



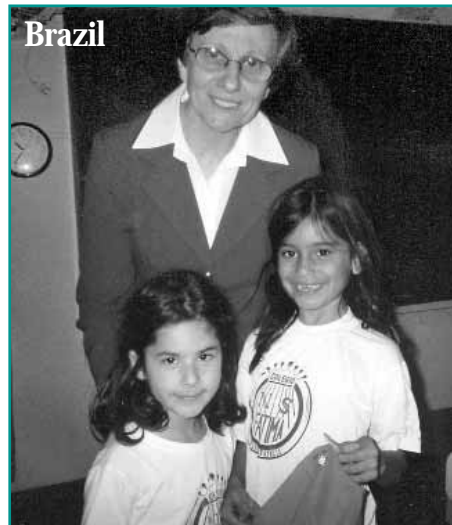
One Family...One World

As Sisters of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians), we aspire to be pioneers, ready to dream and respond to the needs of the Church. Our Founders, Father Francis Jordan and Mother Mary of the Apostles, envisioned collaborative ministries in which to share the Gospel message throughout the world.

Over 1,200 Salvatorian Sisters serve the Church in 28 countries on five continents— Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America. Our partnership with others continues to be a necessary part of our apostolic activities. As we respond to the needs of the Church, our ministries evolve with the times.

High on the list of our priorities for 2006 are two current international projects. Our Sisters in Brazil and Mozambique, though many miles apart, are united in spirit as they work toward improving the quality of life for the people in these areas. Our Brazilian Sisters founded the mission in Mozambique. While our efforts in Brazil have been more long-term, we continue to embrace opportunities to help those in need in both Portuguese-speaking countries.

In Brazil, the Sisters engage in various apostolic activities throughout the country, primarily serving those who



are victims of severe poverty. Near the southern city of Videira, they meet the education and religious needs of the people living in this area. For more than 60 years, we have served at Immaculate Conception School—the primary educational facility for children ages 4 to 17. Here, our Sisters enrich their lives spiritually and provide them with the tools they need to succeed in life. The school also runs an important educational and religious outreach program called Child Pastoral that benefits the children living in poor communities on the outskirts of Videira.

In addition, Immaculate Conception School often hosts community events that benefit the entire population of 45,000. Many of the activities at the school, including cultural workshops, events and displays for the children and community-wide meetings for adults, take place in the auditorium, which is the only space in town large enough to accommodate these activities. This auditorium contains a unique series of painted wall panels that depict the founding of Videira, thus providing an important visual record of the area's history.

After decades of use, the school building is now in dire need of repairs and renovations so that the Sisters can continue to meet the needs of the children and adults they serve. The area that requires the most immediate attention is the school's auditorium. Built in 1954, the auditorium has never been renovated or updated and sorely needs attention now in order to ensure that it is a safe, reliable and comfortable gathering place.

Our Sisters in Brazil and Mozambique, though many miles apart, are united in spirit as they work toward improving the quality of life for the people in these areas.

In Mozambique, our Sisters are raising money to build a chapel for the Christian community of Saint Clara in Chimoio, located in the western portion of the country near Zimbabwe. When this community was first formed several years ago, Christian formation, celebrations and prayers were held under a tree. Since then, the community has grown together in faith. In 2004, Sister Maria Pagliarini and two Salvatorian candidates worked



with the faithful to raise donations to purchase land for a chapel, and they worked to create the building's brick foundation. The next important task is the construction of the chapel itself.

These projects are only two examples of the many diverse ministries and work activities involving our Sisters. Support for both of these projects will enrich the lives of so many people. If you are interested in more information supporting the auditorium renovation in Brazil or the chapel construction in Mozambique, please contact our Development Office at 414-466-7414.

For more information on our apostolates and where we serve throughout the world, please visit our web site at

www.sistersofthedivinesavior.org



focus



Dear Friends,

The shedding of winter coats, the bursting of life in trees and the appearance of Divine Savior Holy Angels High School baseball players (and their opposing teams!) outside my window remind me in a vivid way that spring has arrived in Wisconsin. How I treasure these moments of renewed life!

As I read the stories about our Sisters in ministry, I am also reminded of life and all of the many ways in which it is renewed. The presence of Sister Pauline, leading her people as parish director, is but one example of this life. The ministry of Sister Jenada among her people shows how God leads all to renewed life. The chatty email conversations between me and other Salvatorian Women from remote parts of the world is a powerful sign that the Sisters, true to their gift to the Church and for the world, collaborate to build and renew life wherever we are, in all the ways in which the Spirit of God inspires.

