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## RECOMMITMENT SERVICE

*Saturday, May 14, 2011*

By Carole Depestre

Saturday May 14, 2011 was a dreary day, but that did not dampen the spirit of the men and women who attended this service to reaffirm their commitment to promoting the cause for canonization of Mother Mary Lange.

Sister Alexis Fisher's welcoming remarks were received with applause. She pointed out that in June 2009 the Oblate Sisters of Providence voted on an official picture of Mother Lange. Also when we recommit ourselves to promoting the Cause for her canonization, she should be addressed as Mother Mary Lange and not Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange. She urged us all to "ask God to gift us with just a portion of Mother Lange's commitment, patience, fidelity and courage".

Our Presider Father John C. Kemper, SS, Director of St. Mary's Visitor Center, located in downtown Baltimore on Paca Street spoke from the heart and stated in his talk, that Mother Lange was a good servant of the Lord.

Mrs. Therese Wilson Favors, the president of the Mother Lange Guild Board of Directors, introduced the board members as well as the Ex officio members and recognized the different chapters by calling out their names which are as follows:

- ▶ Mother Mary Lange Gift of Providence Chapter:  
St. Veronica, Baltimore, Md Theodora George (Chair).
- ▶ HAU (Haitian Americans United for Mother Lange Chapter:  
Baltimore, MD, Rose Marie Sylla (Chair), Carole Depestre (Vice Chair).
- ▶ New York Mother Lange Chapter:  
St. Jerome, Deacon Paul Dorsainville (Chair)
- ▶ Oblate Sisters of Providence Chapter:  
Havana and Camaguey, Cuba, Ernesto Quevedo Muler (Chair)
- ▶ St. Peter Claver Mother Lange Chapter:  
St. Inigoes, MD, Loretta Ann Dove (Chair)
- ▶ York, PA Mother Lange Chapter:  
Kathleen Stayman (Chair)
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul Mother Lange Chapter:  
Detroit, MI. Willie McCray (Chair)
- ▶ The Will of God Mother Lange Chapter:  
New Jersey, NJ. Max Auguste (Chair)

Next, Therese introduced the new members who officially accepted to join the Guild Board of Directors in September at the start of our new fiscal year. They are: Father John C. Kemper, SS, Dr. Camille Brown, Mrs. Jocelyn Alexander, Ms. Nadine Shepherd, and Rev. Mr. Al Turner. She invited at this time the chapter members and other volunteers to renew their commitment to work hand in hand with the National Board of the Mother Mary Lange Guild to promote the cause of Mother Mary Lange.

This was followed by the presentations of the chapters. Therese invited Mrs. Carole Depestre to read a text written by Max Auguste on behalf of his chapter, "The Will of God"; Due to unforeseen circumstances, none of the members were able to attend the service. It is worth noting that this fairly new chapter (they just celebrated their first year anniversary) has been very active in promoting the cause for the canonization of Mother Mary Lange. Their accomplishments include





doubling the number of their membership, writing their by laws, celebrating their first anniversary and collecting almost as much money for their "Just a buck a month drive" as the previous year.

Two other chapters worth noting for their activities during the past year are 1) the Mother Mary Lange York, PA, Chapter; their Chair, Mrs. Kathleen Stayman, reported offering the Mother Mary Lange's prayer cards at the Pro-Life booth at the York, PA, Fair back in September 2010. They also sent copies of Mother Mary Lange cards to Eucharist ministers at three parishes. They are planning to have Mother Mary Lange's information at St. Patrick's Heritage Festival on May 22, 2011 and will investigate avenues to raise funds among other things. 2) Mrs. Loretta Dove, chair-person for the Chapter of St. Peter Claver, spoke of their accomplishments which include: monthly meetings, giving out MML prayer cards and rosaries to parishioners and visitors, reciting the rosary every Wednesday and praying for the canonization of Mother Mary Lange, holding a bake sale to benefit the Mother Mary Lange Guild and donating money to the Guild on the anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Lange and the Re-Commitment service. Finally, with great enthusiasm she reported that on June 18th the Oblate Sisters of Providence will be honored at their Juneteenth celebration in Southern Maryland. The Oblate Sisters of Providence will be awarded the "Pioneer in History Award." She also mentioned that she's going to have that day proclaimed "Mother Mary Lange Day." In addition, they will have a booth where they will distribute the M.L. cards, pins and other items.

Next, Mrs. Marie Washington, one of the members of Mother Mary Lange Gift of Providence from St. Veronica in Baltimore, said a few words. She was followed by Carole Depestre of HAU who offered a donation on behalf of the chapter.

Finally Sister Magdala Marie, OSP the director of Mother Mary Lange Guild concluded the service with a few remarks. The service ended with the recitation of the prayer for the beatification of Mother Mary Lange.

## Knowledge is Power By Christine M. Tolson

It feels like the canonization process has stopped; some of you may know that feeling. Things seem to stagnate, as if nothing is being done. But please be assured that God works in his time. We all have to do our part. There used to be a buzz ... how is the process going? What is the status? Or even, "Do you think it will happen in my life time?" Yes, it can happen. But we have to do our part. I'm sure many of you are praying the canonization prayer, every day. But in doing our part, we have to continue to share the prayer with others, every chance we get. Especially in these days, when turmoil appears rampant on every part of the planet. It's how a saint is made. People in other

parts of the world also know about, and pray for, a holy person to intercede. For example, the latest Mother Lange chapter was started by a person who spotted the prayer and received assistance in a difficult situation, believing it was only Mother Lange's intercession that is making an impact with its success. Nothing happens by chance. Someone used the opportunity to place information about Mother Lange for accessibility. Like myself, when on vacation in Cape Cod this summer, our tour bus stopped close to three different churches. I entered and placed pamphlets throughout the pews. My extensive travels have assured me that not only Catholics in intercessory prayer. When persons have a problem, they always begin to pray; and ask others to pray for them. . . .another

## Membership Drive

Many thanks to all of you for upgrading your membership or taking Family and Perpetual Memberships in the Mother Mary Lange Guild. Know that we are grateful for your participation. God will bless you for attending to this matter.

