

UIW Mission Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- **S. Dorothy Ettl**ing was recognized by San Antonio Woman magazine for her work with Women's Global Connection which aims to promote leadership skills among women locally and globally.
- **Ann - Marie Quinones** is the new work study student in the Mission Office.
- The Annual **Lawn Mission Sale** to raise funds for mission projects will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd.
- **World Youth Day** Stats: 500,000 people welcomed Pope Benedict XVI on his arrival in Sydney, 400,000 attended his final Mass there, and there was an estimated audience of one billion tuned in to TV and Internet coverage of the events (*The Catholic Sun*).

Campus Ministry Welcomes Students

The UIW Campus Ministry Team held its annual "Dinner under the Oak Tree" to welcome new students and to encourage them to join in some of the ministry opportunities on campus.

Congregation Commissions New General Leadership Team

At its recent General Chapter, the **Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word** decided to change its leadership structure by dissolving its Provinces and electing a General Leadership Team to oversee the entire Congregation.

On July 13th, the new team assumed its leadership role at a commissioning service in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word. The seven-member group will be expected to carry out the decisions agreed upon at the gathering of the membership or "Chapter"

which is held every six years.

Among the challenges facing them are fostering an **international formation program, consolidating resources from all the Provinces/regions, and implementing the new structure itself.** The Team will have responsibility for ministries and personnel in the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Zambia and Ireland.

New Team members are **Srs. Yolanda Tarango, General Coordinator, Maria Luisa Velez, Marinela Flores,**

Feliciana Mejia, Luz Maria Aguilar, Tere Maya and Rosaleen Harold.



Sister Yolanda Tarango was elected General Coordinator of the CCVI's

Mass of the Holy Spirit Held to Ask God's Blessing on the New Academic Year

UIW held the traditional opening **Mass of the Holy Spirit** for the new academic year on Sunday, August 24th. The ceremony opened fittingly with the hymn: "Holy

Wisdom, lamp of learning, bless the light that reasons... Sanctify our search for knowledge and the truth that sets us free."

The celebrant, Fr. Jairo Sandoval, blessed the honor

students present and challenged them to use their time wisely during this new journey toward a degree as the choir sang: "May the word of Christ among us shape our life, our search to know."

Faculty Lead Tanzanian Summer Program

Drs. Patricia Lieveld, School of Pharmacy, and Neeta Singh, School of Math, Science and Engineering, spent several weeks this summer working with Tanzanian women.

Lieveld delivered workshops on how to maintain clean water sources. "I was truly inspired and humbled," she said, "by the women who served as our hostesses from the Bukoba Women's Empowerment Association." She saw first hand how the

leaders of this organization "are committed to empowering women in the region, not only economically but socially."



Dr. Lieveld talks to a group of women concerned about the global issue of access to clean drinking water.

Dr. Neeta Singh went to three villages to expand her consulting role on planting, harvesting, marketing and consumption of soy and its products. The women already have developed recipes using soy and are testing their creative skills in how they market soy locally and regionally.

Lieveld and Singh are two among many UIW faculty who have generously reached out to help African women and their families become more self-sustaining.

Ten Incarnate Word Missionaries Begin Their Service In Peru, Guatemala, Mexico and the U.S.

Ten women from different parts of the world: Mexico, Ireland, and five different U.S. states, gathered in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word to witness publicly to their desire to grow spiritually as they accepted the challenge to serve the underprivileged of Peru, Mexico, Guatemala and the U.S.

Four of them will live in community in Chimbote, Peru, and minister at the Santa Clara clinic, a hospice and in local parishes. Three will work with young

children in Santa Fe, Mexico; two others will serve the Visitation

House families; and one will help Mayan children in Guatemala get an education and a good start in life.

"To go far from home is not yet to be engaged in mission; to move to the margins and over the edge of one's own familiar world in the name of the Gospel and the Realm of God is." —Gittens

New Freshmen "Pinned" at Welcome Ceremony

On August 20th, an overflowing crowd jammed the Rosenberg Skyroom to witness the pinning ceremony which ritualizes the new freshmen becoming part of UIW. As the students stood in a circle around the Skyroom, current students and staff offered each one a lighted candle and a pin symbolic of

the university.

After welcoming remarks by Dr. Jurenovich and Dr. Moore, student leaders spoke briefly about the Mission core values. Sergio Suarez saw **service** as a supremely important value for the new class. Monica White

hoped that each one would find his or her **own** truth through their years at UIW. Denise Hernandez hoped their **education** would be holistic. "Take this time to learn about yourself and your journey through life," she advised. Take a class that is not required, hold late night discussions about burning issues, and get out of your comfort zone whenever possible.