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Dear Friends,



This edition of the SOLT Sisters' Spotlight calls to mind Jesus' words to be like "the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

On July 16th, I had the great joy of receiving the first vows of our three novices. In addition to professing the evangelical counsels, they received a new name, a crucifix and a mission assignment.

In November, Sr. Mary of the Redemption will celebrate her 95th birthday and 62nd anniversary of profession. She has gone from being in our very first group of novices in 1959 to now being our oldest living member.

We are so grateful to God for all our Sisters, the new and the old, for the first and the last. I hope you enjoy getting to know them a little bit! Please pray for them and know of our prayers for you and your intentions.

In Christ,
Sr. Megan Mary, SOLT

OUR FOUNDING SISTER



Sr. Mary of the Redemption, SOLT, hails from Lowell, Massachusetts where she met Fr. James Flanagan, founder of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). Sr. Mary of the Redemption was one of the first two Sisters to profess vows on November 21, 1960, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Holman, New Mexico.

Over the course of her professed life, she has served as director of novices, a professor at Avila College and Haile Selassie University, and as a nurse in New Mexico and in Ethiopia. She was instrumental in the foundation and administration of the SOLT Rebirth Drug Rehabilitation Center, Chombung, Thailand, where she served for 8 years. She also served two terms as General Sister Servant (1994-2000).

Currently she resides at our convent in Violet, Texas, where she lives a prayerful life of intercession and sacrifice. We are incredibly grateful for the gift of her life and vocation and her courageous "yes" to be a founding member of the SOLT Sisters. We wouldn't be here without her!



SR. MARIA GEMMA OF THE PRESENTATION BURNETT

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

First Assignment: St. Anthony's Parish and School, Robstown, TX

What is the origin of your name?

My name comes from the patronage of St. Gemma Galgani, a young Italian saint who loved Jesus very much, especially in her sufferings. She is the patron saint of back pain and spinal disorders, and her name means "little jewel." I desire to be a precious jewel like this to Jesus in my espousal to Him. As well, in the mystery of the Presentation, I have been awed by the joy, glory, and sorrow that are all present in one event. I have often seen these melded together in my life, and I hope to live as Our Lady did, from her Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart.



SR. MARIA FAUSTINA OF THE CHILD JESUS COLLART

Hometown: Covington, GA

First Assignment: Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, Belcourt, ND

How did you discern your vocation?

Eucharistic Adoration is the way Jesus won my heart. I knew that Jesus was my friend and in order to be a good friend to Him, I needed to spend time with Him. Gradually, as I grew in knowledge of His love for me, I realized that He desired me to be His spouse, and I said yes!



SR. MARYROSE OF THE RESURRECTION

Hometown: Toronto, OH

First Assignment: Most Holy Redeemer School, Detroit, MI

How did you discern your vocation?

I first perceived the call to consecrated life in the "starter-pot" of my loving family, surrounded by the Catholic community in which I grew up. The deeper the roots of my faith grew, the greater became my desire to respond. Providence led me to our SOLT mission in Belize where Our Lord gave me the grace to say fiat.



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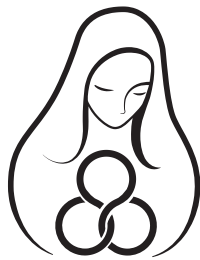
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Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech Thee through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, Ever Virgin, and all the Saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in union with the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.



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Sr. MaryRose, Sr. Faustina and Sr. Gemma pray in thanksgiving to Our Lady for her maternal care and intercession.



Sr. Mary of the Redemption, Sr. Maria Hostia, Sr. Margaret Mary, Sr. Mary of Our Divine Savior, and Sr. Maria Teresita at their convent in Violet, Texas.



Fr. Peter Marsalek presides during the Mass of First Profession in Corpus Christi.

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