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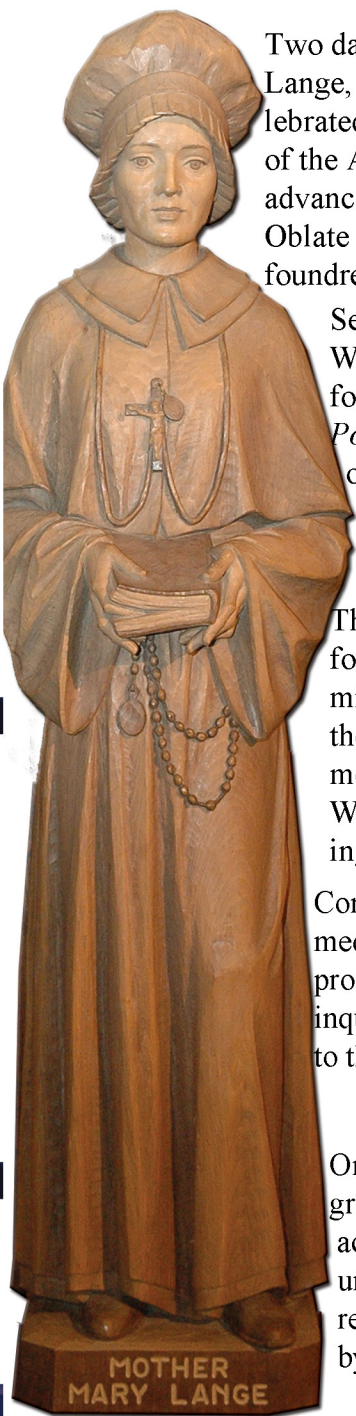
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Mother Mary Lange Guild News

Mother Lange Needs You

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Two dates stand out in recent memory which pertain to the cause for the canonization of Mother Mary Lange, OSP: One, May 8, 2010 His Excellence Edwin F. O'Brien, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, celebrated Mass at the mother cathedral of Catholicism in America, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, imploring God to grant us, the grace of witnessing the advancement of her cause for canonization. Sister Mary Alexis Fisher, OSP, Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, led the congregation in reciting the prayer for canonization of her orders' foundress.

Secondly, after appointing Father John Bowen, S.S. Vice Postulator for the cause in 2008, Father Wieslaw Spiewak, CR (Roman Postulator) noted that he was not an historian so he invited the former archivist of the Sulpician order in Baltimore to clarify certain historical points of the *Positio* which was originally sent in 2005 to help in the advancement of the cause for the Servant of God. On May 12 that was packaged and sent to Rome. Once, please God, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints scrutinizes and approves the documents recently sent, the Perfect for the Congregation will proclaim Mother Mary Lange, OSP Venerable.

Thereafter, the inquiry on "miracles" is to be conducted according to the norms of the New Laws for the Cause of Saints promulgated in 1983 by the late and Venerable pontiff, John Paul II. A miracle is a theological term reflecting an action undertaken by God which involves suspending the laws of nature. It serves as a sign of the saint's holiness and proximity to God. Translated in medical terms it reflects an extraordinary medical recovery or even a cure from a medical ailment. Well before 1588, when the canonization process was formally organized, the Office of Consulting Physicians was already established.

Consulting Physicians hold a primacy of place in the canonization process because they provide medical knowledge and objectivity which is necessary to safeguard against sensationalism of this process and without the testimony of a physician it cannot proceed. Therefore as part of this miracle inquiry "...the Bishop or his delegate is to seek help from a physician who is to propose questions to the witnesses in order to clarify matters according to necessity and circumstances".

(New Laws for the Causes of Saints, 1983 section 34a).

Once completed a transcript of inquiry with appropriate documentation is sent to the Sacred Congregation for scrutiny by the Consulta Medica, or council of physicians in Rome, and a vote. Once accepted this is turned over to the Congregation and with the pope's approval, Mother Lange will undergo beatification and thereafter proclaimed Blessed. Then another extraordinary medical recovery is to be sought to undergo scrutiny locally and then in Rome where, if approved ultimately by the pope, Mother Lange will then be canonized and proclaimed a Saint.

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The Occasion - Re-commitment Service - Mother Lange Guild - 2010

It is fitting and proper for us to gather on this eve of Pentecost in this Upper Room, the Chapel of the Oblate Sisters of Providence to ask God's spirit to breathe on us and re-invigorate us, resuscitate us, rejuvenate us so that we may re-commit ourselves to the holy mission of prayer and service towards the sainthood of Mother Mary Lange.



