



# The Lange Letter

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Mother Mary Lange Guild News

## MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD BOARD OFFICERS

As the Mother Lange Guild walks into its future, concentrating on efforts and initiatives to enhance the canonization of the Servant of God, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP, new leadership has emerged. We are blessed that so many work diligently in their corner of the world to pray that God will bring Mother Lange to the high altar of sainthood and to lift up this cause as well as introduce this phenomenal woman of faith to those who do not know her. That in short is the mission and goal of the Mother Lange Guild. Meet those who are currently serving as leadership on the Guild...



### Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D., F.A.C.P.

It's my honor and privilege to serve as President of the Mother Lange Guild Board of Directors. I can still recall first learning the story of this remarkable woman, born in my homeland, and the order of women religious she founded during a conversation I shared with Cardinal Keeler in the 1990's. Having learned that her cause for canonization was underway, I felt that God had singled me out in a unique way to participate in this effort. I urge you to persevere, as I do, in prayer for the advancement of this worthy cause.

### Therese Wilson Favors



Therese Wilson Favors is Vice President of the Guild Board. She is married to Andrew Favors and is the daughter of Deacon Thomas A. Wilson and Margaret Stokes Wilson. Educated by the Oblate Sisters of Providence at both St. Frances Academy and St. Cecilia School in Baltimore, Therese is firmly committed to this cause and has seen firsthand the power that emanates from imploring the intercession of Mother Lange. Her testimony was recorded by the Tribunal in preparation of the initial papers toward canonization sent to Rome. Several of Therese's family members have entered the order of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, including, Sr. Mary Carmel Curtis, OSP, Sr. M. Alma Richardson, OSP and Sr. M. Majella Neale, OSP. Our extended family of Oblates includes Sr. M. Ricardo Maddox and her sister by blood, Sr. M. Joseph Maddox, OSP and Sr. Elaine Frederick, OSP. Presently, Therese serves as Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

### Dr. Kirk Gaddy



Dr. Kirk P. Gaddy, educated by the Oblate Sisters of Providence, is a graduate of St. Frances Academy (1983); received a B.A (1987) and a M.Ed. (1989) from Loyola University. Dr. Gaddy has a doctorate from Nova-Southeastern University. Dr. Gaddy is an adjunct Assistant Professor of Education at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of New Orleans and serves as Core Faculty at Sojourner Douglass College in Maryland. Dr. Gaddy is a member of the Naima Ministry that writes and produces the Keep on Teaching Resources Manual for African American Catholic Catechists in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Dr. Gaddy has been a board member of the Lange Guild for six years. Dr. Gaddy is married to Crystalyn M. Gaddy and they are the proud parents of Courtney, Kirby, and Kirk.

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**Sister Marcia L. Hall, OSP**

Sister Marcia L. Hall, OSP has been an Oblate Sister of Providence since December 8, 1999. Born and raised in New Jersey, she earned a PhD in sociology from the University of Michigan. Since entering the Oblate Sisters she has served as interim principal at St. Benedict the Moor School in Washington, DC, assistant principal at The Seton Keough High School and principal at Saint Frances Academy. Sister Marcia is currently vocation director and liturgy coordinator for the Congregation, as well as secretary and speaker for the Mother Mary Lange Guild.

## MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD 2011 BOARD



## Festival of Sacred Songs 2011



**A Special Thanks to all those who supported and attended this wonderful event!**

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# Why is Advancing This Cause So Important?

By Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, M.D., F.A.C.P.



It goes beyond the order of women religious and school she founded in Baltimore. Nationally, her cause speaks to all Catholics of color in America who felt rejection in our own church. Universally, she was ahead of her time in responding to the universal call to holiness which would be emphasized a century later from the proceedings of Vatican II. Her actions as a disciple of Christ resonate with the spirit of the "New Evangelization" which we are all called to respond to.

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien's stalwart support of this cause resulted in the celebration of an annual Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to pray for its' advancement. That combined with our prayers has borne fruit.

Dr. Waldery Hilgeman was recently appointed the new postulator of this cause in Rome. Please God, once he has had the opportunity to peruse documents previously sent in accordance with the new norms for canonization, draw up a Positio, and receive theological approval, Mother Lange will advance from being known as a Servant of God to Venerable. Thereafter, the approval of extraordinary medical recoveries garnered through her sole intercession will further advance the cause until the ultimate goal of canonization is realized.

I invite you to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer" (Romans 12:12) for the advancement of this cause. If you or a loved one is currently suffering from a medical ailment and can no longer derive benefit from the advances of modern medicine, please pray exclusively through the intercession of Mother Lange for a complete recovery. If your prayers are answered, please let us know as this may very well be the case which leads to her beatification and ultimate canonization.



## *Favors Asked*

Gratitude for finding an apartment and a successful adoption. SRAN: W. PA  
Answered prayers for health and prosperity. B: DEL

## *Prayer Favors Requested*

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

- \* Special prayers of healing, for a teenager who was struck by lightning
- \* Perseverance for men in the priesthood
- \* Return of those who have left the faith.
- \* Financial assistance for families in need
- \* Homes for the homeless
- \* Healing of the sick especially those with terminal illnesses
- \* Those suffering from any type of stress
- \* Jobs for the jobless
- \* Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood

*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.*



**February 5, 2012**

130th Anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Lange

Liturgy 2:00 PM

Mount Providence Chapel

**May 12, 2012**

Recommitment Ceremony, 2:00PM

Mount Providence Chapel

**May 19, 2012**

Pilgrimage

Mother Lange Guild Board



## JOIN US! Novena to Mother Lange

Beginning January 25, 2012

Access the website or call the guild office to purchase a copy of the novena.

### Celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Death of Mother Mary Lange

By Sister Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP

This year, February 3, 2012, we celebrate in a special way the legacy of Mother Mary Lange. We celebrate her faithfulness, hope and love of God which marks the 130th Anniversary of her death. One hundred and thirty years of being in heaven. Awesome! When we think about this valiant woman we see the love she had for all of God's children. Mother Lange did not just talk about or write about love, she lived it. She taught her Sisters to live the concept and admonished them to teach the children to imbibe love.

There are many in the world that know about the legacy of Mother Lange and will not forget her contribution to society. In spite of all the animosity, slights and criticisms she endured, Mother Lange loved. Celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the death of Mother Lange lends credence to the fact that she is worthy to be lifted to the ranks of the Saints.

Jesus loved us so much that he left his home in heaven to die for us. He showed us how to love. Being an imitator of Jesus, we see that Mother Mary Lange was on the right road to holiness. St. Paul wrote a lot about love. People sing about love but what we do know about love is that it is a powerful word which binds us to the Creator. St. Paul spoke at length to the Corinthians about love (1 Cor.3: 1-13) and ended up telling them that of all the virtues, the greatest is love. Everything else will cease but love will live on forever. Mother Lange is enjoying her reward with God in heaven forever. We rejoice and give thanks.

### 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

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#### Speaker's Bureau/Pilgrimage

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