



Sister Letty Regala Makes Perpetual Vows

Her grandchildren call her Lola, the Filipino term for Grandmother. A community member refers to her as a "fountain of youth and energy." Sister Leticia Regala, SDS, answers to many names, including Salvatorian Sister. This widow, mother of six, grandmother and nurse recently made Perpetual Vows after an initial formation process.

"I had read about second vocations for men as priests and discovered that women religious have also been experiencing this trend," Sister Letty explained. Her biological and Salvatorian families celebrated her vows during a Mass and reception. "My family can see how happy I am."

"Married life actually prepared me for religious life and community. As a wife and mother, I was asked to be generous, flexible, and open to growth and change. Within community, the same values are needed as we try to affirm and support one another," she said. She currently lives in community with three other Salvatorian Sisters at St. Pius X Parish in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. "We all share common Salvatorian values, but each of us ministers in a different way. I enjoy community life," she noted.

Sister Letty feels her call to religious life is a matter of Divine

Providence. She was attending Mass and saw a card posted on the board about the Salvatorians. "From the beginning, I felt comfortable. The Sisters are real people. They celebrate life fully. I was drawn by the simplicity of their mission, to make Jesus the Savior better known and loved. I was also touched by their universality, inclusiveness and openness to ministry choices. I have energy and want to be able to keep growing and giving."



Ethel M. Gintoft Will Receive 2005 Woman of Faith Award

The Sisters of the Divine Savior have named Ethel M. Gintoft as the 2005 Woman of Faith Award recipient. The award ceremony and reception for Ms. Gintoft will be held on Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m. at the Sisters' Community House Chapel, 4311 North 100th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Ethel is being honored as a respected journalist and leader in Catholic journalism and for her contribution to the Catholic Press. She is also an advocate for justice and peace," explained Sister Marion Etzel, SDS, Provincial Leader of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, also known as Salvatorian Sisters.

Ethel was a national leader in the Catholic Press. She was the first woman president of the Catholic Press Association and was awarded its highest honor, the St. Francis de Sales Award. As a young widow with two sons, she completed a Master's program at Marquette University. For thirty-five years, she was a writer, editor and associate

publisher for the *Catholic Herald*, a newspaper of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. She entered the profession during Vatican II, the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War.

"I wanted to be a journalist and serve the Church. The Catholic press apostolate was filled with great minds and people dedicated to the Church. I felt drawn to this ministry and was given opportunities to contribute and to serve in leadership," Ethel pointed out.

Ms. Gintoft is a member of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Milwaukee. She has served on the church's parish council, communications and long-range planning committees. Her sons, daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren live in the Milwaukee area. "A great day is being with my children and grandchildren. I cannot imagine anything more joyful than feeling the love and loving these people. For me, being together with my family is a glimpse into heaven," she said.

Maryangela Layman Roman, a colleague at the *Catholic Herald* said, "As an editor, Ethel set high standards for herself and for those around her. The walls in the *Catholic Herald* are covered with awards from the Catholic Press Association. She played a key role behind many of these awards. Her work was more than a job—it was her true vocation and mission in life," Layman Roman emphasized.

SAVE THE DATE
Woman of Faith
Honoring Ethel M. Gintoft
Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m.
There is no charge, but reservations are requested. Please call 414-466-7414.

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Gershwin may have written the beautiful music, "Summertime... and the livin' is easy..." "Easy summer living" is often defined as a blank appointment book and a trip taking me to some faraway vacation spot. However, as a Salvatorian Sister reflecting back upon this Summer 2005, it was anything but that! My calendar, and that of my fellow Salvatorian Sisters, was full of events both life-giving and very meaningful.

The Salvatorian National Assembly, held in Milwaukee from June 20-24, celebrated our identity within the Salvatorian Family of the United States and challenged us to envision a future in which we collaborate in ever emerging ways with other Salvatorian men and women: priests, brothers, and lay, both married and single.

On June 25, we celebrated the life and gifts of our Jubilarians, including ten Salvatorian Sisters who have served in a variety of ways throughout the world. Their life stories are inspiring and fascinating and these Sisters show us what can happen when one says, "Yes!"

We concluded our National Assembly week on Sunday, June 26, rejoicing over the final profession ceremony of Sister Leticia Regala: wife, mother, grandmother, and now a Sister of the Divine Savior. Her story, featured on the front page of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, reveals that God's call can come to us at any stage of life.

I hope that your Summer 2005 has been as enriching as ours has been!

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2005 Jubilarians

Glory to God Yes to the Savior's Call

The 2005 group of Salvatorian Sisters celebrating their Jubilees of religious profession represent 480 years of service to the Church. They continue to serve as volunteers, teachers, nurses and in human resources. Our Sisters celebrated at a special Mass and reception with family and friends. We congratulate these Sisters for their faithfulness to God and Church.



60th Jubilarian,
Sister Margaret Bosch

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50th Jubilarians:
from left, Sisters Mary Jo Witucki, De Paul Schafer, Denise Demulling, Joan Wagner, Alicia Orozco, and seated, Sister Margaret Hansknecht



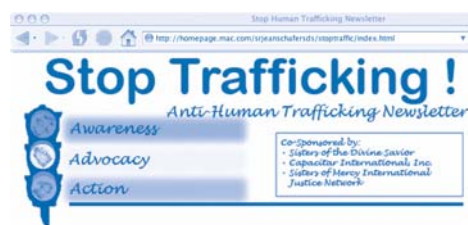
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40th Jubilarians and friends:
bottom photo, seated, center, Sister Carol Jean Zais, and seated, right, Sister Darlene Pienschke; bottom right photo, standing, Sister Carol Marie Haag



Tsunami Update

We have received over \$114,000 in donations for the people of Sri Lanka following the December 2004 tsunami tidal waves. Our Salvatorian Sisters are ministering to the people's immediate needs and are also able to undertake long-range projects. Land is being purchased and homes built for families. In addition, The Children of Joy Home is being expanded to shelter twenty additional children left homeless by the disaster.



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Our anti-trafficking commitment continues to engage us and challenge us to do what we can to assist humans caught in the tragedy of modern day slavery. As Salvatorian Sisters, we are proud of our efforts to raise consciousness and to join in local, national, and international efforts to rid the world of this terrible evil.