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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### Lent Is Here

*A period of repentance. A period of tense prayer, fasting and alms giving.*



Are you ready to join the spirit as we prepare for Easter, the day we celebrate the Risen Christ? Please share with the poor and needy the fruits of this season. This Easter, help the poor celebrate the generosity of faithful donors. Were you able to save up to \$100 from your fasting this season? Kindly donate it to the Daughters of the Divine Love Development Ministry, who know best how to make the poor celebrate with joy and happiness in the different countries, especially in African and the Caribbean Islands. Please note that any amount you can give is a great help. *May God bless and reward you all abundantly.*

Sincerely yours in Divine Love,

Sr. MaryPaul Asoegwu, DDL  
Executive Director



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## ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORATORY

On Wednesday, December 30, 2025, Bishop Robert Fedek of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in charge of our vacariate V, came for the establishment of the Oratory in our convent in Westchester, IL. We now have the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. About 30 people were present, including our parish priest, Fr. Joe Noonan; his assistant, Fr. William McFarlane, a Uganda priest; Fr. Geoffrey Andama, who works with the bishop; Sr. Christine Nantaba, IHMR Community Life Coordinator, representing Sr. Mary Beth Boomer, the Vicar for Religious in the Archdiocese of Chicago; Daughters of Divine Love from different communities, including the regional superior, Sr. Kieran Nduagbo; the parish staff and parishioners, including the choir director, Luis Galvez, etc. It was a joyous day as we celebrated and feasted both on spiritual and material foods.

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY.*



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

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### BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Hope you have marked your calendar for our annual benefit luncheon coming up on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Atlantis Banquet hall? We are expecting many of our friends, donors, relatives and benefactors, parishioners, coworkers, etc. Please be part of it. If you cannot be physically present, be there spiritually with your prayers and good wishes. You can also sponsor someone who wants to be there but has no money.

We need auction items both for silent and live auctions. You can also donate beautiful quality items for prizes. Come and see the sisters live in action with an extraordinary touch, way beyond their ordinary day's activities and dressing.

Atlantis Banquets is also making promises and are ready to show and give you their best. [View details shown to the right ▶](#)

### WELCOME

Join us in welcoming Ken Meeker as a new helper in our office. What a joy and blessing it is to have Ken helping our ministry, though he simply calls it a consultant job. I must confess that he does more than a consultant job. We thank him for all he is doing. He is very involved in the Cursillo movement and lives out the spirit of that movement.



### WE'RE UPDATING OUR RECORDS

To improve efficiency and reduce mailing costs, we are transitioning many of our communications to email. Every dollar we save on printing and postage is a dollar we can put directly into our mission. Moving to email also helps us reduce paper waste and keep our communication eco-friendly. Please provide your email address and mailing address by scanning the QR code, so we can continue to keep you informed.



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### You're Invited to Our Annual Simply Divine Fundraising Luncheon

*It will be an afternoon of:*

- FUNDRAISING • FOOD • DRINKS • MUSIC • DANCING
- RAFFLE PRIZES • GREAT AUCTION ITEMS

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**  
**11 am to 4 pm**  
**at Atlantis Banquets**

1273 North Rand Road  
 Arlington Heights, IL 60004

*Tickets:* \$75

*Children under 12:* \$40



#### **Ticket information:**

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*Impelled by the Gospel of Christ to give a generous, loving response to Divine Love Incarnate.*

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

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## AMBULANCE AND GENERATOR

Joy flowed like a river at the Florence Maracle Memorial Hospital when they got an ambulance and a generator. See photos to the left and right of the Priest blessing the generator and the ambulance. They thank and pray for the donors who made these items possible.



## FEEDING OF THE POOR AND NEEDY during the 2025 Christmas season

We have done it again! Congratulations to all of you who contributed to make the 2025 Christmas season special for our poor and needy brothers and sisters. The ripple effect of the joy you give is beyond measure. Thank you for joining us to go to the whole world spreading the good news of the kingdom of God. About 1,105 people were fed. Some regions cooked food and others distributed raw food. The sisters in Nigeria, Kenya, Gabon, Jamaica, Haiti, etc. participated in this program. Their own joy in being able to help others is phenomenal. The people are happy and they thank you all in a special way.



## VOCATION TALK AT DP

It was a very interesting week as the Catholic schools celebrated Vocations week. Sr. MaryPaul was invited to speak to the students at Evansville in Indiana and the Divine Providence Catholic School in Westchester, Illinois. Despite the bad weather, the DP students were up to it. One of the highlights were students dancing obi poli poli as they watch the video of *obi n'eme poli poli* by the Daughters of Divine Love Expression dancers. Second grade students from Divine Providence offered their comments: *"The talk was educational; We really enjoyed the dancing; I liked learning about how the nuns walked to different states to share the word of God; We really liked the rosaries you gave us."*

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

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## JUBILEES

**Sr. Chiemeka Aghaulo**, a Daughter of Divine Love and staff member of our Development Ministry, celebrates the silver jubilee of her first religious profession with Cardinal Blasé Cupich and other religious who were celebrating their jubilees. This was organized by the office of the Vicar for Religious of the Archdiocese of Chicago in honor of the consecrated religious in the Archdiocese.



## DEATHS

**Sr. M. Eunice Ofor**, one of the vibrant religious women of the Daughters of Divine Love and a seasoned nurse, has passed. She went on Mission twice to England for many years before she was eventually called back for the Nigerian mission. She served humanity as matron of hospitals, regional superior of the English region, and various other positions.



**Sr. Figlia Nwaelom** is remembered as a cheerful and prayerful community member, who was boundless with generosity. Sr. Figlia kept abreast with society's ongoings and readily shared information. She was a professional chef who, without grudges, passed on her skills to enrich others. She was also very outspoken, particularly in matters requiring justice.



*May the Sisters rest in perfect peace with the Lord.*



## CELEBRATIONS

**Chief Dr. Nkechi Azie**, Advisory Board Chair (1st photo) and **Chief Dr. Mrs. Chineze Nkemeh**, benefit luncheon committee chair (2nd photo), received traditional titles in Nigeria. They are pictured in their regalia. Chief Dr. Mrs. Chineze Nkemeh was honored with the title *Iyom Okwesilieze* and Chief Dr. Nkechi Azie was honored with the title *Akwa Ugo Enwe Nkuwa of ancient Abacha Kingdom*. We will celebrate them here in the United States.

## 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** – All donations to Daughters of Divine Love Development Ministry are tax-deductible (see below).
  - Donors can choose specific programs or missions to apply their donations to - visit our website for a list of causes: [www.ddldev.org](http://www.ddldev.org)
  - Donors can name the Daughters of Divine Love in their Wills and other Bequests.
  - Donations of suitable and unencumbered buildings to house our programs and personnel are welcome.

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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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