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#### Dear Friend of Las Casas:

n early August 2020, Pope Francis announced that he would begin a series of talks regarding Catholic social teaching in light of the COVID 19 pandemic. In a general audience on August 12th he said that the Coronavirus has shed light on "more widespread social diseases". He noted that the pandemic has revealed economic and special systems influenced by a "distorted vision of the person, a gaze that ignores the person's dignity and relational character by seeing others as objects to be used and discarded" and yet our faith exhorts us to "commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity".

At the same time, the New York Times noted that the rate of COVID 19 cases on reservations is nearly double the national average in the US. Native Americans in New Mexico and Alaska Native People have accounted for nearly 40 percent of virus cases even though they make up 9 percent of the population. Those living on reservations are more prone to contract the virus because of crowded housing conditions which make social distancing difficult. Years of underfunded health systems, water insecurity and stark poverty makes the illness more severe once contracted.

Despite all the suffering and death on the reservations these days, we have Dominican Sisters and Friars working on reservations throughout the United States and in Mexico with whom the Las Casas Board connects regularly. At the annual Board meeting this year, due to the generosity of Dominican Congregations and others, financial support was distributed to every Dominican in Native American ministry to help offset COVID 19 challenges. These monies were over and above the usual distribution for grants and scholarships.

In this Newsletter there are stories of last year's grant and scholarship recipients which will give you a small glimpse of the ways in which your generosity helps those in great need. Your support helps those who have so little and live without many necessities because of our governmental systems. Our deepest thanks for your financial, prayerful, and moral support.

St. Kateri and Bartolome' de Las Casas, pray for us and Native/Indigenous People.

Nathalie Meyer, OP nathalie Meyer, Op President for the Las Casas Board



# Congratulations Barbara Bogenschutz OP

nnually, "Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award honors an individual or group working in an Extension Diocese who demonstrates how the power of faith can transform lives and communities. Lumen Christi recipients are the hidden heroes in our midst. They bring light and hope to the forgotten corners of our country and inspire those around them to be the "Light of Christ" as well."

Barb (Springfield) was a 2019-2020 finalist for the Lumen Christi award. Barb ministers among the Lakota people on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. She has previously ministered on the Fort Belknap and Red Cliff Reservations. Barb has ministered with Native Americans since 1999. She served on the Las Casas board for numerous years as vice-president and chaired the grant committee. She was instrumental with the transition of Las Casas from Canton, Oklahoma to the more inclusive model of today. Check out the complete article at Catholic Extension, search Barbara Bogenschutz, OP. Barb is a light and the Las Casas Board congratulates Barb on this well-deserved honor!



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# Prayers for the Continued Community

ary Ann Cirillo, OP (Hope) ministered in Canton, Oklahoma among the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes for 30 years. For health reasons, Mary Ann unexpectedly found it necessary to return to New York. Our thoughts & prayers are with her for health, hope and healing. Check out the 2017 Las Casas Newsletter for the Sister Bag Blessings article (www.domlife.org/lascasas) by Mary Ann where she reflected on: "What a wonderful journey this has been..."

Las Casas, founded in 1977, sought to offer legal assistance to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in northwestern Oklahoma. Mary Ann was the last of the Dominicans to minister in the area. Many others from numerous congregations and provinces served there over the years. The presence of these women and men made a remarkable difference...their spirits live on there... The Las Casas board acknowledges and gives thanks for the women and men who were part of the beginning of what today continues as: Las Casas: Dominicans in Ministry with Native Americans, Inc.

# Realizing Something Bigger

t was a delight to be among twelve individuals from the St. Kateri Indian Center in Chicago at the Tekakwitha Conference in July of 2019. This included 7 adults and 5 youth. Two of the girls who attended wrote reports of their experiences which are noted here in part. It was indeed an honor to be with the group and to witness the delight of the girls as they participated. Samantha writes: "At one of the many Masses, I was able to speak/read (the scripture) to everyone

that attended. That was a great honor because everyone there was an amazing and respectable person. The field trip to the zoo was fun. We were put into groups...making new friends and memories." Her sister, Abbygail writes: "Attending the Tekakwitha Conference really opened my eyes. I was able to meet new people

from other states and hear other teens...I was able to bond with them and found common interests. We still talk to this day which I find amazing. I went to two workshops that really



made me realize something bigger about life. In the first one I connected with two gentlemen who were musicians...they gave us buckets that we used

as drums. We started to play music and the vibe in the room was positive. It was so much fun to just let go and play an instrument. That workshop taught me to believe in myself. The other workshop with a former football player was by far the most inspirational. He told us his life story and I almost started to cry. I realized how precious life truly is. I think of that man's story several times a month. The conference was a wonderful experience." We all give thanks and are grateful to Las Casas for their generous grant. Ah-Ho!

