



JANUARY - MARCH 2023



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

'Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo: ...' is one of the favorite antiphons in Lent meaning: 'Spare Lord, spare your people'. The current disaster in Ukraine, the feverish election season in Nigeria this February and all the killings and evils going on in our world today demand a sincere call for God's mercy. The world is richly blessed with enough space for everyone and enough to go around but some people and governments usurp God's rich endowment and subject peoples and nations to poverty and misery either through war or corruption or indifference. It is for this reason that the Daughters of Divine Love congregation through the Divine Love Development Ministry has as its primary mission: to share God's love by the following acts - to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, house the homeless, educate the unenlightened, and bring succor to the vulnerable.

We share the love of God and give the poor of Yahweh the reason to believe that there is truly a loving Father, a God who listens and cares. And of course, you know that there is no way we could achieve this feat without your generosity and the grace of God.

With deep humility we continue to thank you for your benevolent generosity and support. Most of you have never visited any of these

developing countries where we send your donations: Nigeria, Jamaica, Suriname, Cuba, Haiti, Kenya, Gabon, Cameroon, Mali and Chad, but your presence is sincerely felt by the people through your gifts and donation.

Let us therefore continue to pray during this Lenten Season for God to spare His people, remove our hearts of stones and give us human hearts to be compassionate and considerate to others and in so doing bring reconciliation to warring nations, eradicate nepotism and corruption and all forms of systemic barriers that keep people in poverty and may He send more generous donors to enable us to continue to share His love to the world.

*He is not here*  
**HE IS RISEN**  
MATTHEW 28:6

Thank you.

*Sincerely yours in the Love of God,*

Sr. MaryPaul Asoegwu, DDL  
Executive Director

*"The Love of God impels us ..." 2nd Cor. 5:14*

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## WAR AGAINST MOSQUITOES

Our declared battle against mosquitoes is still on. And we are very short of our target of 1,000 mosquito nets. Having realized that chemical sprays are not eco-friendly, we would rather bank on massive distribution of mosquito nets and repellents. It is our desire to reduce or eliminate the plague of mosquitoes which contribute to 12% of deaths in Nigeria as soon as it is within our power to do so.

### *May we plead with you for beds?*

Some of the families that were given nets found it hilarious to receive mosquito nets when they had no beds. They sleep on the bare floor. In our wildest imagination, we never realized that they had no beds. Provision of beds is now one of the newly added items in our bucket list. And again, most of the street people who have no homes to use the mosquito nets observed that they would rather have food and toiletries in lieu of the mosquito nets.



*Sharing of mosquito nets in Kenya.*



## Our Deepest Condolences... to members who lost their beloved ones

Sr. Maria Therese Maduka, DDL lost her mother –  
**Lady Anna Maduka (nee Nwagwu)**

Sr. Margaret Mary Onwu, DDL lost her senior sister –  
**Rose Adabuisi Crisp (nee Onwu)**



*May their souls and the souls of all  
the faithful departed, through the mercy of  
God rest in perfect peace.*

## Congratulations to the NEW DDL REGIONAL SUPERIOR

The Daughters of Divine Love Congregation of American Region is happy to introduce the new **Regional Superior, Sr. M. Kieran Nduagbo, DDL**, to you. She is taking over from Sr. M. Olivia Agbakoba. We thank God for both the incoming and outgoing Regional Superiors and entrust them into God's loving hand as they start another chapter of their life.

## SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 6, 2023

Think paradise and be in 'Paradise' to have a taste of a Simply Divine Luncheon. All are invited.

*The Daughters of Divine Love hosts*

### The 23rd Annual Simply Divine Benefit Luncheon

#### Paradise Elegant Banquets

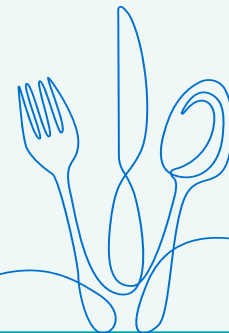
9220 South Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455  
from 11 am to 4pm

You can purchase tickets through our website: [ddldev.org](http://ddldev.org)  
or call: 815-497-2192 or 773-251-1387 or 773-359-2159

The cost is \$75 per adult, and  
\$35 for children 12 years and under.

If you choose not to attend, please donate your ticket(s)  
in support of our ministry or for the use of those who want  
to come but cannot afford it.

**You can also support us by putting an Ad  
or well wishes in our Event Brochure!**



**"Do Everything in Love" 1st Cor. 16:14**

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# NOVENA PRAYERS


The Daughters of Divine Love Congregation and the staff of the Development Ministry will offer a Novena Prayer starting from March 16 to the 24 for the special intentions of all the friends, benefactors, and donors of the DDL Development Ministry. Please join us in the spirit as we pray for you and your loved ones.

**Write your intentions in the space provided below. Cut out and send this card back to us.**



## Your Prayer Intentions

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
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# CHRISTMAS

## Celebration in Jamaica

We gratefully appreciate your donations which as always, brought immense joy to some homeless and the poor in Jamaica, and Suriname. From your donations, the vulnerable street people and the poor who could not afford anything for their Christmas had a great Christmas celebration. The Sisters prepared and provided 134 boxes of lunch to some children and their families, and the homeless living in the streets of St. Catherine, Jamaica. It was a true Christmas celebration. Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph Conference were there to share the happy moment with the Sisters and the poor of Yahweh as they celebrated the 2022 Christmas through your charity. In Paramaribo, Suriname, the Sisters visited homes and gave families some food items. Kavita Mohan, MSc, the Director of Stichting voor het Kind, was there with the Sisters to share this food basket of love to the needy.

