
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Summer of Saints!

Servant of God Michelle Duppong was born in 1984 and grew up with her five siblings on their family farm in North Dakota. Michelle was a cheerful, hard-working child with a deep love for her family, nature and JESUS! After graduating from high school, Michelle attended North Dakota State University in Fargo where she was involved in campus ministry. After graduating, she became a FOCUS missionary, serving at four different college campuses across the USA. Michelle had a gift of easily befriending the students and sharing her love for Jesus. One friend recalls when Michelle showed the students a toy armor set with Ephesians 6:10-18 as her inspiration: "put on the full armor of God." On the shield, sword and breastplate Michelle wrote physical mortifications such as sleeping without a pillow, taking a cold shower or skipping lunch. She asked the students to pick one mortification and offer it up for someone in need for a week. The students told her afterwards they found this really difficult to do! Michelle explained, "That's because souls are attached to this now." When Michelle finished her time at FOCUS, she wrote a letter to the bishop of Bismarck and asked him if she could serve the diocese in any way. Bishop Kagan hired Michelle as the director of adult faith formation. From the start, she impressed him greatly with her zeal and steadfast faith. In December 2014, Michelle underwent surgery to address abdominal pain that doctors thought was caused by ovarian cysts. However, the surgeon found advanced cancer. Michelle began a year of cancer treatments, offering her pain and medical procedures for the conversion of souls and those in need. Her mother and her sister said they never heard her complain once. Michelle died in 2015, surrounded by her family, on Christmas Day.

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***Jesus, I praise and thank You
for the life of Your servant
Michelle Duppong. In her life and
suffering, she joined You in Your thirst
for souls and embraced
the cross offered to her.
Following her example, I ask for the
special grace of...and, if it
brings You greater glory, that
she be honored by Your Church.
Jesus, I ask this in Your Holy Name.
Amen.***

With ecclesiastical approval of
Bishop David D. Kagan, Bismarck Diocese