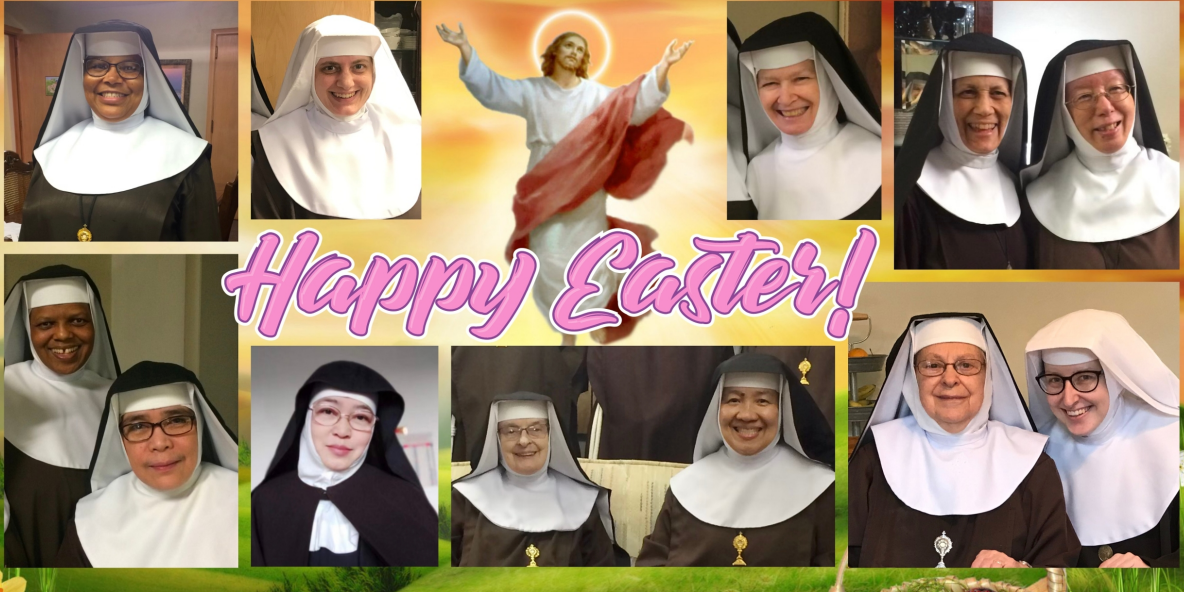


Venite Adoremus

2022 Spring Newsletter



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE POOR CLARES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION CANTON, OHIO



For all of us Resurrection People, Easter marks the true advance of Springtime, of Light and New Beginnings! Again, we can enjoy the warmth of the ascendant sunshine and bask in the varied assurances of renewed warmth and flowers. We do not the spirit of these days melt away our last bits of lethargy, cabin fever and winter hibernations. We're compelled to respond to the sweet leanings of hopefulness, even in the midst of challenges and struggles, darkness and failures. Oh, let us be ready; let us ready ourselves to greet Jesus as he bursts out alive and glorious from the tomb! Let us exclaim our Halleluiahs to him and to everyone around us!

Over the past year since we were with you in mailbox time, we decided to adopt a new form of our veiling. Like the Apostle who declared the message of his teaching as a new form that is not really new, we appear to you in a like manner. Our Founders are surely smiling with a new level of recognition, for we now mirror their own faces from the days when they once moved and served here in this holy place. Perhaps we shall evoke a smile on your faces, too? In our new adornment, it was our delight to have celebrated on October 4th, 2021, in a historic gathering with our new Bishop David Bonnar at his first Mass with us and along with many priests and faithful locals, a most memorable Mass and Festivities. This day marked a joyful and fulfilling 75 years of our Community as a spiritual presence, the daughters of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi, the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, in this City of Canton, Ohio and in the Diocese of Youngstown! It has been our gift from God and you, our faithful supporters, to constantly day and night adore our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and to serve you in a ministry of contemplative devotion and works! On Saturday, October 8th, and in further celebration of our 75th year, we had our 2nd Annual Nun Run event! Yes, it was another great success! Our community shared the enjoyment as the last-lap cheering team for all the runners! We felt privileged to see all those earnest faces as they went loping past the monastery grounds. We hope to see our friends back for our Third Annual Nun Run October 22nd this year. Then in a trinity of special events, we had our first GALA gathering on the next day, Sunday, October 9th which featured television's renowned Father Leo Patalinghug as its keynote speaker. This fundraising event, would not been possible without the expert assistance and excellent leadership of Sharon Deitrick, president of our PCPA Foundation Board and the collaboration of our esteemed Monastery Board Members.

FOUNDING OF SANCTA CLARA MONASTERY: A GIFT OF LOVE

In August of 1945, John and Ida O'Dea approached the Most Reverend William McFadden, Bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, with an unusual request. Could their spacious English Tudor home and estate be turned over to some religious Order which could hold a new Community where God could be present in a special way In the Youngstown diocese?

