



# Peruvian Journal

## Saint Angela Merici School

This year as you know, the theme for the school year has been “Like Angela: Be Happy, Love, Forgive, Be Free and Live Compassionately!” Each class selected a country that is living in conflict. We investigated, studied and discovered things we have in common. Then, in our celebration of Independence at the end of July, our folklore dances presented by each class included recognition of the country we studied. We recognized our multi-cultural histories with a gesture of unity with those countries that are suffering war or turmoil. Syria and Palestine, among others, were recognized and brought into our celebration with a gesture, a prayer, recognition of our compassion for them and our desire to live in peace, harmony and justice.

Sister Yuli’s class chose the United States, and after dancing, one student lifted the flag of the United States and offered words of peace while also expressing gratitude for the Ursuline Sisters who came from the United States in 1964.

Our school is working on a project that is titled, “To Our Earth: Compassion.” We are aware of the need to raise consciousness of our responsibility to care for the planet. Each class is putting in practice the 3 R’s: reduce, reuse and recycle. In these actions we are giving life to our planet. Sister Yuli is very dedicated to the same commitment in the work she does with her students in kindergarten. Even the little ones did some investigating that resulted in actions to care for their planet. Their creativity in “reusing” plastics, paper and everything imaginable is illustrated in the decorations in their classroom.

These attitudes of compassion are also bringing us closer to our sisters and brothers in need: those who live in orphanages, homes for the elderly and homes for children with Aids. It is our commitment to see our brothers and sisters with open hearts without distinguishing race or skin color.

## Sister Kathy in San Miguel

September is the month of the patron Saint of San

Miguel, so the various neighborhoods of San Miguel gathered to reflect and celebrate in preparation for September 29, which is the big feast day.

Sister Kathy continues to be very enthused with the Rehabilitation Center. Coordinating the participation of interns for the Center who come from Lima brings Sister Kathy to the Capitol periodically to assure the participation of the University students. The Rehab Center continues to help more and more people from the surrounding villages of San Miguel as parents bring their children to the town for the therapy they need.

## Sisters Sue, Carol and Yuli

Sisters Carol and Sue participated in an international event September 21 called “Let’s Take Care of Our Planet.” In Peru there is a growing consciousness of our need to protect the environment. Both young and old were present to express their commitment to care for the earth. Perhaps many of you participated, as well, in your own cities.

We also participated in the international day against trafficking of persons. An event was sponsored in the center of Lima in which many young people, religious and women’s organizations renewed their commitment to work for the dignity of all people and to free those trapped in human slavery.

## Elections

While you at home prepared for congressional elections, we also were absorbed in elections for our local mayors. One has to question the campaign process when so much money is invested in gaining supporters, and frequently the candidates here already have histories of corruption. The fifth of October was our deciding date here.

*As we move into summer and you into winter, we remain together in prayer.*

*Sisters Yuli, Kathy, Carol, Sue*