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MESSAGE FROM MISSION ADVANCEMENT

...to everything there is a season

Dear Friends,

We are certainly experiencing the changes of seasons--in the liturgy, in nature, in various holidays and celebrations, in sports... We know that change is a non-negotiable of life. With that, I wish to share these words from Sr. Paulyne Tubick. She is shown in this photo carrying our congregational banner during the entrance procession at our Centennial Mass on August 31.



"Our God is good all the time." These words I have pondered and reflected upon, especially after my recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. I am very grateful for the life God has given me as I prepare for the eternal kingdom of heaven. I have been blessed with many opportunities to touch the lives of others through various ministries and I in turn have been blessed by the goodness, kindness and life lessons that others have showered upon me. I am reminded of the wise saying of Maya Angelou in which we all should structure our lives. "People will not remember you for what you said nor will people remember you for what you did, but they will remember you for how you made them feel." Please pray for me as I do each day for you.

Notes can be addressed to Sr. Paulyne here at Notre Dame Center, 1776 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

As Sisters of Notre Dame, we recognize that our journey of faith is guided by God's goodness and provident care. We also acknowledge that that journey is fragile and sometimes, uncertain. Be

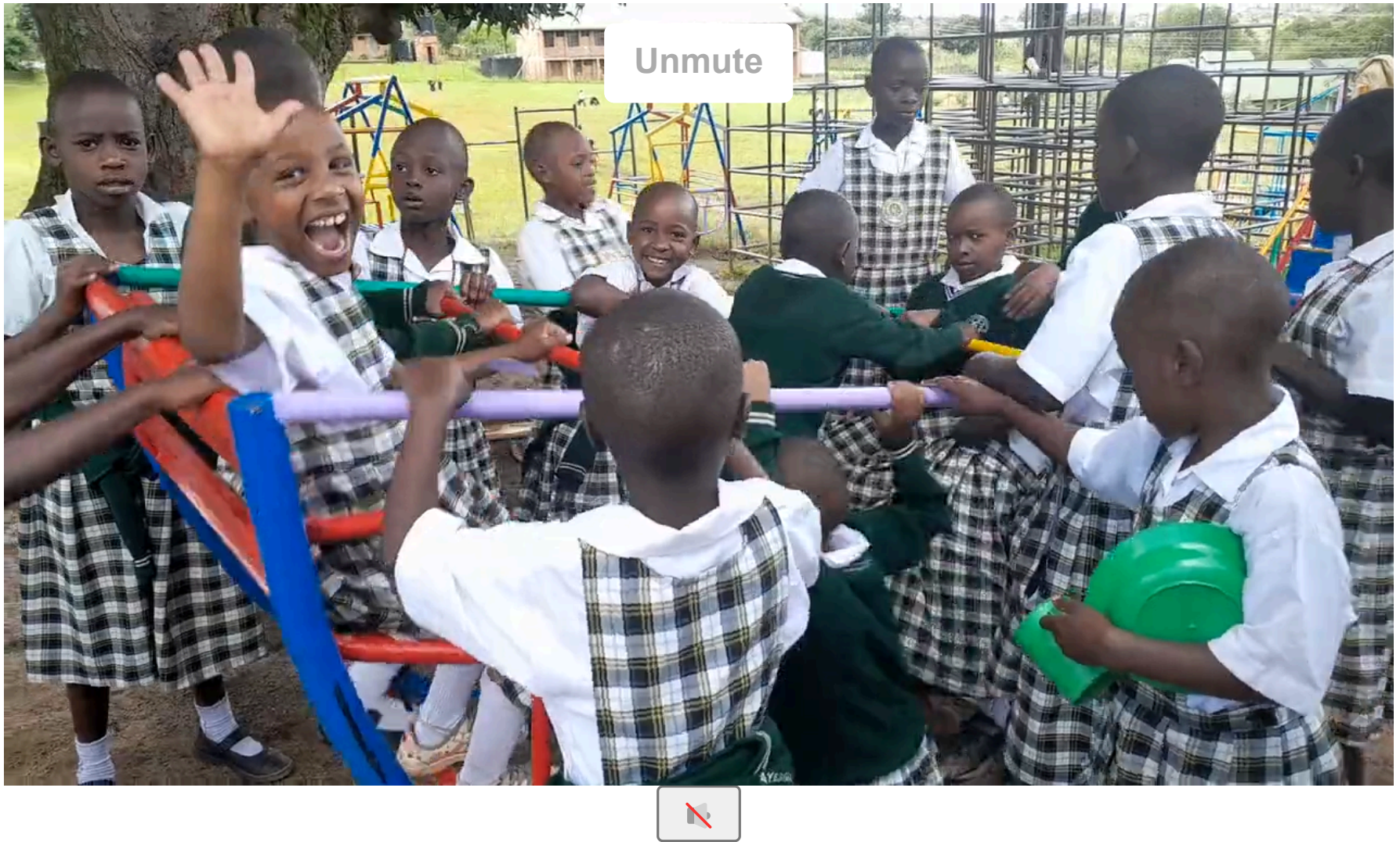
assured that we pray for you each day, wherever your journey of faith takes you. And thank you for being part of our great story...

Gratefully,

Sr. Lisa Megaffin, S.N.D.

Director of Mission Advancement Services

FROM THE CALIFORNIA GRAPEVINE



St. Julie's students benefit from upgrades

Through the generosity of the Hilton Fund for Sisters, St. Julie Model Primary Boarding School in Busseesa, Uganda, recently acquired outdoor play materials and textbooks for the students. Celebrating its 25th year in 2023, the school has grown from one class of 36 third graders to seven grades and 360 students, ages 6 through 14. The original playground equipment, more than 20 years old, only accommodated 20 children per recreation time. The new equipment encourages teamwork, physical fitness and imaginative play.