# Joann Fleischaker, Op

JoAnn Fleischaker, OP (Adrian)

#### **WELCOME!**

**JoAnn Fleischaker, OP** (Adrian)

has joined the Las Casas board. JoAnn has spent 21 years ministering with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Canton, Oklahoma with Las Casas.

JoAnn moved to Chicago several years ago and is now involved with the St. Kateri Center

and serves on the Leadership Circle.

Welcome JoAnn!

### Scholarship Program

**Dominicans in Ministry With** Native/Indigenous People, or preparing for this ministry, may apply for a scholarship (up to \$500) to be used for:

Annual Tekakwitha Conference

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# Life is a Journey

e all know that life is a journey - certainly with many "upsand-downs," and, as often happens, with a fair amount of "twists and turns." Forty years ago, our life's journey took us to Hays, Montana and ministry on the Fort Belknap Reservation among the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Tribes. During all these years, the community here allowed us to teach and love their children and they welcomed us into their homes and treated us like family. We've shared so much with all the people here, both good times and difficult times. We've also had the experience of being part of the rich and beautiful Native culture. How "blessed" we've been!

Having come from New York, little did we know that we would experience "things" so far removed from the lives of three "city girls." What did we know about chokecherries; juneberries; fry bread; powwows; a sweat lodge; gophers; antelope or bull snakes? We could go on and on but life in "Big Sky Country" has touched us deeply and will always be part of who we are. After much prayer and thought, we realize that it's time for the three of us to "turn the page" on our life's journey. We will be leaving this summer and returning to our Motherhouse in Sparkill, New York. Like a good book, you don't forget the chapters that you've already read. So, too, as we begin the next chapter on our life's journey, we know that our 40 years in Hays will always be deeply ingrained in us. Our time here has indeed been a very special "gift" and for this we are so grateful!





#### Helen Durso, Op Christine Ferrar, Op nora McCarthy, Op (Sparkill)

The pictures are from a celebration by the community on the Fort Belknap Reservation to honor and celebrate Helen, Christine and Nora and their 40 years of faithful service. The Las Casas board acknowledges and gives thanks for the faithful commitment of Helen, Chris and Nora to the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Tribes.



# Caring with Dignity · Health Care in a Mayan Community



Learning with mentors & peers... together to care for the health of our people.

appy to see their patient get better, our health promoters would work with their patients 2 hours straight. However, giving integral massage therapy on a wooden bench required placing their own bodies in uncomfortable positions. Both for the comfort of the patients and safety of our health promoters, we had decided as a group to purchase massage tables for each locality where we serve. To achieve this, our health promoters committed to contributing at least 1/3 of the cost of the massage tables. For their own sense of dignity, it was important to be able to do something for themselves. So our health promoters began to save. When we learned that our grant request was accepted by Las Casas, they were further encouraged. We now have a massage table in three places of service. One health promoter said,

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Growing our own food, tenderly with the Mother Earth, is integral to health care.

"We no longer end up with back pains or too tired after giving a therapy to our patients." Building autonomy perhaps happens one step at a time. Coming up with the entire amount needed to purchase the massage tables was difficult at this time. However, in trying to save up together at least for 1/3 of the total cost, albeit peso by peso, they experienced, "It can be done! We can do it!" The massage tables tell them of the power within them to realize their dreams. They also remind us of the solidarity of those who believe in the dreams of one another and make it happen together. Thank you, Las Casas!

Francisca Quintero Osorio, OP Francisca Quintero Osorio (Mission San Jose)

# Passing on Our Faith



he Morning Star Tekakwitha Circle of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Lame Deer, Montana makes an effort to send youth to the national Tekakwitha conference each year. The following are Anna's comments about her experience.

"Hi! My name is Anna. I am 12 years old, and I belong to the Crow tribe. I've been going to the Tekakwitha Conference since I was 7. Usually I go with my Grandma. Sometimes my Poppa [grandfather] goes too. We go with other people from Lame Deer.