How privileged I am, in partnership with you, as we join the mission of the Sisters in today's ever changing world, and to realize that a good God is the source of that life and that mission by which we are all renewed! May you enjoy a lively journey into spring!

Sister Marion Etzel, SDS

**Sister Marion Etzel, SDS
Provincial Leader**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, September 28, 2006

**Woman of Faith
SDS Community House, 7 p.m.**

SISTERS OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR

4311 North 100th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222-1393
414.466.7414 414.466.4335 (Fax)
Email: SDSDev@salvatoriansisters.org

Visit our province web site:
www.sistersofthedivinesavior.org

Ensuring a Legacy of Faith as a Team

...In Religious Formation

"We come to remember, to learn about Jesus, to share and to know that God thinks each of us is precious." This is how Sister Jenada Fanetti, SDS, began a retreat for children who will make their First Eucharist this spring. She wants the students in the religious education programs to have positive experiences as they deepen their faith. Throughout the year, she initiates liturgical prayer services for each age group and service experiences for everyone.

Sister is the Director of Religious Education for three parishes in Wisconsin's beautiful Kettle Moraine area: Holy Cross in Mount Calvary; St. Joseph in rural St. Cloud; and St. Cloud Parish in St. Cloud.

She is grateful to the pastor, Father Gerry Pehler, teachers, parents and grandparents who make faith formation a priority and a reality.

"I am responsible for teacher recruitment, training, parent orientations, enrichment sessions and coordinating the faith formation of 175 students embracing the years from First Eucharist to Confirmation at two different sites. All of my background contributes to what I bring to this ministry," she explained.

Sister Jenada was an elementary teacher in Catholic schools throughout Wisconsin and then Vocation Minister for the Congregation. Parents and teachers describe her as creative, enthusiastic, organized and prayerful. Mabel Wilkie, a faith formation teacher, loves what Sister Jenada has done for the program. "Sister Jenada has been a blessing to our parishes. We were without a DRE for years. Now there are wonderful opportunities for our children and greater rapport among the teachers. Each October, she organizes a living rosary for all the students and families. During Lent, we attended a student presentation at a nearby parish for the Stations of the Cross. These are special moments for all of us," Mabel said.

One mother at the First Eucharist retreat said, "These are wonderful moments as we see our faith lived in our children. Now I know how my parents felt. This is a great learning experience and also fun." A father said, "I learned today as well as my son. I am glad I could attend."

This Pentecost, Sister Jenada and the teachers are preparing the final prayer service of the school year. Once again the moments shared will be reverent and fun. In honor of the Holy Spirit they will be outside flying kites and appreciating the beauty that surrounds them.



Sister Jenada Fanetti, SDS,
pictured with CFC Teacher
Mary Kastning

...And Within the Parishes

Sister Pauline Feiner, SDS, is Parish Director for two Wisconsin parishes in the Green Bay Diocese. Within her first week, she met with the two parish councils and hosted a Confirmation. A full schedule and varied activities have continued at a quick pace in this beautiful area of winding roads, rolling hills and the Wolf river.

Over 300 families are members of St. Denis in Shiocton, and 130 families attend St. Patrick's in Stephenville. St. Patrick's is one of the older parishes in the diocese having been founded in 1898. The people take great pride in their parishes. Both villages are located on picturesque Highway 76. "It's a joy for me to be so close to nature," said Sister Pauline.

Serving as a parish director means being the community's spiritual leader and this includes all aspects of parish life, except sacramental ministry.

Sister Pauline coordinates the pastoral care, oversees the budgets, and attends parish council meetings. She visits the sick in their homes, area hospitals and residents in nursing homes. She prepares engaged couples for marriage, holds Baptism classes, plans funerals, welcomes new members, conducts weekly Word and Communion services and takes a leadership role in the weekend liturgies.

"I have good listening skills and try to be a compassionate presence to people during times of joy and sorrow," Sister Pauline emphasized. Some of Sister's challenges are to direct strategic planning for future parish needs and to facilitate collaboration as future priest personnel and available resources are considered.

"My position demonstrates the Church's way of providing pastoral leadership for parishes that do not have a resident priest," Sister said. With experience working in other parishes, as well as serving on the SDS Provincial Leadership Team, she brings insight and understanding to this ministry.

"All in all, I'm very happy to be serving in parish ministry at St. Denis and St. Patrick's," she said. "It is rewarding to be in a parish setting where our faith is shared, nurtured and celebrated."



Sister Pauline Feiner, SDS