Bishop McFadden knew of the praiseworthy life of this devout couple and the generosity with which they had contributed to the needs of the Church. He saw in this offer the final gesture which gave all that was dearest to them into the service of Our Lord.

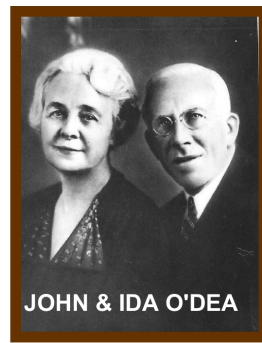
The Bishop acted without hesitation. On September 9th, 1945, Mother Mary Agnes, Superior of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration at the St. Paul's Shrine in Cleveland, Ohio, received a call informing her of the desire of the O'Dea's. She was asked if her Community would be willing to undertake this foundation. Two days later, Mr. & Mrs. O'Dea came personally to offer their home to the nuns. It did not take Mother Agnes and her Community long to reach an affirmative decision. With the gracious approval of Archbishop Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland, the agreement was made.

On October 4, 1946, six Sisters arrived at the O'Dea estate and the former O'Dea mansion became Sancta Clara Monastery. With Mother Mary Clare came Mother Mary Luka, Sister Mary Veronica, Sister Mary of the Cross, Sister Mary Joanne, Sister Mary Angelica and Sister Mary Juliana as the extern Sister. Thus the new Community was completed. The people of Canton warmly welcomed this little group of Sisters. They generously provided for the necessities of life by bringing generous donations of food and many other essential items.

Plans for a beautiful chapel and spacious monastery were in place even prior to the arrival of the Sisters from Cleveland. On October 4th, 1949, Bishop McFadden presided at the ground-breaking ceremony. Mr. O'Dea proudly overturned the first shovel-full of earth. A year later, on September 10, 1950, Bishop Emmett M. Walsh blessed the cornerstone as it was lowered into place. The Sisters watched with delight as the building took shape before their grateful eyes. In June of 1951, the new monastery was ready for occupancy. The bishop solemnly dedicated the building and the Sisters gratefully moved into their new quarters.

The dedication of the chapel was held in October of 1951. Three years later, on October 3, 1954, the solemn consecration took place. The choir from Brunnerdale Seminary filled the chapel with glorious harmony as Bishop Walsh and his attendants anointed the walls, doors and altar with blessed chrism, making Sancta Clara a holy place of God for His people.

Following both their respective deaths, both John and Ida O'Dea have made their way home to our cemetery where they, along with our Mother Mary Clare and Mother Mary Luka, are much loved and continued to be prayed over for their wonderful founding spirit and initiative. May both John, Ida, and all our other founders rest in peace and be blessed eternally for their wonderful, shining lives for God.



JOHN & IDA O'DEA



(L-R) Sr. Mary of the Cross, Mother Mary Clare, Sr. Mary Joanne, Mother Mary Agnes (Cleveland), Sr. Mary Angelica, and Mother Mary Luka



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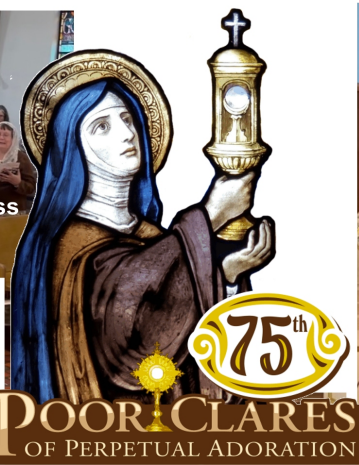
THE FOUNDING SISTERS OF SANCTA CLARA MONASTERY

Since then it has been 75 years and we are no less thankful than we were then...but even more so! God has been so good to us for giving us these wonderful beginnings and has built upon them where the only worthy thanks that can be given is our continued adoration.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 4TH



Bishop Bonnar entering to say Mass for the first time at Sancta Clara. What a way to make an entrance



The many guest celebrant priests who attended and who continue to attend to our spiritual needs here



Bishop Bonnar giving his very moving homily



Bishop Bonnar celebrating Mass



Mother Mary Gertrude with Sr. Joyce Candidi OSHJ, Vicar for Religious of the Diocese of Youngstown



Bishop Bonnar greeting the faithful after Mass



Our First Community Picture with our new Bishop, what a way to mark an already blessed occasion.



Celebration Time

THE FIRST ANNUAL GALA



Fr. Leo Patalinghug with some of the GALA attendees



Our awesome welcoming committee keep up those smiles



Don't burn the rope down, Fr. Leo! We want to see you again in December for our next GALA



Liwi Calibag was the highest bidder for Fr. Leo's food. Do you care to share with the sisters next time?



Guests enjoying the GALA



Sharon Deitrick

Words cannot express our gratitude to our wonderful PCPA Foundation Board President Sharon Deitrick for all she organizes and fundraises for us. Many blessings upon you!



Chamblee boys helping Bill with the live auction

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE NUNRUN & THE GALA!



OFF TO THE RACES!



Anthony Schuster

Thank you to Anthony Schuster who has graciously shared his love for running by "running" our NunRuns. There would be no runners without you.

