Building unity through community

Blessed Salvatore Lilli was a Franciscan priest who was martyred in modern-day Turkey in 1895. Salvatore had a passion for bringing people together through his preaching and through his work. He helped build schools, clinics, homes for the abandoned and always strove for unity through the good works of Christ. God worked through him to bring about unity in His people.

Lou and Mary Anne Dart of Bee, NE, emulate the virtues of this saint. Lou and his beloved wife Mary Anne have operated Lou & Mary Anne’s in Bee since 1974. It is an awesome restaurant and bar. They are noted for their broasted pork chops, their Friday night fish fry’s, and—my personal favorite—the Saturday night prime rib. Lou and Mary Anne have provided a service for their village of Bee and for Seward and Butler Counties by running this restaurant for the community.

Mary Anne passed away earlier this year and we should pray in thanksgiving for her life and so that she may enjoy her Eternal Reward from Christ.

Lou is a veteran of the United States Air Force. A big Green Bay Packers fan in retirement he and Mary Anne decided to open up Lou and Mary Anne’s as a service to the community of Bee in 1974. It is a source of gathering, friendship, and community. Lou and Mary Anne could have stayed retired but they have maintained the restaurant so families and friends could have a place to go out and enjoy life in Bee, a small community of 191 people.

Lou and Mary Anne’s is well-known and brings many visitors to little Bee, NE. It is a welcoming place. Lou and Mary Anne Dart’s sacrifice brings people together from all over the region. They think of others first and

Last year, our Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center provided 5,268 sessions

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place others ahead of themselves. Lou and Mary Anne are faithful Catholics and their relationship with Jesus Christ shows in their hearts and in their work. They feed hungry people. They build community and allow people to enjoy life. They sacrifice and put the needs of others ahead of themselves.

Lou and Mary Anne show us that one can become a saint by putting their heart into their work here in the Good Life of Nebraska. We thank them for lifting up the region with their work and their hearts.

God rest Mary Anne Dart and God continue to be with her beloved, Lou.

God bless and keep us always!

Fr. Justin Fulton, Executive Director

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**Lincoln Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program**

**Program expanded to provide gifts, gift cards this Christmas**

In lieu of the St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe, the Adopt-A-Family Program in Lincoln will be expanded this year. Beginning November 24th, parishes will receive ornaments for giving trees. Participating parishes include St. Joseph, St. Peter, Cathedral, St. John, St. Michael and North American Martyrs. There are two types of ornaments:

- **Angels** - you can purchase gifts for the family described on the back of the angel.

- **Gift Card Sleeves** - you can make a cash donation or purchase a gift card for a family in need. Donations can also be made to CSS by visiting our website at [www.cssisus.org/donate](http://www.cssisus.org/donate) and selecting “Holiday Giving (CSS Holiday Programs)” when making your donation.

Keep watching [www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org) for more details or your church bulletin if you are in one of the parishes listed above.