

June 11, 2014

Dear Lourdes,

How do we say thank you, not goodbye, not farewell? It is here for the past 25 years that we have found a home in the sweet spirit of friends, in the sweet spirit of active justice, in the sweet spirit of engaged hope, in the sweet spirit of Gospel music with its subtle yet unmistakable call to be a community of freedom.. "Shall we gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God."

Will we miss Lourdes, our Community of the Spirit? For us sadness rises deep within our hearts so difficult even to express. Yet, we know that we will not be forgotten by this beloved community of spirit and you will never be forgotten by us.

You have taken us by the hand. You have shown us what love means by feeding the homeless, tending to people with AIDS, giving food to street kids, speaking out for justice, joining protests, reaching the needy through St.Vincent de Paul and so much more.

You have found your way into our hearts. Yes, we will gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river. Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Love,
Sisters Emeric, Nora, and Patty

An Annual Sinsinawa Dominican Lecture on Justice At Our Lady of Lourdes

As a tribute to the four decades of justice witness of Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and in anticipation of decades more of their continuing presence and involvement among us, we the people of Our Lady of Lourdes will inaugurate an annual lecture on justice dedicated in their honor. This annual event will draw on the rich history of Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters and their associates in advocating for Children and the Homeless, against the Death Penalty and Human Trafficking, for Immigrant and Women's Rights, against Militarism and Racism.

Furthermore, Our Lady of Lourdes parish will launch an annual Sinsinawa Dominican Justice Travel Grant to send a parishioner every year to a conference or workshop addressing a major justice issue and providing strategies to address that issue.