



Lupe Silva, OP



“Gracias a Dios”

continues to be the mantra of my life.

I was born on November 19, 1928 to Brunita and Lucio Silva, the youngest of 15 children. I was first welcomed and enfolded into the Silva family, the Merrill village neighborhood, and Sacred Heart parish. At home was where I learned and lived the “welcoming of all,” “doing whatever was needed” and the experience of daily prayer. The Dominican Sisters’ care and presence in the community led me to join them.

On September 8, 1946, my Sister journey began. These years placed me in service as teacher, principal, Director of Religious Formation, and Pastoral Associate. I have served as Director of the Hispanic Formation Program and Vicar for Hispanics in the Diocese of Saginaw.



Kit Fessenden, Sr. Lupe Silva, Sr. Angelina Abeyta †, and Sr. Roseline Elemowu stand in front of the 41 beautiful dresses they sewed for children in Nigeria.

Gracias a Dios for my supportive family and friends, and my Dominican Sisters with whom I share life, prayer, and study. Thanks to all the dear ones who have graced my life in ministry.



Sr. Lupe helps her sister Juanita glue Christmas scenes onto cards during an Energize Your Brain activity.

Life continues to evolve and challenge me here at Marywood. My ministries now include care of my sister, Juanita, volunteer seamstress, and daily response to whoever knocks at my door. I am grateful for the variety and richness of opportunities.

I know and believe that as Dominican women “We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.” I say “Gracias a Dios”.

70 years