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Dear Friends,



In the radiant season of Easter, our hearts are ablaze with a longing for profound healing and communion. As we delve into the timeless teachings of the Catholic Church, we find solace in the sacred truth that the Eucharist is a divine mystery that binds us together as one body in Christ. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1324), "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life,'" where we discover the inexhaustible wellspring of spiritual nourishment and the sublime unity of the Church.

Yet, amid life's myriad distractions and trials, many of us may have inadvertently strayed from this vital font of grace. Nevertheless, in His infinite love and boundless mercy, Jesus Christ extends an invitation to each of us, beckoning us to return to the core of our faith through the sacred celebration of the Eucharist.

The forthcoming National Eucharistic Congress emerges as a beacon of hope and renewal, dedicated to reigniting our reverence and devotion to the sacred mysteries of communion. As SOLT Sisters, we are joyfully immersed in this collective endeavor to fortify the bonds of unity. Through our prayers and dedication to our missions, we strive to embody the very essence of the Church's foundation—unity and communion.

Together, let us journey toward Our Lord in this renewal. May our collective efforts not only enrich our own spiritual journeys but also lead countless others to experience the living presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In doing so, may we become radiant beacons of His eternal light in a world too often overshadowed by darkness and division.

In Christ,

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Gray Headed

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4



When answering the call to religious life, one does not immediately ponder what life will look like when you are 'old and gray headed'. Life is full of adventure, ministering, serving, giving of oneself, traveling to the foreign missions of the Philippines, Thailand and Papua New Guinea and taking long road trips and bus rides to Mexico, Guatemala and Belize.

But as the years slowly go by, and the aches and pains of age begin to creep in, it's natural to stop and wonder, "Where will I lay my weary head

once I can no longer actively serve?" Thankfully the Lord has answered that question with the outpouring of love and generosity of our many friends and benefactors. Our Motherhouse project is well underway! The roof is complete and the windows are in! Our fundraising goal of 7.5 million is over 90% complete. We look forward to its completion date set in late July, and a possible move-in date in August. The sisters are musing over the floor-plans, excitedly discussing whose room will be where and pondering which chair in the chapel will be the most optimal for contemplation. The new tabernacle has also arrived and plans have begun for the main altar to be built by our very own, Br. Adam. All of us are in awe of the gift that this new home will be, not only to us, but to the entire SOLT community.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful convent with all of you and can't wait to give you a tour when you come to visit us in Corpus Christi!

*By Sr. Mary Emmanuel Schmidt, SOLT
SOLT Sisters Regional Sister Servant*



There and Back Again



During our International Chapter last summer, the sisters of the Asia-Pacific (AP) region expressed a strong desire to welcome sisters from the American region to visit the missions in Asia. After discerning a new apostolate and requesting a break in between, I was invited to visit the AP Region for two months. It was a blessing to put a face to the names of the missions I had heard about for over twenty years. I'm so proud of our SOLT community and the many and beautiful ways in which they serve. Thanks

to the loving welcome at each mission, I felt like part of the work my SOLT family was doing.

The first stop was in Thailand where SOLT teams have been serving two drug rehabilitation centers for over thirty years. After a short stay, but lots of delicious food, we continued to the Philippines where the sisters were ready to show me many of the missions. It was edifying to see the beautiful service of our SOLT community to very remote and poor areas. Our charism, to serve those in deepest apostolic need, is very concretely lived in remote island missions in this beautiful and joyful country.

Full of gratitude, but ready to settle in one place for awhile, I spent six weeks in the tropical paradise of Papua New Guinea. SOLT has been serving in Papua for 31 years and now has six native sisters to boast! They serve in parish ministries, Archdiocesan offices, and also run a small orphanage. I was very blessed to stay at the apostolic convent that serves the orphanage. The ten children are precious and the sisters care for them very lovingly. It was a beautiful experience of poverty and simplicity, which was easily accepted as they had everything they needed! I was so grateful to help connect the two regions of our SOLT community and be present to one of the remotest places of the world.

By Sr. Mary Mediatrix Patterson, SOLT

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Sr. Mary Mediatrix enjoys a tribal celebration in Papua New Guinea.



Lifelong friendship! Sr. Margaret Mary shares wisdom and a smile with Sr. Mary Rachel, whom she's known since she was a baby.

On the cover

On January 20, 2024, three of our postulants entered the novitiate, receiving the habit of Our Lady's Sisters and the name of Mary. Sr. Mary Shwetha Benny, Sr. Mary Joan Lavallee and Sr. Mary Carina Schmid will live and serve at St. Anthony's Novitiate House in Robstown, TX as they prepare for their first profession of vows. Our whole community is delighted to accompany them during this next stage of formation in the consecrated life.



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The most recent picture of the new Motherhouse

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