

The Rose

SANTA TERESITA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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*Carmelite Sisters:
 Celebrating 90 Years*

2017 marks the 90th Anniversary of the arrival of Mother Luisita and the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. In this great year of celebration, we thank the Lord for the ways He has nurtured and allowed the mission of our foundress to grow and flourish here in the United States.

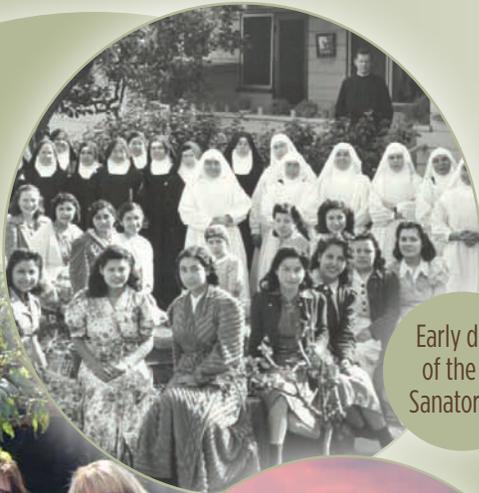
God's providence in bringing good out of evil is truly awe inspiring. The violent religious persecution in Mexico in the 1920s, compelled our Foundress, Venerable Mother Luisita, to leave her homeland and the people she lovingly served to seek refuge in the United States. Although Mother Luisita was forced to leave everything behind, she brought with her, her most cherished possessions – her unwavering love for God and an ironclad confidence in His providence. Her trust would be well-rewarded.

For as it turns out, the dark days of fleeing the persecution were merely the planting of little seeds in the soil that would deeply take root, grow steadily and blossom into that which is Mother Luisita's legacy today – blending the contemplative spirit of Carmel with active apostolic works. Today, the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles continue her legacy of promoting a deeper spiritual life among God's people through health care, education and spiritual retreats serving tens of thousands of people each year, across five states, six apostolic centers, and seven archdiocesan elementary and high schools.

Mother Luisita herself walked the grounds of Santa Teresita, which opened 3 years after she first set foot on the soil of the United States of America. She was a woman of great purpose and hope, even though she had to leave her beloved homeland. Her intrepid spirit impelled her to do all the good she could wherever the Lord allowed her. Fr. Harold Ring, S.J., a friend of the community from its early beginnings, remarked: "I remember Mother Luisita from the early days of her work in Los Angeles. With all her modesty and humility, it was evident that she was a woman with a cause. Her work in Mexico had been all but crushed, but she had no time for tears. The works would go on because it was God's work."

Join us in praising God for the gift of Mother Luisita and for her vision of love, prayer and service to God's people. May many be called to join her as faithful co-workers in this mission!

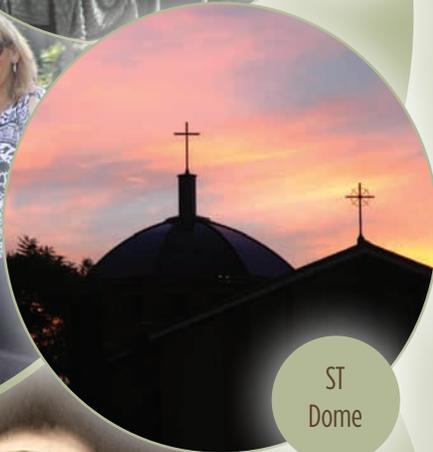
Santa Teresita Today



Early days of the TB Sanatorium



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Mother Luisita



The faces of Service at Santa Teresita: Our Beloved Volunteers

Our mission is to be at the Service of the Family for Life. This mission is lived in many ways, but it is lived very vibrantly in our beloved volunteers. They can be found in every area of our campus, giving hope and lending a hand across our 12 acre Neighborhood of Care!

In the Spring, we are blessed to have students spend their Spring breaks to serve alongside the sisters here at Santa Teresita. While not typical, these students gave us their Spring Break for Spring Service, volunteering whole-heartedly wherever needed! They helped tutor the children, clean out long forgotten storage rooms, and put on a fresh coat of paint. These were labors of pure love. They join us for our early morning Masses, which is certainly not on the usual 'Spring Break' schedule that usually includes sleeping in! We are grateful for their service and see how a life of generous gift of self, actually renews our spirits and contributes to our happiness.

For the third year, the Carmelite Sisters will host 'Serving with Sisters.' This is an opportunity for young women to join the Sisters for two weeks of prayer, service, classes and adventures of all sorts. Their youthful enthusiasm is a beautiful gift to our campus.

All of us here at Santa Teresita were enlivened and encouraged in our own daily service by seeing the joy and enthusiasm of our volunteers. Our volunteer coordinator here at Santa Teresita, Sister Isabelle, said "They bring us new life! We're forever grateful! When I think of them, a big smile appears on my face and I feel comfort and relief. They brought us such joy by their presence and really lifted the cross off of our shoulders by their loving service."

A giant "God reward you" to all of our faithful volunteers, the students of Northern Arizona and Franciscan Universities and our 2017 Serving with Sisters volunteers, for your love and service.

Upcoming Events:

Frank's Piano Hour

Manor Pink Room
May 27, 2017 | 2:00pm

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession

June 18, 2017 | 9:30 a.m.
www.hayden5K.com

Father's Day Luncheon

June 19, 2017

L.I.F.E Mission Award recipients

are nominated by supervisors,
co-worker or family members
for exemplifying the mission of Santa Teresita!
We congratulate our March and April recipients!

Christopher Pabon (Housekeeping)

Narantsetseg Benihya (Cottage)

Georgina Garcia (Housekeeping)

Mary McGuan (Casa Convent)

Mary Ester Opliger (Dedicated Volunteer)

Florence Reyes (Dedicated Volunteer)

Beatriz Ulloa (Dietary)

