

December 2008

Saint Nicholas Day Holiday Boutique



December 6, the SSS Community hosted a successful holiday sale in the Villa Retirement Community, and offered a huge array of items to fit everyone's holiday needs and budget:

- Art from the Philippines and Mexico
- Original artwork from the Sisters
- Religious goods
- Homemade baked goods
- Eco-Friendly gifts
- Holiday Cards
- Plants grown locally

Over **\$6,400** was raised towards the building fund project. Next year's plans are already underway, so if you didn't make it this year, please think about coming and bringing a friend next year.

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Sister Frances Paula Guillory Award

In November, **The Black Catholic Evangelization Center** honored **Sr. Lois Marie Davis**, SSS, for her outstanding leadership in establishing the Black Sisters' Conference, dedicated service in African-American parish life, and her intensive ministry as a psychotherapist. Sr. Lois has great respect for the emotional and spiritual journeys of her clients-- mainly children, youth and families that have survived trauma and other life-changing situations. In her acceptance speech, she referred to the SSS foundresses committing to "**advocating and empowering individuals and communities to confront social systems which affect women, children and families**" The Knights and Ladies



of Peter Claver have been a defining influence in Sr. Lois' life. She has been a Sister of Social Service for 46 years and her accomplishments and contributions were enthusiastically acknowledged by the 300 guests in attendance.



Sr. Lois Marie Davis (second from left) pictured with Sr. Shaun Marie Wise, Sr. Diane Donoghue, Sr. Claire Graham and Sr. Deborah Lorentz the night of Sr. Lois' award ceremony.

Chairwoman of Social Action Directors, California Catholic Conference

Sr. Gail Young, pictured on right at the Ministry Fair in November, is the **Program Coordinator with Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Office of Justice and Peace**. This office educates Catholics in Los Angeles about the principles of Catholic social teaching and its real-world applications. It also advocates for public policy that affirms human life and human dignity and reflects a consistent life ethic. In October, Sr. Gail was elected Chairwoman of the Social Action Directors of the statewide California Catholic Conference. Sr. Gail is honored to be serving in her new leadership position.

