

Griego: Empty land in Westwood grows into public garden

By Tina Griego

Jan Marie Belle, being a Woman Who Gets Things Done, had plans for the land east of her office. The lots formed a runway of grass and weeds, half a block from the Westwood Community Center and the SouthWest Improvement Council.

Belle helped start SWIC 23 years ago and has been heading it ever since. In that time, a lot of people have come and gone in Westwood. They move on to better situations or fall into worse ones. They get tired of the neighborhood's population churn, a form of impermanence that makes Westwood easy to overlook and hard to improve. Belle stays. She has never understood quitting a job not yet done.

SWIC wanted to build affordable housing on the land. Six houses. It was a matter of assembling adjoining parcels. Such things take time. In this case, too much time. The economy curdled. Foreclosures pockmarked the neighborhood. Unemployment in southwest Denver neighborhoods outstrips surrounding areas.

"We had this land sitting there, ready to go," Belle says, "but the neighborhood changed. The climate changed. People's needs changed. They don't need new houses. They need jobs to hold on to the houses they're renting. They need help hanging on to the houses they do have. They need food. . . . We're giving out 150 to 200 food boxes every Friday. Two years ago, we were giving 25 boxes every other week."

One day, several months

ago, SWIC deputy director Ron Cardenas was at the grocery store. He overheard someone in line behind him talking about finding a community group interested in fighting hunger by planting gardens on unused land.

This, my friends, is what is called serendipity.

There's a woman, another who gets things done, named Taja Sevelle. She lives in Detroit, and she saw foreclosures creeping across her city, leaving behind boarded-up homes and vacant lots. In that abandonment, Sevelle saw opportunity. She would turn the neglected land into community farms, give the food away and end hunger.

Don't you think that's a little lofty? Sevelle remembers her father asking her. "Bless you, Dad," she replied. "But I'm not going to tone it down."

Sevelle founded the nonprofit Urban Farming, and what started in 2005 with three plots has grown to more than 1,000, most of them in Detroit. This year, Urban Farming partnered with Triscuit to build 50 more gardens in 20 cities. Urban Farming and Triscuit provide the prepared plots and the starter veggies and herbs. SWIC and neighborhood volunteers provide the care.

At Wednesday's groundbreaking, Sevelle tells volunteers that during World War II, Americans planted about 20 million Victory Garden plots. That bounty made up 40 percent of the county's produce supply, she says, and "if they could do it, we can do it."

Urban Farming plots are a

standard 20x20 feet, so that from the air, the SWIC garden might look like postage stamps on a business envelope. But, Sevelle says, this small plot can produce 500 pounds of mixed vegetables in three months. On Wednesday, volunteers planted tomato, basil, sweet peppers, bush beans, lettuce, collard greens, broccoli, beets, carrots, cabbage and summer squash. For the time being, the irrigation system will consist of volunteers pushing grocery carts filled with water buckets from SWIC.

The garden will be accessible to all and its produce free for the taking. What's left, Belle says, will go into SWIC's weekly food boxes. Already, she is envisioning other gardens on the land. A co-op maybe, a house and a farm, with chickens and goats.

"I look at this as a patchwork quilt," she said. "We want it to grow."

Sustenance comes in many forms. It feeds the flesh and the spirit. And so a little garden is created in the hope that its tomatoes and sweet peppers will feed the hungry, but also that a neighborhood will be still long enough for its residents to meet over these furrows in the earth and share the fragrance of damp soil and basil and ripe tomatoes, ready to be diced along with some green chiles and garlic. Gardens inhabit the senses, and the last tug when the ground gives up its carrots is as sweet a moment as any.

Beth Ryan, SWIC's program director, says this public garden is, in a fashion, a return to the neighborhood's earliest days, before it could probably

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be called a neighborhood. Before it was consumed by Denver it was grassland and truck farms and Depression refugees who, as I once read in a old newspaper account, sought "home and independence and hope."

There is something

pleasing about this connection to a neighborhood's past life and the ethic that governed it then and still does today. "It's like a circle completed," Ryan says.

So, SWIC has decided to name the farm in recognition of that past. They're going back to

the old name for Westwood, an ideal name for what's just begun on a long, empty lot in the city: Garden Home.

