

UIW Mission Newsletter

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NEWS BRIEFS...

+Ford Salute to Education honored **Dr. Louis Agnese** with a Lifetime Achievement Award, July 25, 2006.

+The Calvin Institute of Worship awarded a grant to S. Martha Ann for **“Worship: Opening Hearts and Hands to Service.”** The program is based on four biblical themes—feeding, sheltering, healing, and reconciling. Others involved in developing the grant were Rev. Trevor Alexander, Dr. Glenn Ambrose, Dr. Roger Barnes, William Gokelman, Fr. Philip Lamberty and Beth Villarreal. Contact kirk@uiwtx.edu.

+**Campus Ministry website** maintains a “Community Prayer List” and a “Praise Page.”

+The Mission Committee’s theme this year is **“A Place at the Table.”** The U.S. Bishops remind us that *“a table is where people come together for food. For many, there is not enough food and, in some cases, no table...A table is where people meet to make decisions.... Many people have no place at the table. Their voices and needs are ignored or dismissed.”* Look for activities that highlight this theme.

CCVI’s, Santa Rosa and UIW Celebrate 1881 Charter



On July 30th, representatives of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Santa Rosa and UIW gathered to recognize the 100th anniversary of the granting of the State Charter.

In her remarks to the

assembly, S. Helena Monahan, Congregational Coordinator, said that she has come to realize that *“the day that the Sisters secured a Charter from the State of Texas authorizing them to operate schools and hospitals was one of...the most formative moments in the first 100 years of this Congregation.”*

“The granting of the Charter clarified that our Congregation, founded from its inception to be a missionary Congregation with deep contemplative roots was called to make God’s love real in the world through teaching and healthcare.”

S. Helena acknowledged **CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care, the University of the Incarnate Word and Incarnate Word High School** as the *“stars that emerged from this period in our history.”*



Music Professor, **Debbie Bussineau, and Lorraine**

Ewers led the Congregation in prayer and song.



Sister Madeleine Chollet Remembered



On July 20, the 100th anniversary of her death, S. Madeleine Chollet’s contribution to the founding of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word was celebrated at a solemn vesper service attended by Sisters, Associates and friends.

Readings for the ceremony were taken from the Annals of the Congregation and from her letters. The following excerpts touched the listeners:

Louise Chollet was born in the town of Roanne, in

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the diocese of Lyons, France, on the 7th of February, 1846. Her parents...spared no pains to inculcate into the heart of their daughter, those principles of faith and uprightness which, later on, characterized the humble, faithful, intrepid religious."

"To Mother Madeleine's zeal and courage, the Congregation owes an undying debt of gratitude. Of a naturally quick and vivacious temperament, she tolerated no half measures in God's service....Her motto: 'prayer and work' formed but one act in her daily life."

In her last communication to the Sisters on July 17, 1906, she wrote:

"Oh, be true to your Jesus, true to

your Congregation and loving amongst yourselves. Remember the words of your Mother, who now asks you to forgive her any pain she may have caused you in the fulfillment of her duty, during her happy days with you.

Be true, again I repeat my dear Sisters, until that blissful day when we shall meet again in Heaven....My last fond blessing I bestow, dear daughters in Jesus, on each and every one in our beloved Congregation; the last kiss of your Mother's heart is yours, my dear ones, as I bid you my earthly goodbye.

God bless you All!

Your loving and devoted Mother in the Incarnate Word. Rev. Mother St. Madeleine. Sup. General."

"Having been blessed with a strong

and vigorous constitution, Rev. Mother St. Madeleine had seldom or never shown signs of illness, until the month of February 1906....When conscious of the gravity of her disease...she immediately began to direct all her energy to the accomplishment of the divine will in her regard....About seven o'clock on the morning of the twentieth [of July]...the Sisters assembled around the couch of their dying Mother, and did not leave her until 8:20 a.m., when her blessed soul took its flight to its eternal home."

"Rev. Mother Madeleine lived to see the Congregation grow from three members to four hundred and fifty-two....Most truly can it be said that her works live after her."

—Congregational Annals

UIW Faculty and Students Make Impact on Africa

As part of Women's Global Connection Reach Out Africa Program, S. Dorothy Ettling accompanied three faculty and three students who spent two weeks offering workshops in their specialties.

S. Dorothy and Carolina Ruiz engaged students at Hekima Girls High School, Bukoba, Tanzania, in the study of leadership and communication skills. Dr. Richard Henderson worked with the teach-

ers and community personnel to improve decision-making, planning and evaluation. Carolina will do a follow-up research study of Hekima graduates to gather data on readiness for and persistence in university. Paula Caffer, a doctoral student, taught business practices to women in a micro-business cooperative. Dr. Neeta Singh introduced the cultivation of soy to combat protein deficiency and she will pursue a grant to enable this project.

In Zambia, Dr. Eula Pines reinforced her Grief and Loss workshops by training the trainers to extend her work more broadly. UIW is collaborating with Georgetown University which has received a HRSA grant to implement a global HIV/AIDS nursing capacity building program with Mongu being one of their sites. A pending CRS grant will allocate money to support the Children Under Seven initiative begun by S. Dorothy.

Meet the Mission: Service Day Planned During First Week of School

On Aug. 25, UIW is sponsoring "Meet the Mission," a collaborative effort of faculty, administrators, and incoming freshman students. The brainchild of Dr. Harold Rodinsky who has previous experience in organizing days of service, "Meet the Mission" will engage students in offering service to the underserved

of our San Antonio community. It is also an opportunity for faculty and student bonding outside of the classroom.

On their return to campus, the students will be treated to a barbecue and encouraged to reflect on what "they have seen and heard" through their experience.



Students of Hekima Secondary School in Bukoba, Tanzania, grapple with leadership tips from S. Dorothy.