In the event that some of you missed out on renewing your membership or would like to become a member, we will leave the grid to help you.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Annual Individual .....	\$15
Annual Family .....	\$25
Annual Student Group .....	\$35
Annual organization .....	\$100
Perpetual Individual .....	\$100
Perpetual Family .....	\$200

*If you have paid your membership and have not gotten a letter from us, please let us know so that it can be corrected. Thank you.*





# Celebrating Black Catholic History

with a Festival of Sacred Songs: Promoting the Canonization of Mother Mary Lange

November 12, 2011 6:00PM

Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent

Ticket cost: \$25 per person \$20 seniors (60+) \$10 children under 18

For more information contact Therese Wilson Favors at 410-625-8472 or check the web site.

(Want to make this a fundraiser for your organization also, call to find out how.)



I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me during my recent illness. I know that it was prayers offered to God through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange that brought me through this horrendous illness.

Please know that I am deeply grateful and ask you to continue to remember me as I continue to mend.

My prayer of thanksgiving for you is that God will give you all the graces you need to live a fruitful life steeped in his love..

Sister Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP

Director of Mother Mary Lange Guild

## *Favors Asked; Favors Received*

This person wrote, "I have a house we have been trying to rent.

I said the prayer that was sent me for the canonization of Mother Mary Lange. Within one hour of saying the prayer I requested of Mother Mary Lange, I received a call from a couple who were interested. Anonymous

I prayed to Mother Lange to help me lose weight she came through. Thank you Mother Lange. PC, MD

My son is finally free of heroin. Thank you Mother Lange for praying to God for me. Anonymous

I prayed to Mother Lange to intercede to the Lord for me during a serious illness. Everything worked out and now I am doing fine. Thank you Mother Lange. GG, TX

## *Prayer Favors Requested*

*We receive many, many request for prayers for various situations such as.*

- Return of family members to the faith
- Physical Healing
- Continuous good health
- Cure from various types of cancers
- Procurement of good jobs
- Souls in Purgatory
- Beatification of Mother Mary Lange
- Financial Assistance
- Relief for the poor and disadvantaged
- Continued Relief for Haiti and others suffering from natural disasters

- End to the war in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world.
- President Obama and Our Country.

*Let us pray with these people who have requested prayers through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange. With all of us interceding to God through Mother Lange all the above prayers will be answered in God's time. Let us remember that all prayers are answered by our loving God who knows what is best for us.*





### Novena to Mother Lange

Check out our website to view the Novena of Mother Mary Lange. Although the Novena does not begin until January 25, 2012 it is good to know this fact so that you can put it on your Calendar. If you wish to purchase one you may do so at this time. The cost is \$1.00 plus shipping \$ .44 per novena.

## Knowledge is Power cont. continued from page 2

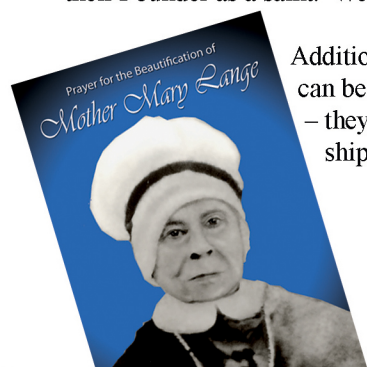
opportunity to share the prayer card and information about Mother Lange's story. Education was her mission and knowledge is power.

I always have a pamphlet about the Oblate Sisters of Providence on my person. People, who know the history of the United States, always question whether it was illegal when the process to educate black children begun. Illegal to educate children of color because knowledge is power. "... prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision."

The Guild presently sends its newsletter to many people in various states in America and to various countries. We need to reinforce our efforts to reach more persons in other countries and in the states. This could also work as a two-fold benefit for the Sisters – 1) increasing knowledge of Mother Lange and 2) providing an outlet for vocations, (not to mention the upstart of newer chapter formations). What is a chapter? It is a group of persons committed to the cause in educating communities about Mother Lange. It creates programs to foster prayer and sharing. Again, knowledge is power.

To have Mother Lange canonize is like seeing the first U. S. President of color and the first U. S. national monument to a person of color. Yes, it's time for the first U.S. women religious of color to celebrate their Founder as a saint. We can and will continue to do our part!

Additional prayer cards and pamphlets can be received from the Guild Office – they are free. A donation for shipping would be appreciated.



## African American Heritage Festival

By Sister Marina Kelly, OSP

The Unified Committee for African American Contributions recognized Mother Mary Lange and the Oblate Sisters during their Eighth Annual Juneteenth Celebration held in Lexington Park, Maryland. This "Pioneer in History Award" is presented to the individuals and/or for organizations whose contributions to country, state and nation spans over a decade and have had a positive impact upon the African American Community and the community at large. Since the Oblate Sisters of Providence educated the youth of St. Mary's County for over forty years they easily met these qualifications.

The Juneteenth Celebration marks the day in 1865, almost two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, when the slaves of Galveston, Texas were finally notified of their freedom.

Juneteenth is widely celebrated across the country on June 19th as a day in recognition of the emancipation of slaves: their freedom and the human rights that all people in the United States of America enjoy.

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