Jan Belle is a Co-member of Loretto

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Serra Club to honor Father Lally, Sister Panisko

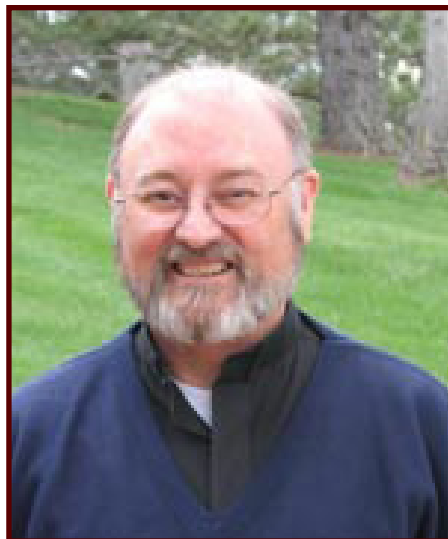
This year's honorees for the annual Serra Salute for Vocations will be a parish pastor and a former school principal.

The popular annual Serra Salute is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Pinehurst Country Club in Denver. Honorees will be Father Martin Lally, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Aurora, and Sister Jean Panisko, S.C.L., former principal of Annunciation School in Denver.

Father Patrick Dolan, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish in Denver, will be the master of ceremonies. The evening will include a reception followed by dinner and program.

The event benefits the Serra Trust Fund for Vocations, which aids men in priesthood formation at the Denver Archdiocese's two seminaries—St. John Vianney Theological Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary—along with women in formation for religious life, via grants for medical and dental work, emergency airline fares, books and priestly clothing. Serra International is recognized by the Holy See as the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church.

Father Lally is a native of Denver. He likes to say he grew up "in a small town in the middle of a big city," to describe his childhood experience of being surrounded by family. He credits his family with helping him to understand



the Church—the community of the children of God—as a family.

Ordained for the Archdiocese of Denver in 1978, Father Lally served as assistant pastor at the Denver parishes of Presentation of Our Lady and later at St. Catherine of Siena. Pastoral duties have taken him to the parishes of Cure d'Arms in Denver, Holy Cross in Thornton, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Northglenn and since 2001, Queen of Peace in Aurora.

For nearly three decades, Sister Jean Panisko, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, Kan., oversaw Annunciation School as principal. Under her leadership, the inner-city school provided quality Catholic education to high risk students at an affordable price through philanthropic support. When she left this spring, she told the *Denver Catholic Register* that she

would miss the students greatly but was also looking forward to her new role as treasurer for her order.

"It's bittersweet," she said. "But I am excited about the new and different challenge."

A native of Butte, Mont., Sister Panisko began her career in education teaching third graders in Chicago, Ill. She moved to Grand Junction, Colo., in 1974 where she taught first grade. In 1981 she moved to Denver to take over as Annunciation principal. She assumed her new position with her order in Leavenworth last month.

The Pinehurst Country Club is located at 6255 W. Quincy Ave. Reception begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 per person. Table sponsorships are available for \$1,200 for a table of 10. Reservation deadline is Sept. 15. Call 303-671-3012 for more information.

SERRA SALUTE FOR VOCATIONS

Marty Lally is a Co-member of Loretto

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Who Speaks for Catholics?

By Jeannine Gramick

On February 5, 2010, Cardinal Francis George, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, denounced New Ways Ministry, a national ministry of justice and reconciliation between lesbian/gay people and the Catholic Church, for its "lack of adherence to Church teaching on the morality of homosexual acts" and stated that new Ways Ministry "cannot speak on behalf of the Catholic faithful in the United States."

Cardinal George's criticism highlights, I believe, two crucial points. Who speaks on behalf of the Catholic faithful in the United States? And, are homosexual acts moral?

All baptized Catholics make up the "Catholic faithful." Cardinal George is right when he says that New Ways Ministry cannot speak on behalf of the Catholic faithful in the United States." But neither can the US bishops speak on behalf of the Catholic faithful. And Catholic theologians cannot speak on behalf of the Catholic faithful. Only the Catholic faithful can speak on behalf of themselves.

A recent poll of U.S. Catholics showed that 58% of Catholics believed that "homosexuality" should be accepted by society. On the specific issue of lesbian/gay marriage, 43% of Catholics responded favorably. When the survey question was narrowed to respondents between 18 to 29 years of age, 60% of Catholics supported marriage equality. When the question was broadened to ask about benefits and protections associated with marriage, such as hospital visitation, health insurance, and pension coverage, support among Catholics jumped to over

two-thirds.

