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Dear Friends,

We are #MediaNuns.

We are #OnTheMove.

I'm writing to you, our dearest friends and supporters, **to share some special news with you.** In case I've yet to meet you, my name is Sr. Donald Maria Lynch, and I currently serve as the Provincial Superior of the Daughters of St. Paul in the U.S. and Toronto.



Our Sisters make an offering of themselves to follow in the footsteps of St. Paul and bring Jesus to those who do not yet know him.

Saint Paul traveled to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Gospel.

Constantly *on the move*, Saint Paul inspires us to go forth and bring Christ to the world through the most effective means of communication. Here in the U.S. and Toronto, our 120 sisters live and minister in 13 physical locations. We reach *millions* of people across the world via in-person and digital communications.

And still, we hear the ongoing call of the Lord to respond to the multitudes who do not yet know Jesus Christ.

Today's means of communication provide tremendous opportunities to invite people to a relationship with Jesus Christ. We've had several people tell us that they are entering RCIA this year because of online interactions they've had with our sisters who have guided them towards truth. To better reach those who have yet to hear the Gospel, we have made decisions for growth: growth of our vocational witness, our religious communities, and our mission.

We are reconfiguring our presence across the U.S. and Toronto to mobilize our sisters for new and diverse pastoral opportunities with in-person and online outreach.

To do this, we will be moving from the locations of Honolulu, Chicago, Charleston, and San Antonio. While we will be closing the physical locations in these areas, the Pauline charism will remain present through the communities that we have formed. These changes we are making are painful and we recognize that our departure will leave a void. Yet, we trust that the Lord will grant growth and spiritual fruit through this process.

To say we will miss those of you who know and love us in these communities is an understatement. You are—and will continue to be—part of our family. We are grateful to you who welcome, support, and collaborate with us in our mission of evangelization.

From the beginning of our presence in the U.S. and Toronto, your support and prayers have made it possible for us to live out our call to evangelize the culture. We are eager to continue partnering with all of you who share in our missionary spirit to make Christ known. Please keep this effort in your prayers.

We've included a prayer card for you to join us in asking God to guide us with his grace.

The radical call to be missionaries in the footsteps of Saint Paul helps all of us to live in union with the people we serve, who are experiencing shifts, changes, and migrations to new territories. Through Baptism, the Lord calls us *all* to be apostles who move in the freedom of the Spirit of God, unbound by the confinements of our time. **We affirm this new day of God. We wholeheartedly embrace this new outpouring of the Spirit.**

We will be in touch with you about future opportunities to join our sisters in Honolulu, Chicago, Charleston and San Antonio for commemorative gatherings and prayer. You can stay connected with us and receive the latest information about this process at: connect.pauline.org/onthemove.

We are especially honored to pray for you and your intentions in our daily prayer. Feel free to share your prayers with us. We also ask that you pray *with* us for those who seek God in these challenging times!



May the grace of God continue to guide us all!

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P.S. You are a gift from God to us and to all who are touched by the Pauline mission! Without you by our side, we could never accomplish the good that we do. Be confident in our prayers for you!

P.P.S. Stay connected: connect.pauline.org/onthemove.



Sr. Mary Joan spends time with one of our young friends to teach him how to pray Our Lady's rosary.