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Celebrating 90 years of
working with and supporting
people on the margins of our
world through social services
and advocacy

Sr. Paula Vandegaer, SSS Celebrates 50 Years of Pro-Life Work By SSS Novice Raquel Cruz

We are grateful once again to the Holy Spirit that moves in us and around us! **Sr. Paula Vandegaer, SSS**, was honored and recognized for her 50 years of Pro-Life work, along with Archbishop Jose H. Gomez who was also recognized for his ongoing Pro-life leadership. It has been a big journey very well accomplished. Sr. Paula started this beautiful ministry to defend the life of those who cannot defend themselves. Over the years, she has taught and trained others to follow the same steps in defending the life of the unborn babies.

The celebration took place at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena, on Sunday November 5, 2017. The celebration was very nice and the dinner was excellent!



**Sr. Paula speaking on behalf of
International Life Services in Encino**

Sr. Paula was able to share with her friends and sponsors her experiences in the Pro-Life movement and the story of her founding the International Life Services in 1985 to promote Judeo-Christian values applied to family life, sexuality, and bioethical issues. The Holy Spirit has placed everything in a perfect way for all those who take part in this wonderful ministry of life. God gives life and He is the only one who can take it away. The first Pro-Life service center was opened in 1971 and they now have 42 centers in 13 states and one in Hungary associated with International Life Services.

Some members of the Sisters of Social Service Community were blessed to be in attendance, including Sr. Ellen, Sr. Shaun, Sr. Mary Ellen, SSS Discerner Mary Grace and SSS Novice Raquel. Please let us all praise the Holy Spirit for moving Sr. Paula to this wonderful work.

Congratulations, Sr. Paula.
Give us 50 more years!

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