We often hear it said that "the church is not a democracy," so "opinion polls don't matter." If the Church is not a democracy, this is because of human engineering, not divine design. The early Christian community democratically debated issues such as circumcision and the Jewish dietary laws. Historically, religious communities have elected their leaders, and by recommending that diocesan pastoral councils and parish councils be established, the Second Vatican Council was setting a more democratic agenda for the Church.

If we truly believe that God's Spirit speaks through the Church, i.e., the community, then the whole community needs to hear what the Spirit is saying to individuals within the community.

Theologians need to take the community's experiential data, reflect on it, explain the belief residing in it, and show how this belief is, or is not, a development of the Christian tradition. When a sufficient consensus emerges around a particular opinion, Church leaders need to teach or articulate this conviction as the faith of the People of God. For most issues, not just those regarding sexuality, this data gathering, reflection, elucidation, articulation and teaching of belief takes centuries.

The second question, "Are homosexual acts moral?" does not admit of a simple "yes" or "no" answer. The Christian community has been engaged in an intense debate on this question for the last half century, with divergent views among the Catholic faithful, the theologians, and the bishops. In August 2009, the Pew Research Center reported that only 39% of

Catholics said that homosexual behavior was morally wrong. That compares with 61% who responded that homosexual behavior was "not a moral issue," "Morally acceptable," or "OK." Most Catholic moral theologians now hold that, in the context of a loving, committed relationship, homosexual activity can be morally good. While the views of the Catholic faithful and theologians have shifted over time, the Catholic hierarchy continues to maintain that homosexual activity is always morally wrong because it is not open to procreation.

Somebody needs to tell Cardinal George that he is obviously not speaking for the Catholic faithful or Catholic moral theologians. Perhaps he knows this and, like other bishops, imagines that constant repetition compels belief. I, for one, prefer the more honest approach of New Ways Ministry, which continues to educate the public about homosexuality. I am pleased that Francis DeBernardo, the Executive Director of New Ways Ministry, responded to Cardinal George's censure by saying, "For almost 33 years New Ways Ministry has been sustained spiritually by the prayers of millions of Catholics, and we owe it to these supporters to continue the work to which God has called us."

Jeannine Gramick is a Sister of Loretto

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Pakistan relief: Catholics dig into wallets to help flooding victims

by [María Cortés González](#)

High-school students at Loretto Academy recently learned about the devastation in Pakistan due to tremendous flooding.

But it wasn't part of the lesson plans. Nasreen Daniel, one of four Sisters of Loretto who were in El Paso briefly, sent an e-mail about the flooding that has destroyed villages.

"More than 150 villages have been inundated, besides damaging hundreds of houses due to flood water. Standing crops on a thousand acres of land have been washed out while scores of cattle have drowned in flood river. ... Flood relief camps had been set up by the Catholic Church in flood-hit areas to provide relief to the flood victims," she wrote.

From mid-July to the end of August, 20 million people in Pakistan had been affected by the worst flooding in that nation's history, according to a cbsnews.com report. Relief work has been done in the worst affected areas of Chak Jhumra, Khushpur, Jhang, Moza Piple and Okara.

Inspired to help the sisters in their mission efforts, Loretto Academy juniors collected donations during a recent Friday worship service for the relief work. Students also plan to have a fun run as a fundraiser in the near future.

Sister Buffy Boesen, president of Loretto Academy, said the sisters in Pakistan, who are originally from there, are currently the only sisters in a foreign country.

"We keep in close contact with them through Skype when they have electricity," she said. "Some of them were in El Paso as part of their formation - a week or three or four months - and they got to know the page 12

community."

She added, "Under five percent of the people of Pakistan are Christian. Having women religious there is very important. It is one of the more complex places of the world because of religion."

The sisters are in Faisalabad, the third-largest city in Pakistan. Before the flooding, they were involved in volunteering in elementary schools, teaching and doing pastoral work.

Daniel also was coordinating the work of the Pakistan Catholic Women's Organization for the Faisalabad Diocese, under the leadership of Bishop Joseph Coutts.

Another sister teaches poor people about solar energy building.

