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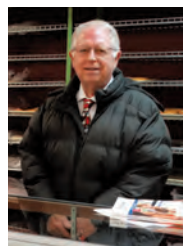
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A Fond Farewell: People in West Central Ohio bid a fond farewell in December to Sr. Regina Albers, C.PP.S., who for many years ministered to Spanish-speaking people in West Central Ohio. Sr. Regina now lives at Salem Heights in Dayton with other retired sisters.

Sr. Regina, who earlier in life ministered in the C.PP.S. Sisters' mission in Chile, was a regular at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel of St.

Charles Center, where Fr. Juan Gonzalez, C.PP.S., a native of Puerto Rico, presides in Spanish. Fr. Gonzalez, who lives in retirement at St. Charles, said he plans to continue the Spanish-language Masses.

In recent years, Sr. Regina has helped prepare children and young adults for sacraments; prayed with families; and offered a friendly listening (bilingual) ear to immigrants in the area. "If people were being served by a parish, I never wanted to draw them out of that. That's where their life is," she said. But she served people who were new to the area and hadn't yet found their way to a parish. She helped them integrate, introducing them to parish volunteers.

She has a heart for immigrants and newcomers, she said, partly because she felt like an outsider herself when she returned to the U.S. after her years of mission work in Chile.

"I came back home in 1980, and I had to decide what to do next. In Chile, where I was teaching, we didn't even have textbooks. I returned to the U.S. and saw computers in the classroom, and didn't know what to do with them. I knew I couldn't teach anymore," she said. "I was gone for 12 or 13 years, and when I got back, everything had changed. I pulled into a filling station and darn, nobody filled my tank! There was a real shock in coming back. I thought I'd come home and feel totally



Sr. Regina Albers, C.PP.S., and Fr. Juan Gonzalez, C.PP.S., who worked together ministering to Spanish-speakers in West Central Ohio.

comfortable and fit right in again. But even the drive-through lane at McDonald's was baffling. There's no question that experiences like that give you a lot of empathy."

We pray that Sr. Regina will enjoy this new chapter in her life. And we pray that God grants Fr. Gonzalez the strength to continue his ministry to Spanish-speaking people in West Central Ohio. May God bless them both for their generous hearts!

Historical Marker at St. Charles: Fr. David Hoying, C.P.P.S., was the keynote speaker at the October 22 dedication of an Ohio historical marker at the Carthage (Ohio) Black Cemetery. The cemetery is very near St. Charles Center, the motherhouse of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Fr. Hoying gave a brief historical account of the African-American settlement that once existed in Carthage. The cemetery is all that remains.

The historical marker unveiled in October is one of 1,600 such markers across the state, according to the Ohio History Connection.



Fr. David Hoying, C.P.P.S., speaks at the dedication of the historical marker near St. Charles Center.



The Power of Prayer

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would make a great religious, and I pray for their vocation every day as well. Whether they end up in formation or Pre-Cana is up to them and God. By praying for them, I have done my part.

It's also helpful to change the way in which we pray for vocations. One month offer a daily rosary for vocations, the next month offer a particular litany or another favorite prayer. Somedays you can pray for vocations in general and other days pray for specific individuals. There is no single way to pray for vocations. What matters is that we pray, and that we keep praying. God is faithful. We simply have to be persistent.