We need God's spirit to fall afresh on us for we already know that even the faithful can fall asleep on the job. But we who are gathered here today are those who attempt not to run this race in vain. Therefore, we are spiritual athletes trying to make progress. We know that our God has made us all for a definite purpose. Servant of God, Mother Mary Lange was so fully aware of her purpose: that the finger of God was upon her, that she lived by faith and not by sight. Mother Lange moved and thought and acted in a manner following so closely the footsteps of Jesus, that she gave away her life in doing what Jesus wanted her to do. This is the high adventure of spiritual ascension, trusting in God enough to serve Him, His way. This is the style of holiness that provides for the making of a saint.

And so, Brothers and Sisters, let us this day, re-commit ourselves to pray unceasingly and to work effectively for God's will to bring Mother Lange to the high altar of sainthood. But let us also re-commit ourselves to walk and talk and live in a way as Mother Lange inspired us to do, always following Jesus, the Christ. Let us during this great season of Pentecost, totally turn our lives over to Christ. Let us break free from the small and narrow space of our own human experience and cross over to God's high octane surge of holiness and become "the great souls" that God has created us to be.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us!

Therese Wilson Favors, May 22, 2010

Many Thanks to our Benefactors

We thank all who have sent donations to assist in the canonization process, as well as the general operational tasks. We cannot maintain the Guild Office without your generous contributions. Remember no donation is too small. God alone knows the heart, what you can afford to give or not give. Your generosity is outstanding. Please know that God will reward you for your kindness.

All of you are in the daily prayers of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Once a Month a Mass is offered by our Chaplain Father John Bowen, SS for all your intentions prayed through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange. Mother Lange has great power with God so do not be afraid to ask earnestly for what your need.

Membership Drive

Many thank 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:

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



Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, has appointed Father Raymond L. Harris as the official liaison for the Archdiocese of Baltimore Tribunal with the Postulator for the Cause for Canonization of Mother Mary Lange.

Favors Asked; Favors Received

A friend of my mother, who is 80 years old, fell and critically injured her eye. The doctor said she would have to have the entire eye removed. My mother began to pray to Mother Mary Lange and called members of the York Chapter and asked if we would pray also.

The eye surgeon decided to wait and the eye healed enough that she would not have to lose her eye. My mother's friend is chronically ill and surgery could have resulted in further disability or even death. Thank you blessed Mother Lange. S: PA

About five years ago, I was in San Francisco visiting some of my very close relatives. Among them was Sister Felicia. I shared with her my quest for wanting to conceive a child after many failed attempts. She pulled a card out from her bible, which was a prayer to Mother Mary Lange, OSP. She then went on to tell me of the many miracles that have taken place because of people praying to her asking for her intervention with God. I was somewhat skeptical about this at first however desperate as I was I decided to give it a chance. I began to say this prayer daily basis mainly before retiring for the night. I then began to let go, and let God. A few months later, I received some very good news from my doctor. I was pregnant and was to conceive a son. My son is now 3 years old and the picture of health.

Once my miracle became evident, I did further research on Mother Mary Lange. Her struggles and her quest to educate the uneducated, and mainly the poor made her a religious pioneer. She was an amazing woman, and continues to help and support all who cross her path even in death. I strongly feel that she should be recognized as a saint. DW; CA

Prayer Favors Requested

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

- *Return of family members to the faith*
- *Ailing parents and relatives*
- *Continuous good health and other Health concerns*
- *Cure from various types of cancers*
- *Procurement of good jobs*
- *Children who are rebellious*
- *Healthy pregnancies*
- *Peace of mind*
- *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.*

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.

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As our intellect is limited, we can't fully comprehend the nature of illness and suffering but we know that the redeeming act of Jesus Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection restored vision eternally as we believe Mother Lange does now.

Perhaps you or someone you know is currently suffering and can no longer benefit from the advances of modern medicine. I invite you and those around you to pray exclusively through the intercession of the Servant of God, Mother Mary Lange, OSP, asking her to tap into her special relationship with God to ask for a healing. If God is so moved and grants her request for healing please contact the Mother Lange Guild office in writing at: 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD, 21227 or srmmel@aol.com and share your story with us. This recovery may very well be the one applied to advance this cause to beatification or even canonization. No prayer is ever wasted and God knows when and where to apply the benefits of them so please remember to do your part and pray daily for the advancement of this cause.

Upcoming Oblate Events

February 6, 2011

129th Anniversary of the death of Mother Lange

Bishop Denis Madden

Liturgy, 2:00 PM

TBA

Festival of Sacred Songs

May 7, 2011, 2:00 PM

Recommitment Ceremony

May 21, 2011, 5:30 PM

Mass with Archbishop O'Brien

for the Canonization of Mother Lange

The Basilica of the Assumption, Baltimore, MD

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