In a telephone interview and subsequent e-mail, Daniel said it was difficult to see the devastation firsthand. Hundreds of people have lost their homes. "Many poor people in the villages, and also in the city slum areas, build simple houses with roofs made of light wooden beams covered with reed mats and spread over with mud plaster. Such simple houses can withstand normal occasional rain and wind and are fairly sturdy," she wrote.

"But these houses could not withstand the heavy and incessant rains this year. Hundreds of roofs have caved in, and many houses have collapsed completely," she added.

The sisters have opened their convent to some refugees whose homes have been destroyed.

"The greatest need is rebuilding the houses. And a lot of disease has erupted," she said.

Daniel said the devastation is comparable to the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004, but media coverage has not been as widespread.

"Having to see people dying of starvation and so sick they have no energy to move flies from their faces" is devastating, she said.

Daniel said the diocese is collecting money to help take care of the sick, supply food and clothes, and build at least some rooms for people to sleep in.

Loretto seniors Catherine Bernal, 17, Mimi DuVernois, 18, and

Andrea Liano, are part of the liturgy, eucharist and prayer group that helped collect the donations during the Mass. "We want to raise as much as we can for the sisters," Bernal said.

Liano said the girls also were writing prayers on the collection envelopes to be sent to Pakistan.

Sister Liz Deines, a high-school teacher, said the service project is a chance to show the students that their community extends beyond the walls of the school.

In a recent e-mail to the Loretto community, Coutts wrote that "the help offered by you is precious and very much appreciated. We will ensure that whatever you send us will be utilized directly for the affected people. This will be a beautiful flood of another kind - of love, of generosity, of solidarity - that will bring relief, hope, and healing to many people who badly need it."

How to help

- Checks, made out to the Sisters of Loretto and earmarked for Pakistan Flood Relief, may be sent to the Loretto Development Office, 4000 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO 80123.
- The money will be transferred to the bishop to use in his diocese's outreach to the suffering people.
- Estimates of needs: Home repair costs: \$290-\$300; each food bag, \$50-\$55; each tent, \$65-\$70; and each medical camp, \$700-\$750.
- All contributions for the Pakistan Flood Relief are tax-deductible, and will be acknowledged by the Development Office at the order's national office in Denver.

Loretto Academy senior Kathleen Zuniga passed around an offering... (Rudy Gutierrez/El Paso Times)



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Webster University student, faculty, alumni and friends gathered for Steppin' with Stroble on Sunday, September 19, 2010. Although rain put a damper on plans to walk the full route, President Elizabeth (Beth) J. Stroble, with Sisters Annie Stephens and Barbara Ann Barbato led the group through a shortened trail around campus — the walk was followed by gathering to enjoy caramel apples, apple brownies and tons of great giveaways!

It's a Wonderful Life: Nun holds fast to her writing dream

Ana Pacheco

When Patricia Jean Manion was 21, she made the decision to become a nun knowing that her life would change drastically. She had one pressing thought: "I remember thinking that I was giving up my dream of being a journalist," she said.

Celestial blessings must have been in order when, on Dec. 8, 1946, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, Patricia Jean "P.J." Manion became a novice to the Sisters of Loretto and began her writing career.

As the 85-year-old said, "Sister Dafrosa, the mistress of novices, sent me and another novice to the archives at the convent to find information on the history of the Loretto nuns. Then at the end of my second year, I was told that I would be leaving for El Paso to teach second grade at St. Joseph's Parochial School. I had compiled so much research I wondered what I should do with it, and I was told by

Mother Superior Edwarda to take it with me and that I would find time to work on a book."

When Manion arrived in El Paso, she began work on her first book, *Only One Heart: The Life Mother Praxedes Carty*. According to Manion, the book took 13 years to complete while she worked as a teacher of literature and writing in Santa Fe, Denver and Sterling, Ill. During school vacations, she worked on her book, published in 1962.

Sixty-four years later, she is still a nun and the author of three books and a contributing writer on two others.

Her second book, *Beyond the Adobe Wall: The Sisters of Loretto in New Mexico 1852-1894*, published in 2002, depicts the story of five nuns on the journey along the Santa Fe Trail from Kentucky to found Loretto Academy.

The book brought her to Santa Fe, but she was no stranger

to town; she taught at Loretto in the early '50s and lived here on two occasions.

