

# Peruvian Journal

## Gratitude for Peruvian Mission

It was July 1964, 50 years ago, that four very valiant women left Kentucky for the then unknown world of Peru. Some of us will remember the songs we sang at their farewell. Some of us will remember the white habits (soon after to be changed) as a message of a different reality for the Ursulines of Louisville. But only two of us can tell the full story of what happened on the other side of the equator as these four women stepped onto Peruvian soil.

The story behind the Peruvian mission probably has many facets to it. Whichever of those facets is registered in your memory box, there can only be a deep sense of gratitude to God for the opportunity that our congregation has had to be present to and to learn from the Peruvian people.

Mission has been the discovery of the Christ very alive and very clearly announcing the good news in Carmen de la Legua, San Miguel de Cajamarca and Muquiyaayo.

## Tremor and Late Winter Weather

As we moved from a long lasting summer, we were surprised that winter did not quickly jump to the fore in late April or May. In fact, winter was hardly present at all until last week, late June. It was announced with a 5.4 tremor that rocked the streets and homes in the Lima area. Effectively, that brought a severe change in weather conditions. In Lima, "where it never rains," we awakened to rainfall every day for a week. And in this week's news there were tsunami-size waves hitting the southern coastal region of Peru. We are reminded constantly of the global weather changes, and for many people, remembering the earthquake in Ica a few years ago, the awareness is accompanied by fear.

Schools and public offices make it a habit to practice frequently exit procedures in case of an earthquake. Local municipalities alert people as to how to be prepared with a supply of water and other essentials in case of an emergency.

## Political Campaigns Continue

As was mentioned previously, the campaigning for the municipality government started long ago and continues to invade households and neighborhoods with their advertising and oftentimes false offerings. The number of candidates is surprising enough, but the misrepresentation and false promises become even more disconcerting. A real weakness in Peruvian politics is the lack of political parties with a solid foundation. Since the early Nineties, political parties, with principles and policies, with a vision and direction, have for all practical purposes disappeared. In their place are political movements, which as the word suggests, change frequently in both what they promise, and who it is that makes the promises.

While we may feel we could benefit in the U.S. with more political parties, still, introducing modifications to the political structure that do not have a solid base only encourages corruption and a lack of seriousness in political affiliations.

## Callao – Retreat and Welcomed Visitors

In late June the associates in Carmen de la Legua participated in their annual weekend retreat. The theme was built upon that of the North American Ursuline Convocation of last year: Angela's Radical Gospel Vision, Expanding the Circle. The retreat began with the Cosmic Walk, reminding us of the long process of evolution of what we know as earth, and opening to our imagination the presence of other universes that we have yet to explore. The reflections of the associates brought new wisdom and light to the theme, as well as the affirmation of our need to open our own circles and consciously participate in the evolutionary process.



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This month has brought some new visitors to our house. Carol's niece and three friends are traveling through Peru and made our house the first stopping point. It was delightful to have them with us even though the time was very short.

**San Miguel – Planning Begins for New Ramp**  
Grateful for the generous contribution from Saint Agnes Parish in Louisville, the support group working with the Rehabilitation Center “Santa Angela” is beginning to make plans to build the ramp to the second floor and, so, to expand their services.

We are celebrating with you the transitions that will be taking place both in Louisville and in Toledo as the

current leadership teams put the final touches on their ministry and the new teams begin their work with all of us accompanying them in the new directions that have been set. We look forward to Kathy's being with us for the celebration of our local independence day on July 28, and for our cyber connections with Louisville during those days.

*And we hold each of you in our prayers!*

*Sisters Kathy, Carol, Yuli, Sue*

## Peru Scholarship Recipients Introduce Themselves

### Nicole Rosalino Mallqui



I am a good student--responsible, respectful and honest. I like to be responsible in what are the tasks assigned to me. I like to be friendly with my companions and to make a lot of friends.

My family is small: father, mother, brother and I.

My dad is an exemplary father for me because he has always given his time to be present for the presentations that I have made in school. This, for me, is a great value. Also, on Sundays, he and I play games in the house. He makes some mistakes, but, all the same, I love him.

My mother is a very special mom for me because she is very loving. Sometimes she complains to me but she is very good; she cares for me a lot and helps me to be responsible.

My brother is a happy and playful boy. He is loving and a little devilish. He is the one who makes me laugh each day with his playfulness. I love him a lot. I had asked my mother for a brother to play with. Now I have one.

I am very happy to be in this school because I like the values that they teach us. And, I am very grateful to my

parents because it is because of them that I can be at St. Angela and they have made me who I am.

### Maria Eduarda Lopez Valdiviezo



I am in the second year of high school. I am 12 years old and I arrived in Lima when I was 4 years old.

I enjoy listening to music, taking care of my brother and reading.

My parents put me in St. Angela Merici School because it is a parish school, and enables me to grow in my faith. It is a school that teaches values and is an excellent school.

I took the initiative to try for the scholarship so that I could help the economic situation of my family.

This year there was a change in teachers and it was difficult for me to adapt to her teaching. But I have made the effort and am doing well.

I give thanks to God for being in this school and I promise to continue improving in my studies and for my God.