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Florida Aggregation Celebrates 167th Anniversary of the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament

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On Saturday, November 14, 2026, the members of the three branches *(Tampa, Holiday, and Orlando)* of the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament (ABS) in Florida gathered for their annual retreat and time together, with three members making their promise in the

Aggregation. We give special thanks and recognition to the following:

- Our guest speaker and celebrant for the Mass, Father George Dunne SSS, who delivered an in-depth Eucharistic understanding of the importance of Saint Luke's scriptural writing on The Road to Emmaus.
- Father Dominic Long SSS, pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul, Holiday, Florida, for his concelebration and presiding over the Promise Rite for the newly inducted ABS.
- Eddie Lanuzga and Edith for the music and vocals for all the liturgies.
- Sacristans Margaret Flanders and Richard Quinton for their organization.



Pictured left to right: Father Dominic Long SSS, Margaret Findlay, Frances Alice Grammatas, Donna Gallenstein, and Father George Dunne SSS.

- Car Drivers: Rich Knox and Richard Quinton. Ministers for the Mass: Fred Baryol and Leonalda Baron; Readers: Dina Schiereck from Our Lady of the Rosary, Faye Baryol from Saint Paul, Marco Sandusky from Saint Ignatius, and Barbara Perri and Patricia Balk from Saint Vincent de Paul.
- Parker Wissman for his help with the Icebreaker. Parker will be proclaiming his promise on Sunday, December 6, at Saint Paul Church in Tampa *(one of our ABS Florida branches).*
- Denise Hammond, Emily Sandusky for grace before meals, and our surprise guest, Scott Gongos, Director of Mission Advancement from the SSS Headquarters in Highland Heights, Ohio, for the Saint Ann Society Advance Committee and support of the Blessed Sacrament Community.

New Religious Institute Expresses Formation Assistance

How does a new religious institute or association form and develop its rules, constitutions, and formation? By working with another "seasoned institute" from the Archdiocese of Cali, near our Blessed Sacrament Communities in Colombia, the Eucharistic Communicators of the Heavenly Father, or in Spanish, "Comunicadoras Eucarísticas del Padre Celestial," began in 2004 with the approval of Bishop Dario de Jesus Monsalve. In 2020, he formally granted the sisters approval as a "Public Association of the Faithful."



Bi-lingual Zoom meeting in New York and Bogotá. The official name of the group is "Comunicadoras Eucarísticas del Padre Celestial" *(Eucharistic Communicators of the Heavenly Father)*

Now, several years later, they are seeking approval from the Dicastery for Religious Institutes for their constitutions and formation program. Because of this, they were referred to the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and our provincial superior, Father John Thomas Lane SSS. He was

appointed advisor and assistant to review their documents on Eucharistic theology and procedures. This process will occur over the next six months.

Father Lane met the sisters, representing the other 28, in New York City, but the founder, Mother Gavriela del Amor Crucificado, joined from Cali via Zoom with three other sisters across Colombia. As you can see from the photo, other sisters came from their communities in Stanford, Connecticut, Chandler, Arizona, and the mother house near Cali. We wish them well and are excited to influence a "Eucharistic cousin" institute devoted to Eucharistic evangelizing.

In Your Prayers



+ We keep the family of **Mary Ann Trask** in our prayers. Mary Ann was a member of the Northeastern Ohio Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament, coming from a non-SSS parish a half hour away to participate in meetings and serve on the Life in the Eucharist Team. She was also known for her work as a PSR and OCIA Catechist, parents of priests' ministry *(her son, Father David Trask, a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland, and her support of the LITE Team at his parish in Macedonia, Ohio)*, and the Serra Club. Sadly, Mary Ann suffered from Alzheimer's for the last five years.

+ **Cecilia Sangalang**, another Aggregation member in Holiday, Florida, and Saint Vincent de Paul Parish. She was involved as a parish minister of Holy Communion, a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament, and a member of the Divine Mercy Ministry. We pray for her and her family.





+ **Deacon Joseph Bourgeois SSS** is back at Regina Health Center and in a new room there after returning from the hospital after his bout with pneumonia. He is so grateful for all our prayers and asks them to keep coming as he builds his strength back up.



+ **Father Ernest Falardeau SSS** celebrated his 98th birthday and has transitioned to hospice care and is currently on "vigil watch" and unconscious. May his journey to the heavenly banquet be accompanied by all the interfaith and ecumenical leaders that he knew for continued deep discussions.



+ **Father Robert Stark SSS**, director of the Diocese of Honolulu's Office for Social Ministry, asks for prayers for his many upcoming projects, representing the Eymardian Family so well! He will travel to a Dicastery meeting *(Integral Human Development)* at the Vatican on immigration during this Thanksgiving week; this will also include an *ad limina* visit in Rome with the bishops of Guatemala. He will return from this meeting to prepare and participate in the convocation with the priests of the diocese. He is also involved in the Diocese of Honolulu's efforts for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development project, which supports prison ministry. Each year, they have an annual Christmas event in the women's prison, this year on December 5. We so appreciate Father Bob's undying commitment and service in his 50th year of ordained ministry!

+ We also pray for **Joseph Genalo, Jr.**, the son of Aggregation Member Peggy Genalo, who died after suffering from a long illness!