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EARLY CATHOLIC HISTORY OF
SCOTTSDALE. A STILL POINT
IN A TURNING WORLD.

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Coming soon—the re-opening of the Old Adobe Mission on Monday, November 1st!**
- **Docents needed for vacant openings—please ask friends and acquaintances if they would be of interest.**

Docent Connection

OCTOBER 2010

DOCENT NEWSLETTER

Sister Alice knew she would be chosen

In 1960, when the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill responded to the Holy Father's call for religious women and men to move into third world countries, Sister Alice Ruane heard that call in a very personal way.

Sister Alice, formerly Sister Marie Timothy, was just 30 years old when the Sisters of Charity responded to an invitation from Korean Bishop Harold Henry to send sisters to Korea. She immediately felt called and she knew she would be chosen to go.

Out of 90 sisters who volunteered for the mission, Mother Claudia and her Council chose four. Sister Alice received her letter of confirmation. She joined Sisters Mary Agnes Carey, Mary Noreen Lacey and Martin de Porres Knock on their trip across the Pacific on a cargo boat, the California Bear.

"I knew I'd be one of the people chosen as soon as I got word about the mission. I firmly believe it was the voice of the Holy Spirit that was calling," Sister Alice recalls. "I knew I would be giving up a marvelous life. It was certainly a sacrifice. I

had a very happy life, but I reached the point that I knew it was what I had to do."

"I really believe that God is present with me every day," Sister Alice added. "For me, He is very personal."

The sacrifice she made came from love a love for God, but also for her oldest sister, Libby.

Libby had experienced a divorce and had re-married. Because of this, she was not permitted to partake in the Eucharist. Her heart was filled with pain as she yearned to be close to Christ.

"Everything we do affects everyone else who is a part of the Mystical Body," Sister Alice says. "If you have a pebble in your shoe, it hurts your foot and then the whole body reacts. The same goes for the Mystical Body. My sister's pain created pain for all of us in the body. I knew I had been given a chance to help ease that pain."

Sister Alice Ruane left her comfort and journeyed to a new and strange country fully aware that she was being guided by the

Holy Spirit and as an offering for her sister's suffering. Libby died in 2005. She was very happy to have been reinstated and was a weekly communicant at her parish church.

The sacrifice Sister Alice made for Libby was but one of many in the sacrificial tapestry of her life's journey.

Sister Alice's sacrifice on behalf of her sister led to her helping to found the Korean province. The province will celebrate its 50th anniversary in November. Our Korean sisters have brought the love of Christ into China and Ecuador. We honor the missionary spirit that exists in the Korean sisters, in Sister Alice and in all of the Sisters of Charity.



Sisters Mary Noreen Lacey, Martin de Porres Knock, Mary Agnes Carey, and Alice Ruane traveled to South Korea in 1960 on the freighter, the California Bear.

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Please pray for:

Frances Burruel, Jack Donovan, Mr. Christmas, Estelle Golder, and Chris Swanson, Gary Underhill Jr.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Docents & Volunteers in October and November

Mary Whittle, October 21; Julie Berkel, November 11;
Bill Woytowich, November 13; Jane Vakoutis, November 24;
Joe Page, November 28

What's Been Happening

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On October 7th, over 35 current Docents and Volunteers met at the Old Adobe Mission to inaugurate the beginning of the new year at the mission. Everything is a go for November 1st, with Tico Dominguez and Sally Ann Thompson opening that day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sally Anderson is following them from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We still need a permanent partner for Sally. If you are available, let Gloria know. Minutes of the meeting will follow shortly! See you soon.

It was good to see Karen and Don Spahn at our meeting. Her History Committee has been busy researching Diocesan records both in Phoenix and in Tucson on the early days at the Mission.

Do you know what a *maniple*, a *berretta*, or a *chasuble* is? Gert Carey knows! She has been hard at work labeling Msgr. Maguire's Roman Vestments in the Sacristy's

display case. Come see her work. It is truly a wonderful learning experience. Thank you, Gert!

Ace Bailey, art tour guide extraordinaire, was interviewed by Sonoran Living and has posted the interview on the web. She starts her art tours at the Mission, every second Saturday of the month.

Ace's tours are very popular and always fills the Mission with her guests. To see her interview, go online to www.ultimatearttours.com and click on the Sonoran Living Segment. You might need to update your video streaming capabilities but Adobe offers it automatically. Enjoy!

The latest update about the Miracle of the Roses Pageant is that Johnny Gonzalez called to say he would love to be Juan Diego again. We are having a new actress represent Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is 13 year-old Berenice Landa. She is beautiful, tall and very quiet. She will make a great Our

Lady. Ana Gonzalez excused herself this year due to personal reasons, and we are praying for her continued success in her new endeavors. And as a special treat, Johanna is renting bleachers this year. The OLPH School and Mission Choir will sing again! We hope to see everyone at the Pageant on December 11th at 4:00 p.m., in front of the Mission.

One last Nota Bene: Mary Donaldson, Kevin Donaldson's mom (Kevin is the Eagle Scout who restored our Mission confessionals), is making available for viewing, Kevin's *Eagle Book*. It is truly a work of art! To access the book, go to www.smilebooks.com. Then you need to enter Kevin's name and the following access code: Z6M572. Great job Kevin!

