



SOLT Sisters' SPOTLIGHT

Dear Friends,



As the seasons change, a passage comes to mind, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) The Lord has given us so much, including an abundance of students at our Montessori school and the beautiful witness of our fellow Christians in the Philippines. He has also taken our beloved Sister, Sr. Maria of Merciful Love, to be with Him in eternal life. He has indeed given and taken away. May each of us have the courage and strength to bless the name of the Lord.

Sr. Megan Mary, SOLT



GROWTH AT OUR LADY'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL



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Since I arrived at OLMS in 2018, our school has gone through some exciting developments. In 2019, OLMS expanded to include elementary aged children 6-9 years old. Last December, after much discernment, we decided to continue the expansion to include children 9-12 years old. It is truly a delight to walk with children and their families for six more years. The Lord has also blessed our little school with a swell of enrollment, beginning last fall with 43 children to this fall enrolling 64 children. Please pray for us as we continue to repurpose our space and carefully strategize how to accommodate our growing enrollment.

Sr. Laudem Gloriam professed her perpetual vows in 2018, and currently serves as the Executive Director of Our Lady's Montessori School in Kansas City.

SEEING GOD'S ABUNDANT GOODNESS

The goodness that God has implanted in each person's heart cannot be defeated even by this Covid virus. Truly there is no one who is rich who doesn't need something and there is no one who is poor that cannot give something. In our poor parish, we have a monthly community pantry where people are willing to give and share whatever they have with the people in need. Most of the time, an abundance of food comes. I was so touched by one of our parishioners, an 82-year-old grandma. She walked from her mountainous place (a thirty-minute walk) to come to the church in the early morning carrying a heavy jackfruit. She wanted to share it with the community pantry so we cut into pieces and gave to the people. People know that we are disciples of Christ when they see the love we have for one another.

Sr. Mary Agnes of the Triune God professed her perpetual vows in 2006. She currently serves at San Pedro Calungsod Parish in Dinapa, Philippines.

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SR. MARIA OF MERCIFUL LOVE, SOLT

July 2, 1986- August 7, 2021



One of my first encounters with Sr. Maria of Merciful Love was watching her do a “Wonder woman” jump into a pool. She lived the wonder of what God’s grace can do in a person’s life. “Everything is grace,” said St. Therese of Lisieux. Sr. Maria exemplified a heart transformed, animated, and compelled by grace.

Often she was known to sing, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,” while doing the dishes, eating a snack, preparing something for ministry, or wandering down the hall. This was her life- He was her life. Sr. Maria was born on July 2, 1986, in Kingsville, Texas to Antonio Medina and Deanna (Martinez) Guerra. From her entrance into this world, she was marked for a life set on Christ. She was baptized as a baby, made her first communion at the age of eight, and was confirmed as a teenager. Her faith was gifted to her by her parents at Baptism. This faith was nourished through “Mom Beve” (a parishioner) who never let her miss Sunday mass or youth group. Countless retreats as a young adult continued to form her in the faith and developed a deep love for the Lord. His love compelled her to respond to His call to consecrated life.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity are honored to have had her as a sister, friend, and joyful witness of consecrated life. She was no stranger to hardship, suffering, and hurt. It was her ability to generously lean into God’s grace during difficult moments that made her a shining example. She will be forever remembered as a sister who forgave much, served with joy, loved with all her heart, and trusted in Jesus’ loving embrace. Together let us give grateful praise for her life which she lived as a testament to grace.

Sr. Maryam Caritas, SOLT is currently the director of religious education at Christ the King Parish in Corpus Christi, TX and the coordinator for the SOLT Missionary Volunteer Program.



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SOLT sisters serve the needs of the people in the Philippines.



+Sr. Maria of Merciful Love, SOLT entered eternal life on August 7, 2021.

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SOLT Sisters of the American Region attend the perpetual vow ceremony for Sr. Mary Rachel, SOLT.



Sr. Mary Ignatius and Sr. Gianna Marie honor our Blessed Mother after professing first vows.



Young people share their joy at a youth group celebration in the Philippines.

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