiewak met with him and they decided the Positio will be prepared and presented in English.

Our Postulator, Father Spiewak, requested that the miracle or miracles we have be sent to him.

**Editor's note: Sister Annette Beecham, OSP, Superior General, returned from Rome in May, 2006.**

## *Mother Lange Leads the Challenge:*

### *Uncommon Faithfulness!*

Discovery made through a pilgrimage

By Toni Moore Duggan

As our National Board of Directors continues a new season, we will continually reflect on the Strategic Planning retreat of last season. We remain steadfast in promoting the charism of Mother Lange and her daughters, the Oblate Sisters of Providence. An immigrant woman of color who said yes to God when all the cultural differences said otherwise offers us a proven way to help others: that is to walk her walk in the form of a pilgrimage. This sacred odyssey offers an opportunity to nurture our history with spiritual regeneration. This great woman and her daughters chose the pearl of great price relying solely on the Providence of God. This uncommon faithfulness is her legacy. Her trust in what is not seen is the faith that so many souls living in quiet desperation need today. Her tolerance and dignity will forever serve as models for healing the frequent transgressions that have penetrated the lives of so many in our day.

A pilgrimage is an opportunity to walk where she walked, kneel where she knelt and pray where she prayed. This is an opportunity to risk equating your feelings and experience with the energy and the light that guided and fortified these consecrated women of color.

The Mother Lange Pilgrimage takes you to the Oblates' Motherhouse which serves as a self contained historical journey in and of itself. You will enter the convent and sacred space where Mother Mary Lange laid her head for eternal rest and surrendered her spirit to God. You will experience the vibrant energy that permeates the walls of St. Frances Academy then and now. There is a

layer of primordial grace that is experienced in the space of Chapelle Basse where so many consecrated lives were fortified for the journey of saying yes to God in very special and individual ways. These portals of sacred history offer healing, illumination and opportunity to explore the call to the kingdom in the life of each pilgrim who chooses to walk this sacred path. Join us. Walk this sacred path and be open to the grace of spiritual regeneration.

For more information on planning a pilgrimage call the Guild office at 410-242-6861.



Catherine Hagan (left) an Oblate alumna from St. Louis, Mo., spends vacation at Mt. Providence as a volunteer, poses with Sr. Madeline Swaboski, IHM, Administrative Assistant of the M. L. Guild Office.