The grand entrance is special because we get to wear our regalia and carry our banner. Sometimes we dance while

we carry our banner. We can see all the other banners when they are hung up. We also see how people from the other tribes dress. The pow-wow is always fun. Going to Mass gives me a chance to pray for those I love. One summer I helped carry the gifts at the Offertory. Last summer I read the scripture reading for one of the Masses. Sometimes kids sing special songs. I like going to the conference because I get to see my friends from other places. We have fun in our workshops, and when we go to a zoo or some other place, like a special church or a tribal center. We already have plans to attend the next conference. I'm glad that I got to attend the Conference. Thank you for the grant."

Raising the necessary funds for sending parishioners to the conference is a challenge. We are grateful for the grant given by Las Casas.

Leann probst, Op LeAnn Probst, OP (Peace)

#### Tekakwitha Annual Conference July 21-25, 2021 Las Cruces, New Mexico

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# New Tools and Resources for Learning!

ne evening while teaching our parish youth on the Flathead Reservation in Montana, I was asked a question. While searching my memory for a response, a young man who was often reprimanded for being on his phone, shared the answer. It was then that I realized that his phone activity, rather than being a distraction, was really an asset toward his learning. I knew that our total catechetical program could be updated to be more consistent with the ways that children and youth acquire information these days.



The 2019 Las Casas grant for the purpose of purchasing resources for religious education for children and adults became the catalyst for our parish to begin responding to the learning styles of our children and youth. Our adults also were searching for greater depth and broader knowledge of scripture. Thus, the Las Casas grant enabled us to purchase two laptops; one for each of our faith communities located about 17 miles



apart, each with their own catechetical programs. For our adults we use DVDs on scripture that they selected. As we were researching resources one of our youth ministers exclaimed, "Oh goodness, there are eBooks that we can download and

I can use with our youth. This is so wonderful. I will be able to do so much more with new tools." The St. Ignatius and Sacred Heart Arlee Missions on the Flathead Reservation in Montana thank Las Casas for helping to re-energize our catechetical ministry.

Margaret Hillary, OP Margaret Hillary, OP (Grand Rapids)

# "Come to me, all you who are burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



hrough the Las Casas grant a ministry was established at St. Ignatius Mission on the Flathead Reservation. The grant helped us establish the following programs: visiting home bound individuals; ministering in nursing homes and rehab centers; contacting families at the time of a death and assisting in funeral planning as well as facilitating grief support groups. A woman in a nursing home remarked, "I feel so much better after a Church representative came to visit me."

The grief support group helps people understand that there is no time limit for the grieving process. Participants are amazed at how healing can take place during times of sharing and that crying and laughing can sometimes occur at the same time. The elderly, in particular, share experiences of multiple losses. A man in the group remarked: "After losing my daughter and wife, aloneness and loneliness was unbearable. I needed to make new friends: a group of supportive individuals helped make this process possible. I also needed to have some time alone. Later on, I came to realize that I needed to be open and welcome changes in my lifestyle." continued on the next page



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ne young mother, after losing her daughter in an auto accident, felt so hurt because she had never had the opportunity to say good-bye or the time to tell her daughter how much she loved her. She wrote all she wanted to say to her daughter on a sheet of paper, dug a hole and planted the sheet of paper in the ground near her daughter's grave.

Thank you so much to the Las Casas Board members and donors for supporting this new project: Establishing Bereavement Ministry and Pastoral Care for the Homebound on the Flathead Reservation. Through your grant, many resources were made available to individuals, who in the process of grieving, appeared to be overly burdened and searching for a way to find some rest.

Edith Schnell, OP Edith Schnell, OP (Grand Rapids)

#### Sympathy

The Las Casas Board extends sympathy to

The Dominican Sisters of Springfield and the Family & Friends of

Charlotte Rebbe, OP April 10, 2020

Charlotte served on the Las Casas Board from 2008-2013.

She was secretary of the board & coordinated the Las Casas newsletter.

May she rest in peace as she was welcomed home by the Great Spirit.

# Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues at the United Nations

ur Mayan sisters and brothers wanted to be at the center of the global conversation that could affect their lives directly. They did not want merely to be talked about or talked to after the meetings were over. They felt the need to inform and speak their own truth and the local reality at the Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues as well as dialogue with other Indigenous people on matters that affect their rights, identity and relationships in our Common Home.

