

# Venite



Fall 2010

# Adoremus

The Newsletter of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration Canton, Ohio

## Our Newly Elected Abbess

*Together, my Community and I, walk into a new chapter of living here at this Canton Monastery of Poor Clares.*

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 13



Mother Magdalen Colson, PCPA

As leader of this household, I turn confidently to the words of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. She identified her central mission as that of one standing apostolically at the Heart of the Church in contemplative posture. May it be so with myself and this membership.

Likewise, St. Paul the Apostle, in that precious passage to the Corinthians, recommends Christ-like LOVE as the element which validates and outruns every other virtue.

As for myself, I see nothing as more important for me to aspire to as Abbess than to be this Love at the Core of my Community. Would that by means of living this Love as St. Paul describes, there will be no impediment from me standing in the path of our communal expression of Christ's enduring, transforming Love. Would that we may be and continue to be the best power this world can have..... both among ourselves and to all the world....even as our HEAVENLY FATHER has desired for all His dear children. And I pray with confidence that our faithfulness will be rewarded through a new generation of seekers irresistibly bound for this profound vocation at Sancta Clara Monastery!

Finally, with what Blessing I, by God's Grace can give, I wish it to all!

Gratefully,  
Mother Magdalen Colson, PCPA



# Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

## A TYPICAL DAY OF A POOR CLARE LIFE

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass

The Liturgy of the Hours

Come. Let us adore Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament

Devotion



Silence &  
Solitude

Meditation



Contemplation

ADORATION

Recreation

Study

Community Meal

Work

Communal Rosary



# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are contemplative women sharing in the charism of Sts. Francis and Clare and our foundress, Marie Claire Bouillvaux. We form a sisterhood centered in Eucharist, and committed to radical gospel living. Together we embrace a poor and humble lifestyle in total dependence upon God.

Conscious of our unique call in the heart of the church as enclosed contemplatives, we dedicate our entire selves to living the Eucharistic Mystery.

Through our daily celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy and time given to loving prayer before the exposed Eucharist, we are graced to incarnate this Mystery in our own lives.

- by daily and personal conversion to the gospel
- by offering loving adoration, praise and thanksgiving to God on behalf of all people
- by our efforts to live and work contemplatively, and to deepen our union with God in times of silence and solitude
- by our intercessory prayer for the Church and all people
- by our efforts to love and serve our sisters in true community
- by extending spiritual and material assistance to others in ways compatible with our contemplative life
- by showing sisterly hospitality and care to those who come to our monastery and in our relations with all persons.

This is our cherished gift and call from our gracious God for which we are deeply grateful.

**"Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God."**





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Dear Friends,

It has now been five years since we embarked on our Soup and Bread project as a means of financial support for our monastery - a project made possible because of the generosity of our volunteer workers and patrons. During these years this endeavor has shown itself to be a stable on-going support in keeping with our contemplative life style and should be continued. It has become evident, however, that we need a more adequate space to carry out this work.

You may recall that, initially, we had considered the building of a spiritual center on the monastery grounds, in which the Soup and Bread kitchen would also be housed. However, it has become clear that the spiritual services of such a center are already being well provided in this area. Therefore, our plan has been altered in favor of converting a portion of the north wing of the monastery into a commercial kitchen, as was stated in a previous newsletter.

This renovation will be undertaken in the near future. The estimated cost will not exceed \$200,000. We beg your prayers and on-going financial assistance for this endeavor. In the meantime, the Soup and Bread will continue as usual.



Site of our new kitchen

With our gratitude,  
 Your Poor Clare Sisters

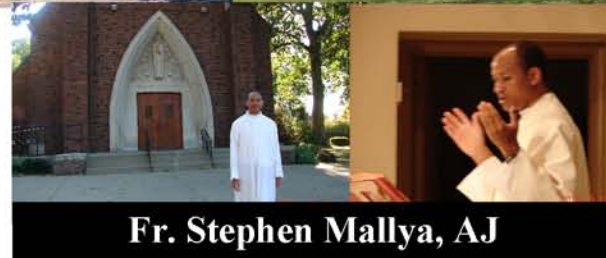


**I will miss Sancta Clara**

By **Fr. Milton Kiocha, AJ**  
 (Apostle of Jesus)



The three years and four months I served at Sancta Clara Monastery were years of grace and spiritual renewal. I call the monastery a place of peace and prayer, with the breeze and fragrance of adoration and admirable worship. I called the nuns "the ciboria" of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The emblem they wear tells it all. Their life and dedication to the Lord touched my life, faith and call to holiness. Now that I have been re-assigned, it is difficult to let go of such a wonderful and grace-filled place.



**Fr. Stephen Mallya, AJ**

I welcome Fr. Stephen Mallya, AJ to Sancta Clara. May the Good Lord be his guide and protection.  
 I will miss Sancta Clara.