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Devotees Continue to Say, "Yes"

Committed to Mother Lange's Sainthood

By Sister Virginia Fish, OSP

The silent cry of conviction--"Make Mother Lange a Saint!" was almost palpable among Mother Lange devotees as they gathered for the Commissioning Service Saturday, June 2nd at Mt. Providence. Msgr. Damien Nalepa, pastor of St. Gregory-the-Great, presided at the Eucharistic liturgy. Concelebrating was Fr. John Bowen, SS, also serving as Deacon Seigfried Presberry.

Before accepting their voiced commitment, Msgr. Damien Nalepa spoke of the example of Mother Mary as worthy of emulation and the rightness of pursuing her cause for canonization.

Members of the Board, Chapters and Volunteers were asked if they desired to "renew the commitment made to work hand in hand with the National Board...to promote the cause for canonization of Mother Mary Lange?" Accepting the challenge, the response was a resounding affirmation. They chorused: "I am willing to continue the challenging course to have one of our own recognized by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church and declared a Saint of God..."

As the liturgy concluded, a member of each chapter spoke briefly of their group's efforts to promote the cause. At the offertory, a monetary offering was given to assist the Board in the many related activities toward the canonization process. An agape followed the liturgy.

Board Members present were: Sr. Annette Beecham, OSP, Superior General who gave the occasion and welcome. Others present were Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D.; Rev. John Bowen, SS; Florence Cowans; Sr. Veronica de los Santos, OSP; Carole Depestre; Toni Duggan, President; Therese Wilson Favors; Sr. Virginia Fish, OSP, Guild Director; Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP; Janice Curtis Greene; Lenwood Johnson; Sr. Marina Kelly, OSP; Daniel Medinger; Sr. Babette Opferman, IHM; Deacon Seigfried Presberry; LaVerna Scruggs; Sr. Madeline Swaboski, IHM; and Christine Tolson.

Chapters represented were:

Gift of Providence (St. Veronica, Baltimore) represented by Deacon and Frances Presberry; HAU (Washington, Baltimore) co-chaired by Dr. Rose Marie Sylla St. Jean & Carole Depestre; St. Peter Claver (St. Inigoes, MD) chaired by Lorretta Ann Dove; Mother Lange Chapter (Santiago & Havana, Cuba) chaired by Daniel Ernesto Luaces (Represented by Sr. Elsa Maria Lopez, OSP).

Joining Oblate Sisters were Volunteers

Lillian Wainwright, Pat Stewart, Teresa Royale Catherine Thomas and St. Bernardine Choir.



Your Story "Rocks"

By Sr. Virginia Fish, OSP

Your story "Rocks."

This was the comment in

a thank you note from a first grader at St. Joseph's religious education class in Hanover, PA.

Visiting classes of religious instruction, five sisters descended on a group of youngsters whose familiarity with women religious has, for most, if not all their young lives, been minimal. The younger ones, wide eyed and open eared were attentive and awed. The more mature, grades 5 - 8, seemed a bit removed yet their rapt attention and reflective questions were indicative of active interest.

In a large multi-purpose hall, Sister Aracelly (OSP) fashioned the Mother Lange head dress--the "bonnet," and with Sr. Katharine (OSP) distributed hand-outs. Sisters Virginia (OSP) and Madeline (IHM) told the younger children of Mother Mary by means of a "big chart" presentation. Sister Reginald (OSP), with appropriate commentary, presented Mary Lange to the

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A Little Child Will Lead Them

By Stacey R. White

My son, Garrett White, is six years old and is very "prayerful." He is always praying and seems to have Jesus on his mind all the time. This morning, as we were all getting ready for school and work (for me), my oldest son, Scott, let our two big golden retrievers outside to run around, as we do each morning. We ... let the dogs run, feed them and put them back inside...

This morning, I went to call the dogs to eat and they did not come. My oldest son and I were calling the dogs from each corner of the house, becoming increasingly worried. Garrett said, "Mom, don't worry. All you have to do is pray." I said, "Okay, Garrett." But I still couldn't stop myself from the worry of what I would do.

Then Garrett slowly put on his shoes, went outside and began calling our dog's names (Balto and Bailey). I heard him call them one time. Then, I heard him call them with excitement and elation and knew

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