After their participation, our representatives summed up the realities they had heard this way: "The values and wisdom of our Native People (Pueblos Originarios) is being destroyed little by little, natural resources are used up day by day." In the midst of sadness, anger, including a sense of dejection they felt, they also named "a light of hope" coming from the communities of the marginalized and the forgotten where many ordinary folks struggle to defend and revitalize the language and the ancestral knowledge of their people. They also resonated with the vital role of women in defense of cultural identity. Reclaiming tradition as innovators, our representatives affirmed the grandmothers and grandfathers as the fountain of ancestral knowledge and wisdom that must be transmitted intergenerationally.

With the grant awarded by Las Casas, we were able to send two Mayan representatives, one from Yucatán and another from Guatemala, to the 18th Session of the UN Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues in 2019. **Thanks, Las Casas.** 

Helena Im OP (Mission San Jose)





**PHOTO:** Ivan Jimenez, a participant at the 18th Session of UN Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues 2019



Women Healing Women: The Power of Serenity

n the weekend of May 31-June 2, 2019 women from the four directions of the Tohono O'odham Nation came to participate in a wellness gathering at Mission San Xavier del Bac in Tucson, Arizona. In addition, there were volunteer teams of therapists, guest speakers, medicine women and men, sacred song leaders, dancers, artists, horse whisperers and singers; listeners and pray-ers, each coming with good will to share their Truth that leads to the healing powers of serenity.

The Las Casas Grant is a source of great blessing to women in recovery, who with each passing year grow into the woman of grace our Creator desires she becomes. A rabbi once told a group that when our Creator fashioned humanity, the fingers of Creator gathered earth from the

four corners of the world to create us so that we could all say we all belong, because our origins come from Creator and our Mother Earth. No longer can it be said, we nor any individual be told "you do not belong."

Horses are the first to remind us that we belong. Equine therapists gave us more insight into the healing communications ability of Creator's spirited animals, such as the horse. They are feelers and healers, who seek out the lost, the lonely, the wounded so as to remind us that if we are lost, it is not for long; they will journey with us to our home, which is our heart's core identity. We learned that when we think horses lead us; it is actually we whom the horse follows, by following our best intuitions and feelings that lead us to the power of serenity.

Rachel Sena, OP (Peace)

#### Sympathy

The Las Casas Board extends sympathy to The Family and Friends of

Fred Alexander\* Husband of Twila July 8, 2020

Joe Big Medicine Husband of Eva Red hat June 10, 2020

> Charles Surveyor May 12, 2020

Daryll Reed March 31, 2020

\*Fred & Twila received the Las Casas Award in 1997 & were landlords at the White Earth Center in Canton.

May they rest in peace as they were welcomed home by the Great Spirit.



# Old and New Friends

he 2019
Tekakwitha
Conference
was wonderful.
The youth appreciated
sessions, especially
the presentation
by Eric Mahl. Paul
appreciated the
keynote on St. Kateri
and Wanda found
the History of Indian



Federal Law session to be very informative. For Mickie, her favorite part of the Conference was the National Dialogue sharing. She found it very engaging and brought different perspectives together. For me, the presentation on Nicholas Black Elk reminds me so much of St. Kateri. Both were themselves living their Christian faith and set an example we all can follow. Nicholas walked the land we walk on today and his words call each of us to be the best we can be by following his example. The Masses and the gathering of all the nations were highlights. Each year the Conference is a reunion of "old" friends and meeting new friends! Thanks, Las Casas! Wopila!

Barbara Bogenschutz, Op Barbara Bogenschutz, OP (Springfield)



## a NOTE from the LAS CASAS BOARD

as Casas board members reached out to all Dominicans ministering with Native/Indigenous People throughout the U.S. and Mexico after the spring board meeting to inquire how Las Casas could help during this critical time. We continue to stay in touch. Thanks for your prayers for them and considering a financial donation to Las Casas. See the panel on Page 11 for donation information. Thanks to Beth Murphy, OP and the Dominican Sisters of Springfield for the JUST Words article and photo.

For more information about Las Casas, visit our website at: www.domlife.org/lascasas

#### Just Words: Covid19 and the Oglaga Sioux People

xperience of the coronavirus pandemic looks remarkably different depending on where you put your feet. Springfield Dominican Sister Barbara Ann Bogenschutz and the parishioners at Our Lady of the Sioux, in Oglala S.D., where she is the pastoral leader, have their feet in a precarious place.



PHOTO: Paul Little & Pine Ridge Reservation sunset

Oglala Lakota County, the boundaries of which are roughly contiguous with the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, is one of the poorest counties on one of the poorest Indian reservations in the U.S. The nearest medical facilities of any note are in Rapid City, two counties and 125 miles north.