"The first time I saw Santa Fe was out of the bus window on Water Street on my way to my first mission in El Paso. I remember looking out and saying to myself, 'I hope I get to live here one day,'" she said.

Manion traveled to China to work on her third book, *Venture into the Unknown, Loretto in China 1923-1998*, published in 2006. "The book was comprised of information contained in the 700 letters that the sisters wrote back to the Motherhouse regarding their experiences in China. The letters were wonderfully written covering everything from the big floods to the time when Mao Zedong came into power and expelled the nuns from China.

Manion spearheaded the book *Naming Our Truth, Loretto*

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Sister P.J. Manion stands in front of the first New Mexico State Women's Historical Marker initiative dedicated to the Sisters of Loretto.

Feminists and Peace Activists, published in 1996. It includes chapters by Loretto nuns on

topics ranging from the women's movement to the Vietnam War.

Today Manion lives in Nerinx, Ky., at the Loretto Motherhouse and travels to Santa Fe and other parts of the country as she works with members of the Loretto community on a book tentatively titled *A Century of Change*.

That book describes the second hundred years of the Loretto order from 1912 to 2012 and will be published in 2012. The Sisters of Loretto hope to have a celebration in Santa Fe to honor the order's 200-year history in America.

Manion was born in St. Louis in 1925 and was educated by the Sisters of Loretto from grade school through her years at Webster College. Her desire to write goes back to childhood. "I would sit on the stoop in front of my house with my friends, and my mother would come out and tell me to go run around and play and I would say,

'But Mom, I'm telling a story.'"

She attributes her success to high school and college teachers who encouraged her to pursue writing. "I just hope that during the years that I taught that I was able to encourage my students to follow their dreams," she said.

The Sisters for Loretto laid Manion's path. "Sixty-four years ago, I decided to become a nun and in the back of my mind I thought that I would just 'try it out,' but I soon found that it was just perfect for me."

Ana Pacheco's weekly tribute to our community elders appears every Sunday. She can be reached at 474-2800.

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Service with a smile

HOUSTON — On June 30, Gretta Collins retired from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston after nearly 15 years of service. Collins served as administrative assistant in the Construction Department, supporting the administrative tasks for the planning, design and construction projects for parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. Co-workers joins Collins for cake and to offer wishes as she began her retirement in Houston.

Gretta is a Co-member of Loretto.

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New website marks bishop's anniversary Faisalabad diocese's newly launched home page

By Saraphine John, Faisalabad

Bishop Joseph Coutts of Faisalabad has launched his diocese's official page 14

website to coincide with his 22nd episcopal anniversary.

The site carries all the latest parish

news and events, as well as a section on the diocese's 50th anniversary, which is also being celebrated this year. *continued on page 15*

The Sisters of Loretto maintain the website.

Bishop Coutts launched the site at the end of a Mass on Sept. 16 held at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul.

"This is our gift to the diocese. It will help the world know our stories," Sister Nasreen Daniel, superior of the Sisters of Loretto, said in her address.

She told ucanews.com that it took them about two months to compile all the data.

"We dedicated one room in our convent for this project. Six years of computer studies in the US helped us get things done very quickly," she said.

Joshaib Ilyas, the website designer, helped the nuns compile the data on the more than 20 parishes in the diocese's three districts.

"The initiative was done out of pure love for our community ... Most of the priests knew little about the history of their local churches," he said.



Faisalabad diocese's newly launched home page

"The information was largely collected from elderly clergy," said Ilyas, who has a master's in Information Technology.

Bishop Coutts says an online presence will help bring about interfaith peace and harmony.

"The Church is providing relief to flood victims and most of them are Muslims. Now we have a channel to share news with those who are keen to know our situation and are willing to help," said the bishop who is Caritas Pakistan's national director.

The website is getting more than 500 visits each day,

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In Kansas City, visually impaired artist makes a splash with her tactile, colorful paintings and collages

It's First Friday at the Crossroads Coffeehouse, and well-wishers are coming and going from the table where Tina Blatter is holding court.

"Hi-i-i-i!" she says with unflinching cheer to every person who walks up, touches her on the shoulder and identifies himself or herself. "I'm so glad you came!"

Her canvases hang on the coffee shop's west wall. Most of them are fluid, abstracted landscapes of the Southwest United States that Blatter has re-imagined in salmon, blue, purple and fuchsia. The paint is piled high and brought into further relief with plaster, string, pebbles, foam — objects she discovered over the years and incorporated into her art.