Many of the textbooks were outdated and worn, needing to be replaced to meet Uganda's current academic standards. With these funds, 1,640 books in 29 subject areas, primarily math, literature, English grammar, science and geography, were purchased.

The Sisters of Notre Dame, faculty and students at St. Julie's offer heartfelt gratitude to the Hilton Fund for Sisters and the many donors whose generosity makes St. Julie's possible. Ongoing donations are deeply appreciated to the East Africa/Uganda Fund. Please feel the grateful hugs of the students!

Care for Creation Corner ~ at Our Lady of Peace School

On Saturday, October 19, Our Lady of Peace School hosted an "Ecology Party" involving the North Hills area of Los Angeles. Sr. Judeen Julier and Sr. Louise Hlavac report on this service project,



organized by the Los Angeles City Office of Community Beautification.

"Imelda Padilla, Los Angeles City Councilwoman of District 6, kicked it off at 9:00 a.m. Teams of students and parents were provided with bags, gloves, and tools for picking up any litter in the neighborhoods. Recyclables were bagged separately. It was amazing to see the amount of litter collected! Everyone then enjoyed free donuts, coffee and drinks provided by Coca Cola. Participants could get a free rain barrel to save water for gardens, free trees to plant to help green the city, free succulent plants in pots and much more. We were proud to see our school families with such

energy and enthusiasm in the care of creation."

Sr. Louise is shown with several students and their "care-of-creation crafts."

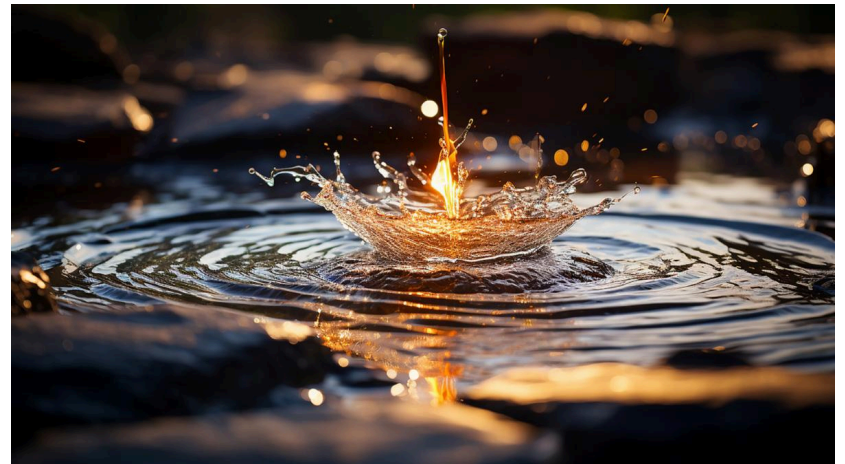
CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

...living with one heart, one hope, one mission

Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.
Notre Dame Center, Thousand Oaks

All Souls' Day Mass

Please join the Sisters of Notre Dame for this Mass for our deceased loved ones. A Reception and Heritage Hallway Tour will follow. Kindly RSVP with name and number attending to info@sndusa.org

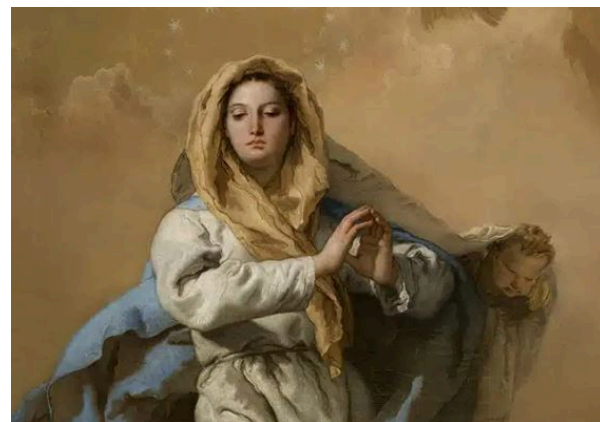


*Like a stone's ripples when it is tossed into a pond,
our legacy endures from one generation to the next.
Only from heaven will we see the ripple effect,
the full impact of the love we have brought into the world.*

Tuesday, Nov. 5 - 24 hour prayer vigil
Any location

2024 Election Day Prayer Vigil

You are invited to join the SNDs, our Associates and friends in a 24-hour prayer vigil for blessings of peace on the November 5 election. A sign-up is a commitment for a one-hour, personal prayer vigil in any location. We offer these prayers through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.



[Click here for further information and to sign-up.](#) Thanks to those who have already registered and please feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested.

Monday, Nov. 18, 1:00 p.m.

South Central LAMP

892 E. 48th St.

Los Angeles 90011

Food Drive Sorting

Join other volunteers at [South Central Lamp](#) to sort donated food for the program families. LAMP'S mission is to provide programs that empower women and their families to reach their full potential in a supportive, nurturing environment through education, building self-esteem and strengthening community relationships. For donation information, email [Nicole Burcham](#), Development Director.



[Follow this link](#) for more information about the food driving sorting and to volunteer.

Saturday, Dec. 7 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. repeated on

Sunday, Dec. 8 - 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Center, Thousand Oaks

Advent Retreat ~ Seasons of Surrender

Those who wish to experience the spirituality of the Sisters of Notre Dame and our Associates are invited to this half-day retreat. Participants will reflect on spiritual surrender as seen in the seasons of Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany.

[Follow this link](#) for complete information. Please note that the RSVP deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 4. And feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested.



*Mary, grant me the simple faith to believe
that all that happens to me is truly for the best.*

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