In early April, the tribe set up checkpoints to screen passengers from coronavirus symptoms and to redirect nonessential traffic around the reservation, allowing essential travel to pass through. In early May the South Dakota governor threatened legal action against the tribe.

Our Lady of the Sioux parishioner Paul Little, who served 16 years on the tribal council, has experience with the challenge the tribe faces.

"The governor has told the tribes that they have no right to block state highways through the reservation, but to play it safe the tribe has decided to do that," he said. He wasn't aware of whether or when the tribe would remove the checkpoints, but said he favored them as a measure to protect the residents.

The conflict with the governor de-escalated when state legislators representing tribal lands spoke out in support of their sovereignty.

Social distancing was Sister Barbara Ann's concern, especially at funerals. She said a funeral in nearby Manderson seemed to have been the source of the first two infections. "They do not keep social distancing practices," she said. "It may have been two people from the meat packers in Sioux Falls who came to the funeral and brought the virus."

Many factors mitigate against the tribe when it comes to public health. Communicating is a challenge, as is testing, contact tracing, and providing adequate health services on the reservation. Paul understands. A radio he relies on for news hasn't worked since he moved to a new apartment. He must run the car radio to stay up to date. He also expressed concerns for tribal members living in the more remote rural areas on the reservation where they are without running water. "How can you keep your hands clean in that case?" he asked.

"We've been pretty lucky so far," he added. As of mid-May, there were 14 confirmed cases in the county and no deaths.

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# A Faithful Presence



harles Joseph Leute, O.P., was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1969. His ministry from the beginning has been among the Native American peoples, first on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Porcupine, South Dakota, seven miles north of Wounded Knee, among the Oglala Sioux, and as of 1988 as pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolors on the Spirit Lake Reservation. From his father's side, he is descended from Sauk and Fox Tribes who lived in the Mississippi River area around eastern Iowa.

While Father Leute has worked alone during most of his priestly ministry, he has always valued his Dominican communal life, always welcoming student brothers, and remaining in close contact with the friars in Minneapolis. Just as his ministry to Native People has been remarkably consistent, so too his commitment to liturgical prayer and fraternal life through visits, phone conversations, and his marvelously descriptive letters. He is deeply valued as a true "sage" among many of the priests of

the Diocese of Fargo for whom he has served as spiritual guide and confessor. The sustaining image for Fr. Chuck (which is how his brothers know him) is the Dominican Missionary, Fr. Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli,

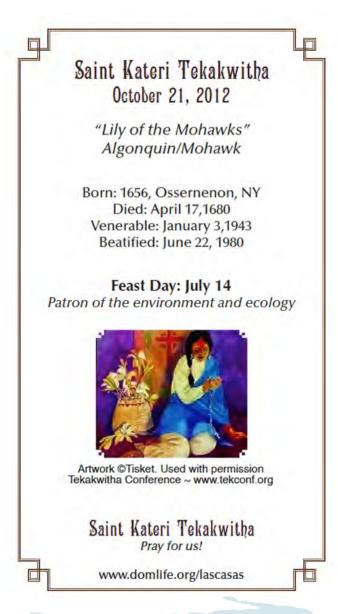
> who labored as a Friar Preacher to Native Americans and all peoples from Mackinac Island down to Galena, Illinois. Father Mazzuchelli and Father Leute share a common vision and live a life that is incredibly similar despite the difference of 150 years between them. And, just as many people reverence the memory of Father Mazzuchelli, so also do those who know Father Leute.

As one of the younger priests in his province said, who had spent time with him on the reservation when he was a student, "When I spend time with Fr. Chuck, I'm in awe of his tireless patience and unquenchable hope. For a people whose lives are frequently visited by struggle, uncertainty, and loss, Fr. Chuck is a stable and compassionate presence. He doesn't worry about successes and failures but trusts that in taking care of what can be done today, God's work is being done."

Father Leute is understandably sympathetic with the struggles of the Native peoples. A very spiritual man, living simply, Chuck identifies well with Native peoples' spirituality: a primacy given to relationships, including being a relative to the two-legged and fourlegged and winged creatures, as well as to the earth, trees, and everything. Native spirituality sees one as being a part of creation and not apart from creation.

#### St. Albert the Great Province of Friars

**NOTE:** Fr. Mazzuchelli established the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1847.



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