

# Peruvian Journal

With the help of a generous family earlier this year, Carmen Vasquez Nicodemos, a physical therapist from Chiclayo, Peru, began full-time service to our patients at the St. Angela Merici Rehabilitation Center in San Miguel. Carmen serves an average of 30 patients and their families each month (as of April 2016). The number of their weekly sessions varies, depending upon patient needs.

In March an internist, Sonia from San Juan Clinic-Lima, spent her two-week vacation at the Center volunteering her expertise to help patients who need speech and language therapy.

As of April, 2016, Miguel Ugaz Montenegro now serves as the Center's full-time general coordinator. He executes work plans, oversees activities and personnel, plans meetings and coordinates with other institutions who serve the Province of San Miguel.

With financial help in the 2016 town budget, the new mayor, Dr. Julio Vargas, his council, and with the assistance of generous people outside and within San Miguel, construction began on the Center's ramp and public bathrooms.

*Your sisters, Yuli, Kathy, Sue*



1) Peruvian flags in front of altar offer a colorful visual during liturgy. 2) (L-R) Sisters Kathy Neely, Yuli (Julie) Oncihuay and Sue Scharfenberger gather to greet donors. 3) Donors and their families sing AQUÍ ESTOY SEÑOR in the Motherhouse Community Room.

## Conversation Updates Donors about Progress of Peru Ministry

On Sunday, July 24, a group of donors attended mass and lunch at the Motherhouse to catch up with Sisters Kathy Neely, Sue Scharfenberger and Yuli (Julie) Oncihuay about the Ursuline Peru Mission. While the three sisters were stateside this summer, it was a good opportunity to hear firsthand about their efforts in San Miguel and Callao.

After mass and lunch, donors convened in the Community Room where Peruvian objects, photo albums and travel itineraries were on display. Sister Kathy spoke about her work with the rehabilitation center, Sister Sue shared about working with the Peruvian people to learn ways to work against a system that is ripe with government corruption, and Sister Yuli gave an animated presentation in Spanish about her work in the Montessori classroom with young

children. She spoke about education as the way of empowering girls and women to take charge of their lives and not be a victim of domestic violence and human trafficking. Nothing was lost in her translation, thanks to Sister Sue's niece, Maria Scharfenberger, who sat beside Sister Yuli and gave an explanation in English.

Since 1964, Ursuline Sisters have had a presence in Peru. Today, Sisters Kathy, Sue and Yuli remain there to work with families and oversee projects to improve the quality of life for many through healthcare, education, spirituality and social justice. The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville are grateful to numerous Peru benefactors for continued support of this ministry.