In promotional materials Blatter describes herself as a "self-taught, legally blind artist." Twenty

years ago, she made a commitment to her art, with tactile creations her stock-in-trade.

Throughout the night, several of her friends, blind as well as sighted, approach the wall and run their hands over the surface of her paintings.

"When I was in Colorado, I had a vision," she says. "Everything you see says, 'Please Do Not Touch.' So I told people, 'Please touch!'"

At the age of 17, well-meaning people gave Blatter some practical, sensible — and fateful — advice. Forget about art school. You're not really college material anyway. Teaching? I don't think so. Have you considered a position in the fast-growing social services field?

One of her larger works is in three pieces. It's a triptych, she explains to an inquiring friend.

"I see the world in sections,

so that's why they're in sections," she says. "I put the canvases together at first. I use acrylic paint, and I put that on heavy. Then I separate them while they're wet, or else they stick together. Then I apply light spackling compound with paint mixed in, to give texture."

Ten years ago, the Kansas City-based nonprofit Accessible Arts invited her to move here and become its program director.

She said yes. The decision changed her life.

"Really, the blindness is the least of her worries," says Pat Milburn, one of her closest confidants.

Milburn had never been around a visually impaired person until she volunteered to read to Blatter 10 years ago. She has been with her through some of the worst times. *continued on page 16*

“There were years, not just days or weeks or months, that I thought she would never be able to hold a brush again,” Milburn says. “But she was determined never to give up her art.”

“It would have been so easy to give up,” says Christine Klasinski, a friend who is also visually impaired. “But Tina knows she’s an artist. She gets so excited when people appreciate her art. I’m not sure all artists are that way. It’s funny, but on a certain level I don’t



Tina is a Co-member of Loretto

see her as visually impaired. I see her as doing what she really wants to do.”

For the complete article go to <http://media-dis-n-dat.blogspot.com/2010/08/in-kansas-city-visually-impaired-artist.html>

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Ghanaian Catholics commended

Rev. Sr. Pauline Albin, SL, has stated that Ghanaian Catholics are deeply devoted to the Church as they try to live the Word of God but said that more effort’s should be made “to draw people’s attention to Jesus and the love of God.”

Sr. Albin, who is in-charge of the St. Joseph Retreat Centre at Sunyani, was speaking in an interview with *The Catholic Standard* at the Centre recently.

Sr. Albin arrived in Ghana in 1993 for a three-month visit, but she later decided to stay and work in the country “with the aim of sharing the love of Jesus with Ghanaians, And to do God’s work.”

She said her journey to Africa was a culmination of a long-held dream, for as a child in her native Nebraska in the United States, “we organised programmes to help poor children in the continent and had since then developed interest in coming to Africa.”

Asked about her expectations about Ghana before arriving here, she said “it was not quite as primitive or difficult as I had thought it would be, and I have been here to share the love

of Jesus with Ghanaians.”

Sr. Albin noted that being a teacher by profession, she taught at Our Lady of Providence Girls Senior High School at Kwasibuokrom, founded by the Sisters of Divine Providence of Kentucky, US.

She then served as the Secretary to the Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Liturgical Commission and Vice Chairperson of the National Catechetical Commission.

Asked about Ghana’s Educational System as a Teacher, Sr. Albin emphasised that the major responsibility of educating Ghanaian children lies with the families and the Church.

The 77-year-old Nun said “I was raised by two Saints, my mother and my father. I always said Daddy showed the loving compassion of God, while mother shared the justice, majesty and discipline of God. Sr. Albin joined the Sisters of Loretto in 1951.

On what advice she had for young Ghanaians to take up Religious Vocations, Sr. Albin said they should develop a deep desire for prayers and good

relations with Christ, and with these, they would be able to listen to the voice of Christ.

She said if a person prays alone, he is a friend of Jesus, but if he prays with a community, he becomes a disciple.

Sr. Albin, who is the eighth of 12 children, was educated by the Notre Dame Sisters at Brainard and at the Assumption High School at Dwight.

In the School, she said, she did things for Missions in Africa “and I said I would always love to go there.”

Sr. Albin who has been in Ghana for 17 years, leaves for the US later this month.



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