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TRAVEL

January was a month for trips. Sister Teresa returned from her trip to Mexico and Central America on the 3rd. The following Tues. we had a belated Christmas lunch with some of our friends. Since it was the day after the 6th, we had our Rosca de Reyes for dessert. Sr. Carmen and Fr. Larry got babies so the *Levantada* will be at Fr. Larry's house on the 2nd of Feb.



A week later, Sr. Petra left for Taxco. Her youngest sister, Sylvia, was celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary. The Celebration was in Tlcatlancillo, the Sister's hometown. The Taxco community also attended the celebration which made it all the better for Petra. She spent the rest of the time visiting with the family, especially her father. As usual, he was

very sad to see her leave. Sister was gone for two weeks, returning on the 25th.

That evening all 3 of us attended the Temple Civic Theater to see "Joseph and the Technicolor Coat". It was a fun evening for us.

Then the next morning, the 26th, Sr. Teresa left for some meetings in Leon. She drove to Dallas to board a direct flight to Leon. Since it was a rainy morning she allowed herself plenty of time for the ride.

Sister returned to the U.S. the following Saturday very much delayed. Her return flight was delayed for almost 4 hours in Leon, due to some engine trouble the plane had in Dallas. So instead of arriving in Dallas at 5:30 p.m. she arrived at almost 9 p.m. The first thing she noticed was the flags at half mast all over the airport so when she was paying at the exit of the parking lot she asked what for. That's when she found out about the shuttle accident. All the way out of Ft. Worth highway signs were requesting info about shuttle debris recovery. By the time she got home it was almost midnight.

On the 5th of Feb. we called Sr. Socorro, who was back in MO, to inquire about her dad. That's when she told us that her mother was now very ill and in the hospital.

She sounded so nervous and forlorn that we decided it would be a good idea for Sr. Teresa to go up and spend a few days with her. After calling Sr. Sally to inform her of our plans, Sister left at 11:30 a.m. for Verona arriving there at 9 p.m.

The following Saturday Sr. Teresa returned to Temple. Sr. Socorro was feeling a lot better when Sr. Teresa left.

Of course, we traveled to San Antonio for both Inter-Community meetings on Jan 19th & Feb 16th. Both times we were able to take a long weekend. But we don't think we'll be so blessed in March.

There were also two Respect Life events we went to. The first was the Respect Life Mass on Jan 23rd at St. Mary's in Waco. Bishop Aymond gave a powerful pro-life homily. This Mass was very special since it marked the 30th anniversary of the Roe Vs Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. We had stopped for dinner, with Sheila, at Denny's when to our great surprise the Bishop and his Chancellor walked in. So in a way, we had supper with the Bishop (same room). Then, after Mass, he kissed each of us on our way out of the church.

On Feb 9th, we returned to St. Mary's in Waco for

Sunday Mass, but really for the spaghetti dinner served after Mass. We really went to Waco because St. Jerome's RCIA class was throwing a

Baby Shower for the Shelter. We came away with a good supply of articles for babies and for the house. GOD

BLESS ALL THOSE GENEROUS PEOPLE!

BABIES

During January we were blessed with two babies. Latosha Davis' baby girl was born on Monday, Jan 13th. Since Latosha was already living in Taylor, we don't know for sure what the baby's name is, but it's something like Takeesha.

The following Friday, Angela Stover had her baby. Manuel Isaiah Soto was born after a very short labor at Scott & White. Angela and the baby left the Shelter the following Tuesday to live with the daddy's sister, Tiffany.

We wish both new moms all the best.

RESIDENTS

We broke a record with our most recent resident. Bonnie Williams and her 2 yr old daughter, Anaria, came to OLAMS on Friday, 2/7. They arrived at 11:30 a.m. By 8 p.m. Bonnie was on the phone to her aunt (with whom she had not been able to live) asking the aunt to come for her. She told Sheila that the place was too quiet, too clean, too orderly. By 9:30 p.m. she had left. Go figure!

On February 1st, Sisters Petra and Carmen attended the Mass and dinner in observance of Consecrated Life at the Cathedral in Austin. This is a yearly event sponsored by the Bishop for all Religious in the diocese. We had a chance to visit with our Sisters from San Marcos. And a good time was had by all.

Sister Petra was invited by the Cursillistas at O. L. of Guadalupe to give a talk on the Rosary on Feb. 18. There was a group of about 25

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men who learned about the Rosary that evening.

The following day we attended the Catholic Women's Deanery meeting at St. Mary's to see the Power point presentation on the Shelter that Barbara Burton put together. She will present it again at the Priests' Deanery meeting next month.

On February 13th, we took Eva Hale, our first resident, along with her 3 yr old daughter, Amber, to lunch for her birthday. Eva loves enchiladas, so that's what she had for lunch. She was in 7th heaven.



The night of Feb. 23rd was a record breaker for us. We had an ice storm for a couple of hours. It left a 1/2 inch of ice on our windshield. That was also the evening that Sr. Cathy and her

family were trying to get back home. Thanks be to God we didn't suffer any ill effects of the storm.