

THE WORD LIVES

November, 2018

Reflection from Sister Annette

Dear Love, I have always rejoiced in being a daughter of your Church. I beg You that all the daughters of your Order may rejoice over this blessed filiation that was accorded to us by your mercy even before we were born.

This prayer to the Incarnate Word fully articulates our Mother Foundress' awareness of the grace showered on all of us. It also expresses her appreciation of her relationship with all those included in the familiar term, "Communion of Saints."

Her perception of the Church was not limited by the boundaries of earthly life and death. She often referred—in the language of the day—to the Church Triumphant, which we now call "the Saints in Heaven"; the Church Militant, now recognized as those still dealing with the challenges of this life; the Church Suffering, which we often refer to as the "Poor Souls in Purgatory."

In her vocation as Foundress in and for the Church, she was made aware by her "dear Love" that:

Like the woman of the Apocalypse, you will undergo deep suffering to produce Me in the Church through this foundation.

Yes, she understood the challenges she suffered as foundress to be the pains of a unique childbirth. Facing the forces of death to bring forth new life for the Church that she loved.

Now we eight Incarnate Word congregations labor to bring forth once more the Incarnate Word's Order. May we, her present-day daughters and sons, not falter in this sacred effort of restoring this gift to our beloved Church.



VOCATION DAY IN PEÑITAS

On Sunday, October 21, 2018, **Sister Anna Marie Espinosa** and **Sister Irma Gonzalez** participated in a Parish Vocation Fair held at St. Anne Parish in Piñatas, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. The theme for the day was "Your Life is Mission". Five women's religious congregations and one men's religious congregation participated in the event which began with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 4:00 p.m. with a prayer for our youth as they grow in their own life of mission. Based on the themes of faith and discernment chosen for the Synod of Youth, the day's activities and prayer, gave the young people an opportunity to share their faith, listen to the stories of men and women in consecrated life, and deepen their understanding of discernment. Sister Anna Marie stated, "I'm so glad we were a part of this marvelous event. The joy and enthusiasm of the parish community and the vitality of the young people were so inspiring. We had a great time. It was an honor for us to be a part of the community for a day."

WEAVING CULTURES

Weaving Cultures – Entrelazando Culturas – is a new program being offered by The Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) in San Antonio, Texas. This program provides intercultural resources and is specially designed for international congregations / provinces of women religious who are intentionally responding to the opportunities and challenges of the growing cultural and generational diversity in their communities. More than 4,000 international Sisters are currently in the U.S. for formation, studies or ministry. Our application to this 2-year program has been accepted. **Srs. Rosa Ortiz, Agueda Oviedo, Teresa Nguyen** and **Marilyn Grace Springs** will participate in the program.

For more information see: <http://www.weavingcultures.com/about/>

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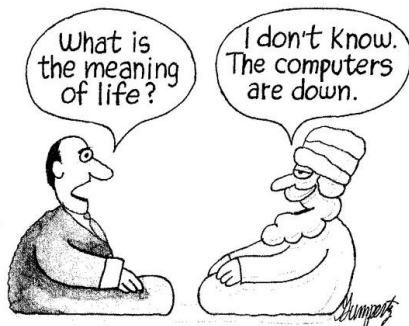
BUSY STUDENT RETREAT

Srs. Anna Marie Espinosa, Camelia Herlihy, Martha O’Gara, Lou Ella Hickman, and Rose Miriam Gansle, IWBS Corpus Christi and Srs. Mildred Truchard and Marian Sturm of Victoria assisted with a Busy Study Retreat at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, A&M Kingsville, October 7-11, 2018. Each day the Sisters met for 30-minute sessions with each of the 42 student retreatants. Each Sister daily companioned 6 students with faith sharing on Scripture. The students’ faith and love of God was very inspiring.

LCWR REGION 12

Srs. Annette Wagner, Irma Gonzalez, Colette Brehony and Marilyn Grace Springs attended the LCWR Region 12 Fall Meeting October 22—24th at Sisters of Divine Providence in San Antonio. The members of the Region are in the process of reframing the group’s governance.

- Some highlights of the meeting were:
- Contemplative prayer
 - A video on Framing the Work of LCWR
 - Discussion on the Governance process for nomination of the 2019 Board and President Elect
 - Discussion on the Outstanding Leadership Award Nomination Process
 - A panel of young religious on....
 - Discussion of the Assembly Resolution Process
 - Other reports



November 3: Leadership Meeting

March 16—17: Spring Assembly



CIBORIUM OF PAUL VI

In 1971, Pope Paul VI gave this ciborium to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament on the occasion of their 100 years of service to the Church in South Texas. It was presented to the Sisters by Bishop Thomas J. Drury.

"Charity is no substitute for justice withheld."

St Augustine

Executions in Texas

Thursday, January 18:

Anthony Shore

Tuesday, January 30:

William Rayford

Friday, February 1:

John Battaglia

You are invited to join in prayer with the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, 5201 Lipes Blvd., at 6:00 p.m. on days when prisoners are scheduled to be executed by the State of Texas, and for the victims and the family members of the victims.

Earth provides enough for everyone’s need but not for everyone’s greed.

-Gandhi

Concern should drive us into action, not into depression.

-Karen Horney

We must be speakers of hope always and everywhere in the midst of the darkness of our times. – Amata Miller, IHM

We can keep hold of the only ‘possession’ that cannot be taken from us: our dignity, integrity, soul... That is the decision that defines us.”

-Chuck Matthei

I would like to love my country and still love justice.

-Albert Camus

Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, these ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

-Robert Kennedy

It is not enough to be compassionate... You must act.

-Dalai Lama

Have you had 30 years’ experience or one year’s experience 30 times?

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