Most of the homeless expressed the wish to be fed weekly or biweekly and to add Easter and Thanksgiving as times to give them a sense of some type of celebration. Of course these are wonderful ideas, what can we do without amazing helpers like you.

This reminds one of what the Lord said: ***'The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few.'*** Let's pray the Master of the vineyard to send more laborers, more benefactors, more sponsors, and more prayer partners.

# CONFERENCE CALL PRAYER MEETING

We remind you of our daily 8:05pm conference call for prayers. This was launched by the DDL Development Ministry on Easter Sunday 2020 to pray God to heal our lives and our land. With the corona virus still mutating into various strands and impacting more children this time; we shall not relent imploring the mercy of God until there is healing of lives and land.

Please join the prayer session via the Divine Love Family Prayer Line:

- **Dial Number: 978-990-5188**
- **Access Code: 6018844#**



## Put Divine Love Into Action by:



Feeding The Hungry



Giving Drink To The Thirsty



Healing The Sick



Light To Those In Darkness



Educating The Uneducated



Sheltering The Homeless

*"Wherever there is need, there we go." – Sr. Mary Paul*

***"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved..." Rom. 10:13***

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## OUTSTANDING PROJECTS

With grateful hearts, we thank God for your gracious support and still call on you to accompany us as we source for funds to complete the following outstanding projects in Nigeria: the Mother House, Novitiate House for SDL, Sponsorship for SDL Seminarians, the Health Center in Port Harcourt, Obiangwu Secondary School, Eha Alumona School of Medical Laboratory Technicians and Water project, Mother of Divine Love School, Sunrise Estate, and Poultry Farm in Emene and Village School in Abuja. The Health Clinic in Haiti, and financial support for the Sisters who are battling with the national political unrest and daily high cost of living. They fled their convent for several months but have now returned to face the demon of economic stagnation. And in Kenya - completion of the School, and the cow farm projects.

We do sincerely need to hit the Jackpot to complete all the projects enumerated above. Our God is able for the "Lord's is the earth and the fullness there off." And we trust that with thoughtful and grace filled donors and benefactors like you, together as a team, we shall overcome.

## GOOD NEWS

Chief Fidelis Umeh in honor of the memory of his late wife Bonnie, has generously donated the funds to complete the renovation of the Ikem School. Please continue to put him and his loved ones in your prayers. Thanks and God bless you Chief Umeh.

An anonymous donor is empowering the young women graduating from the Divine Amore Vocational School, Okpuno. Most of graduates will be given tools/equipments to start a business in their area of specialization. The graduation is on March 25, 2023. Kudos to the donor and lucky students. God bless you, our donor.

The School in Haiti received a grant and donations from Hilton Foundation and anonymous donors. With this the school is gifting deserving students with scholarships, nutritious meals and study materials. Above all, a lot of improvement and a face lift is taking place in the school. The principal, staff, students and those in the environ are very happy. These gifts are a great relief after the whole village fled from bandits and the sisters were refugees for over five months. The village is gradually coming back to normalcy. What a joy! Let us continue to pray for Haiti. God bless our donors.

A committed Rochelle family generously donated towards the Medical Technical School in Eha Alumona and Students water borehole in Nsukka.

The Health Center near Port Harcourt has been roofed but no ceiling, windows, doors, and other requirements to make it operational, including equipments. Please lend a helping hand if you can. Our Annual Benefit Luncheon this year will be geared towards this Health Care Facility. Please donate generously so that together with you, we can complete this project and save lives. Thank you very much for your anticipated generosity.



**Port Harcourt Health Center**

## Be a Team Member of the DDL Development Ministry

We invite you to join the Daughters of Divine Love (DDL) Congregation to be an Ambassador of God's Love:

- **By prayer** – We can always use your prayers and good wishes.
- **Send us your prayer requests** – We accept and offer prayers on behalf of anyone and any petition according to God's will for us.
- **Join the Congregation** – Young women can make the vocational choice of joining the Daughters of Divine Love Congregation; and young men can join the Sons of Divine Love Congregation.
- **Volunteer** – Serve as a Board member or join the Benefit Luncheon Committee.
- **Generous Donations** – Cash and tax-deductible donation. DDL is a 501(c)(3) designated organization, so all your charitable donations are tax-deductible. Our tax ID is 32-0458989. You can send a Zelle donation to: **773-251-1387**.
- Donors can choose specific programs or missions to apply their donations to - see a list of outstanding projects above.
- Donors can name the Daughters of Divine Love in their Wills and other Bequests.
- Suitable and unencumbered buildings to house our programs and personnel are welcome.

**To reach us or donate, write to:**

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Call: **815-497-2192** ➤ Email us: **ddldev2@aol.com**  
 Please visit us or donate to our Ministry at: **www.ddldev.org**

Thank you for your anticipated support. We appreciate all our friends, benefactors and donors who help us make a difference in the lives of people in the countries where our Sisters serve.

*"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I put my trust in you." Ps. 143:8*

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