

Thank you . . .

Thanks to everyone who has written to tell us what you are doing these days. Look for information and updates on www.ssnddallas.org. Click on WINDs.

Please note that some WINDs have chosen not to have their information on the web, so be sure to read the entire *Women in Notre Dame*.

Enclosed is a data form so you can share what you are doing. Please keep the news coming!

Miriam Trochesset Kindle

S. Miriam Therese, '49
Corsicana, TX

After writing six months ago, I am happy I was able to attend the February gathering of the Associates at the Provincial House. It was wonderful to see everyone! It was also my first trip to there since my heart attack two years ago.

Please continue to pray for me as well as for my son who continues to recover from an illness.

Linda Ross

S. Linda
Minnneapolis, MN

Hi to all! I have wanted to write, but these last three years I have had many ups and downs. I had cancer in a salivary gland by my right ear; I lost a job that I had for 15 years, and moved my dad from California to Florida.

I have lived in Minnesota for the last 18 years doing what I love: working with special folks with disabilities. I am cancer free, have a new job, and my dad at the age of 90 is doing great.

I really enjoy the updates in *Women in Notre Dame*. I still tell many stories about us, and remember all of you in my prayers and deep in my heart.

S. Sandra celebrates Perpetual Profession

On March 15, **S. Sandra Helton** (*Teacher, Lenore K. Hall Elementary School in Dallas, TX*) celebrated her Perpetual Profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, MS.

School Sisters of Notre Dame, family members, and friends witnessed Sister Sandra's "Yes" response to continue living God's call in her life through consecrated celibacy, gospel poverty and apostolic obedience.

Photos and the story of S. Sandra's profession are available on our website www.ssnddallas.org.



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WINDs Directory Corrections

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*May 9 - Feast of Blessed
Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger*

Peeking into the Pines

For the third year, 15 students and their moderator came from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, WI, to visit SMP during spring break when they came to work in McComb at the food pantry and St. Andrew Thrift Store. Additionally, they served meals to the poor and visited with people. During their visit, they met with a group of Sisters so that they could ask questions about our life.

Easter was a beautiful day inside and outside. We all ate dinner and supper in the big dining room. The day's celebration also included a party and an Easter egg hunt.

On April Fools Day, twelve of us attended the annual barbecue with the Duplessis/Ourso family in Ponchatoula, LA. The picnic is the families' way of showing their appreciation for what the School Sisters of Notre Dame have meant to them.

On April 4 a number of us went to the Evening in Lights in Magnolia. It has become a part of the annual azalea festival. There was a delicious pulled pork dinner, dancing, and visiting. The next day we attended a pig roast at the home of associate Sherry Champagne.

Our Vocation Awareness Committee headed by associate Ruby Gautney organized a Mass and meeting with the Teen Group at St. Alphonsus on April 20.

On Earth Day we enjoyed the earth with a picnic in Percy Quin Park.

On April 27 the Knights of Columbus in our area delighted us with bingo. Sir Knight Andy Spinnato and the other Knights created humor and entertainment along with the calling of numbers.



Ongoing Awareness

In 1858, Mother Theresa, and in the early 1980's, S. Mary Margaret Johanning planned to send sisters to Sudan but were prevented by a yellow fever outbreak and the civil war respectively.

S. Rosemary Howarth's invitation and the response by the Canadian and Atlantic Mid-West Councils are our third attempt to send SSNDs. **Sisters Cathy Arata**, Atlantic-Midwest Province, and **Barbara Paleczny**, Canadian Province, have answered the call to serve.

The International Union of Superiors General in Rome have formed a Board to develop the projects. This project is one concrete action to live our international SHALOM goal for 2006 – 2008: We will pray, educate and act to implement the Millennium Development Goals.

Twenty women and men religious from India, Nepal, Vietnam, New Zealand, Italy, Ireland, Mexico, USA and Canada, are forming teams to educate people to become teachers and health care workers in all eight dioceses of South Sudan. We will use a distance model of alternative education, at least with radio.

Since people now need and want to learn English – their new official language, replacing Arabic – we will start by teaching English.

WINDs on www.ssnddallas.org

Just a reminder that the latest WINDs newsflyer can be viewed on the ssnddallas website. The Username is *dallas* and the Password is *yellowrose*.

For security reasons, we ask that you **DO NOT** share the password information with anyone.

Women in Notre Dame is dedicated to Mother Georgianne Segner who worked to keep a connection with former Notre Dames.