Greetings!

May the hope inspired by Easter and this season of Spring remain alive in us, rooted strongly enough to withstand the many everyday challenges we face - personally and globally.

Monica May
Development Director

Calling all NDSF graduates!

Don't miss the reunion on April 22, beginning with a 10:30am Liturgy at Mission Dolores, followed by lunch at the Spanish Cultural Center. Their well-chosen theme is "Let there be peace on earth."

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111 years ago this week

On April 18, 1906, Bay Area was struck by the now-infamous earthquake. These thoughts were shared by Sisters in their letters:

"It was impossible to move, or think of descending the stairs, the house and its contents seemed to be in wild convulsions jumping up and down, backward and forward, in fearful frenzy and wrath."

-Sr. Cecile Gerlach

"I could only find peace and rest by placing myself in God's hands to do or suffer whatsoever He pleased. How helpless everybody seemed when God merely touched the earth, and how little everything earthly seemed ever since. As Father Walsh said yesterday, the earthquake did more good than a hundred retreats. Even infidels went on their knees."

-Sr. Mary Gertrude from San Jose

Notre Dame San Francisco, before and after the Earthquake. The greatest damage resulted from the fire set by fire fighters to create a fire break that was never needed.
And a very practical thought from the Sister Superior in Watsonville:

"Was it not a blessing that I had the Insurance raised? And if we get it, the fire was a blessing in disguise as our home was greatly damaged by the earthquake."

Mangoes, sweet potatoes and green peppers...

In South Sudan, food is scarce and suffering is plentiful. Our Sr. Carolyn Buhs, her students, and others associated with the Solidarity with South Sudan organization work together to grow food, share resources and educate future teachers to keep the people and spirit of the young country alive.

Read the latest update direct from our Sr. Carolyn here.

Watch your mailbox!

The Spring 2017 version of the Visions publication is coming soon!

The Sureness of Resurrection

by Sr. Kay McMullen

I was sure this morning that my life depended on a walk up the canyon following a path from another century dust under my shoes. I heard Stellar’s Jay’s hoarse call paused at a buckeye wearing new green
breathed the scent of cypress, eucalyptus and sage then stopped to sit on a bench by the lake where I gathered peace from mallards and hope from the sudden resurrection flight of the Great Blue Heron.