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Happy Lenten Season To You All

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We are happy to have this season which calls us back to our Almighty Father. What a joy to know that our Creator is always ready to welcome us back whenever we repent and come back to Him.

On behalf of all our donors, friends and benefactors, we thank the Lord for His protection and love and for keeping us alive to witness this season. We offer special prayers for you all, for all the good

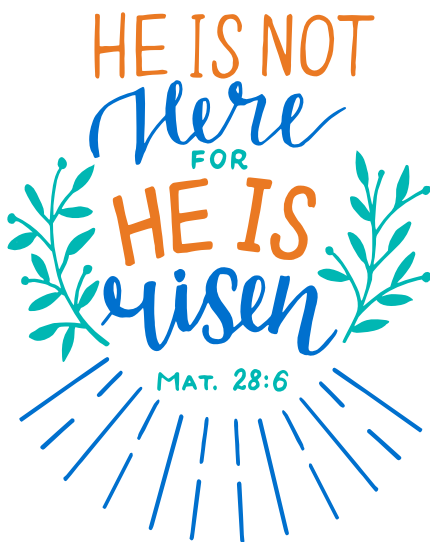
you do, especially for helping to make the Daughters of Divine Love mission of love, vibrant and full of love.

What a joy to hear the poor and needy thankful to God as they share their goodies during and after Christmas.

This is possible because of your help and support.

Sincerely yours in the Love of God,

Sr. MaryPaul Asoegwu, DDL
Executive Director



EASTER PROJECT

Let's feed more people this Easter Season!

Help feed at least 50 families in remote areas in each of the DDL nine regions where poor and needy are in dire need of food. Let us budget \$100 for each family which includes the transportation, the variety of food stuff, the cooking for the poor, weak elders and sick who have nobody to take care of them. Anything remaining will be used for the joy of as many poor people as possible. They will come together for a celebration of the Risen Christ on Easter or on any other possible day during the Easter Season.

My dear Brothers and Sisters, hunger is biting in different parts of the world.

The Sisters know where the needs are most in their regions. Help them save lives. Help make a difference and put smiles on the faces of the poor and needy during this Easter.

Thank you for your consideration in this project.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS!



▲ We congratulate **Emma Onua**, a member of our Advisory Board and the liaison to our Benefit Luncheon Committee who was recently elevated in his hometown. He took the traditional title of Ozo Ezeude IV of Abagana. From the right is Emma Onua in their traditional regalia with his other titled brothers.



▲ We congratulate, **Sr. Nkechi Ezugha** with her Catechism class in Cuba.



◀ We congratulate **Sr. Renata Onyego**, who received a Bachelor of Science in Early Care and Early Childhood Studies (BS).

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

Two friends of the Daughters of Divine Love Development Ministry recently left this world to meet our heavenly Father who has called them.

They are **Bill Hoffmann** and **Andy Karas**. Both had their funeral mass in Latin. We were happy that their families invited us to share in the funeral celebration of their loved ones.

This year, two members of our Congregation, **Sr. Callista Ekwe** and **Sr. Chikaodi Ekeji** have also been summoned by our Maker, the Lord of the Universe.

May Bill, Andy, Callista and Chikaodili rest in perfect peace with the Lord. Please continue to pray for them and the souls of all the faithful departed. We pray for all their loved ones. May they be consoled by the Lord who knows the best.



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

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 4, 2024

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 24th Annual Simply Divine Benefit Luncheon

Paradise Elegant Banquets

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

You can purchase tickets through our website: 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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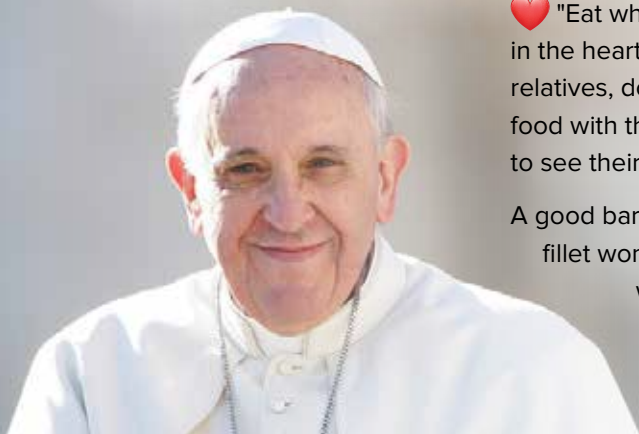
HUNGER IS REAL

Over 700 people were fed and got food supplies at one of the centers where our sisters were ministering. Afraid that the food may not be enough or reach them, panic took over and there was disorder and scramble for the food stuffs.

Here are photos of some of the places where the food was distributed. Thank you very much to all who made this possible.



A Message From POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT



❤️ "Eat whatever you want for Lent. The sacrifice is not in the stomach, but in the heart. They refrain from eating meat, but don't talk to their siblings or relatives, don't visit their parents or bother to attend to them. They don't share food with the needy, they forbid children to see their father, forbid grandparents to see their grandchildren, criticize other people's lives, beat their wife, etc.

A good barbecue or beef stew won't make you a bad person, just like a fish fillet won't turn you into a saint. Better seek to have a deeper relationship with God through better treatment of others. 🙏 Let's be less arrogant and more humble at heart. ❤️

✝️ Pope Francis ✝️

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

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WATER FILTERS

With the help of you, our donors, water filters were distributed to women in an area that had no good source of clean water. This will save many families from sickness and death due to water borne diseases. Below, is a note from Sr. Bene, who led the delegate and presented the workshop.

Happy New Year Sr.

How are you and the Sisters? I hope good. My regards to all of them. These are the pictures of our Water woman trip to Mbeke Ishieke in Effium, Abakaliki in Ebonyi State. We were five in number that went. We gathered them together and gave the necessary instructions, then practiced use of the filter before them and appointed some to do so. We divided them into groups and registered them. The women that came were many and we had only the 60 water filters you sent to us. Sr. Pet took three families with small children who are very much in need of clean water. We were able to give only 55 people because the remaining two were unable to upload. I have informed Sr. Barbara and she asked me to send her the number. The women were happy because we sent someone to go to their stream to fetch the dirty water that they drink. We were able to filter the water and it was clear and sparkling. They could not believe. It seemed a miracle which brought them joy. Those that did not get a filter were requesting their own. We wished we had more to give. However, we asked each of the women who were lucky to get one, to help filter for another four women with families especially little children. They promised to do as we instructed them.

We ourselves were happy to carry out this project and we will be happy to do more if you send us more filters. There is really a great need.

Thank you Sister.

Sr. Bene



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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