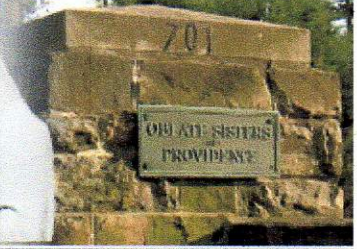




# The Lange Letter



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## Archbishop Leads Service of Re-dedication

By Sister Virginie Fish, OSP

The day was overcast; in fact earlier there had been a downpour. Still they came--tentatively, confidently, singly and in groups--determined to give public witness of their continued commitment to hope and pray and work to see Mother Mary Lange proclaimed a saint.

Escorted through a Knights of Columbus honor guard to the hymn "We've come this Far by Faith," were the Oblate Sisters of Providence and members of the Ladies of St. Peter Claver. Following, were Guild and Oblate leadership, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Vice Postulator Fr. John Bowen, S.S. and Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore. Music for the occasion was provided by Catherine Thomas and St. Bernardine Choir Plus One.

Archbishop O'Brien's message was one of hope, encouragement and support. Members of the Board, Chapters and Volunteers took turns responding to the Archbishop's invitation to renew their commitment to promote the canonization of Mother Mary Lange. Each Chapter representative gave a brief account of their group's annual involvement in promoting the cause of Mother Lange. According to custom, each presented the Guild Board with a token of monetary assistance. Charter member Lenwood Johnson was the recipient of the Board's service award. Fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed by all following the chapel service.

## "What About the Children?"

By Marie P. Washington

Long before the words of this song were put to music, Mother Mary Lange heard and answered God's call; she cared for children. She cared for as many as she and her friend Marie Balas were able to provide.

Lord, we thank you for the gift that keeps on giving. The number of children to care for continues to grow. Thanks to the (spiritual) daughters of Mother Mary Lange, the Oblate Sisters of Providence--our Oblate Sisters, children continue to receive care.

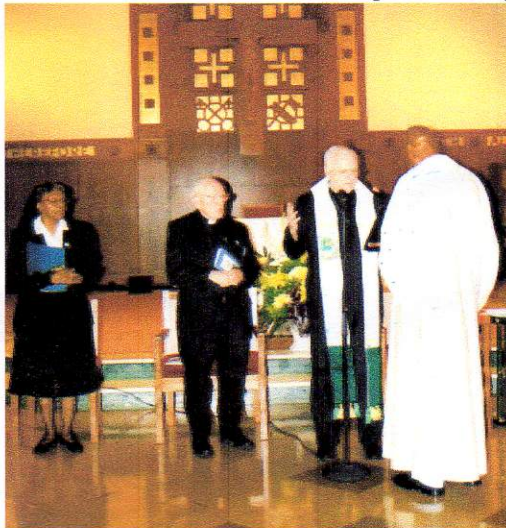
We, members of the Gift of Providence Mother Lange Chapter [St. Veronica's parish, Baltimore], an early Chapter--are honored to be affiliated with the cause.

We are committed to stand firm--stay strong--until we reach our goal--the canonization of Mother Mary Lange.

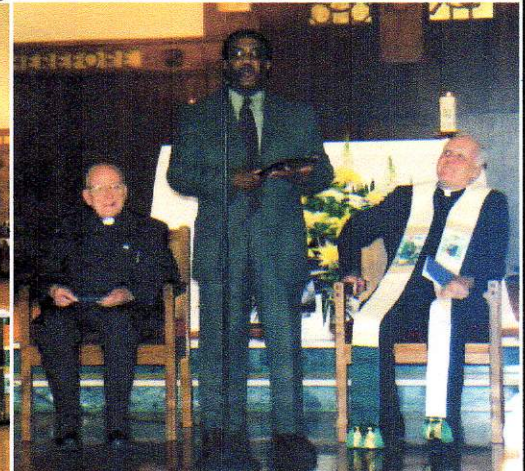
Editor's note: Oblate Sisters continue to minister primarily through education. Their ministry provides instruction to develop the whole child to become all that God intended. Oblates presently serve in the United States and Costa Rica, Central America. To assure continuance and continuity, pray for and pray about vocations. Contact Vocation Director, Sr. Stephen Beauford, OSP, 410 - 242 - 8500 or e-mail: [stephenosp@aol.com](mailto:stephenosp@aol.com)

Drawing by Joan Kriston

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Sister Annette Beecham, O.S.P. and Father John Bowen, S.S. join Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien as he presides over the Commissioning Service. He is assisted by Deacon Seigfried Presberry.



Lenwood Johnson, Charter Member since 1991 and recipient of the 2008 M. Lange Board Annual Service Award, expresses appreciation. l. to r. Fr. John Bowen, SS, Lenwood Johnson, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien,



