

Venite Adoremus

2022 Fall Newsletter

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



Back: Sisters Mary Immanuel, Marie Dominique, Dolores Marie, Bridget Marie, Thérèse Marie, and Mary Agnes.

Front: Sisters Mary Clare, candidate Mary Alice, Mother Mary Gertrude, Marion Celine, Mary Magdalen, and Maria Teresina.

To all our dear friends, through these latter summer days filled with a nostalgic finale of flowering beauties and warm outdoor days, we, your Canton Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, extend our glad greetings and prayerful regards! Let us then share with you the news and events of the passing months of this year and of the things yet to come here at our beloved Sancta Clara Monastery!

This year has been especially blest by the possibilities of new membership! During the days of March, Sr. Jose Maria, a Poor Clare from the Philip-pines, spent two months among us with the intention



Welcome Sr. Maria Teresina!

of joining our Community at a time later this year following preparations for the move.

She left behind a treasury of delicious things for our table and a promise of more to come! In April, a Poor Clare from a Community in Rome, Sr. Maria Teresina, has joined our membership, arriving with her joyful smile and a readiness to bestow her beautiful talents and prayerful spirit among us. In June, by the Grace of God, we were gladdened with the presence of our Aspirant, Mary Alice. She arrived to spend a three-month visit with us in preparation for a date later this year when she plans to enter our Community as an Extern Sister. We also await the arrival of Lucia, a young woman who spent some time with us before the COVID pandemic. A date for her arrival is set for this October. With all gratitude, may the Lord increase our Fold with each of these promising vocations!

Our new sound system of bells and hymns was installed in May through a generous donation from the Michael and Mary Bagnoli Family. We trust that many of you have had occasion to enjoy the beauty of these holy sounds around our grounds and over the near neighborhood. There's also plans for a cast of manual bronze bells which would be located in a tower above our monastery complex, evoking traditions of old. Later in the month, Mother Mary Gertrude and Sr. Mary Magdalen traveled to join up with our other Poor Clare Sisters at our monastery in Alabama for our usual leadership conference. It's always so good to visit with our Sister Communities and share the fruits of our lives and apostolic efforts on behalf of Holy Mother Church! It was a special and mutually encouraging time spent together in an absolutely glorious setting!



Sisters from all the PCAs in the USA: Tonopah, Hanceville, Cleveland, and Canton with an imposter: our Fr. Frank Yacobi OFM Cap the spiritual advisor for our Association. Mother is so tall!

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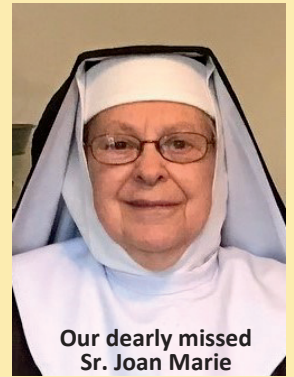


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Canton, OH)



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Our June days are always filled with significant dates keynoting our particular charisms and spiritual commitments. At Pentecost, we remember the declaration of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, that we are missionaries identified as “Love in the Heart of our Mother, the Church.” On the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we stand together before the world within our monastery and renew the Solemn Vows we claim for life in this Order of Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration. The Feast of Corpus Christi finds us exulting in the Eucharistic Lord whom we serve and adore in this place all through our days and nights. Then, before we leave these memorable days behind, we celebrate with full hearts the Feasts of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Our dearly missed Sr. Joan Marie

On July 16th, surrounded by a gathering of our Bishop, priests, religious, and local monastery friends, our Community celebrated the singular event of Sister Bridget Marie’s First Profession of Vows. The new Bishop of the Diocese, David Bonnar, officiated at Mass in a sanctuary filled with the cherished faces of priest friends and ministers from around the area. Sister’s family were present to witness this step in her life. As does the cycle of our lives unfold, only a short time, a little more than a week later, our dear Sister, Sr. Joan Marie Jones concluded a lifetime of faithful vows to the Lord and on the evening of July 26th, slipped suddenly and quietly away from this world after a



Our leadership team with Bishop Bonnar who presided over the elections

very happy day of typically extraordinary monastery life!

Before we leave this eventful month, we want to announce the election results of our current officers for the next three years: our dear Abbess Mother Mary Gertrude Espenilla, along with our Vicar Sister Mary Magdalen Colson and our Councillor Sister Mary Agnes Shayo were each re-elected to leadership. May the Grace of the Lord be with us. Amen!



Mother Mary Gertrude at our “surprise” appreciation at your re-election party. Thank you for all who helped make it a surprise (truly a feat). She made the comment that she didn’t get a crown for her profession so we made her one of her own. Whose do you like better: Mother Mary Gertrude or Sr. Bridget Marie? Choose wisely.



Sr. Bridget Marie being “scrutinized”. She is glad she passed the test!



Welcoming Sr. Bridget Marie of the Pietà and the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, PCPA!



The sanctuary at Sr. Bridget Marie’s First Profession Mass



Sr. Bridget Marie making her vows into Mother Mary Gertrude’s hands



Sr. Bridget Marie with Mother Mary Gertrude before we devoured the cake.



Sr. Bridget Marie with Bishop Bonnar after the Mass.



Sr. Bridget Marie with some of her very large family that was able to come. She is the oldest of 10 and 2 of her blood sisters are Carmelites so Our Lady of Mount Carmel fits her well.

FORMATION SISTERS CORNER (Formerly the “Novice Corner” but now we are down to one novice so...)

STORY TIME: TRUST. TRUST, AND SURRENDER. HOW ABOUT SOME MORE TRUST? That is all we can think about right now and that is good because that is exactly what religious vows are and how St. Clare viewed life. God wants to take care of us. He is literally on His knees begging us to let Him take care of us, to love us, to shower us with all sorts of graces and blessings each time we look at Him in a monstrance, in the tabernacle, at Mass, and any time we pray to Him (whether it is a serious prayer or an off-the-cuff I need chocolate right now God prayer). This is so big in St. Clare’s life that she fought tooth and nail against all the big shots in the Church from the superior general of the Franciscans to the Cardinal Protector of her Order and even all the way to the Pope. She even decided to hold her ground against St. Francis too. (Thank you St. Clare!) She demanded the “privilege of poverty” which meant no revenue, no land, no income, no dowries, no security of any sort—NO NOTHING. Period. Only God to provide for them. She literally took Him at His Word when He said to not worry because He takes care of the birds in the air and the seeds in the ground and knowing that He loves us each individually uniquely, totally, and infinitely that He will do even greater things to take care of us than He does for the birds (which mind you are cute but are not so cute when it is 5:05 AM and all you want to do is hit the snooze on your FOURTH alarm with one more to go (her ‘human alarm’ which is the newly Professed Sister comes at 5:20 to make sure she is up) and 2 more emergency ones in case she falls back asleep—this is a true story about the only novice left here so you can figure out who that is).

BREAKING NEWS INTERRUPTION: Did you know that St. Francis chose brown instead of gray because it reminded him of the sparrows that God took care of even though gray material was cheaper? He also didn’t want to scare people away by having them think he was a leper wearing gray but we like the sparrow reason better.

BACK TO THE STORY: Women typically depended upon and trusted fully in her husband (or living family members) to provide for them. If we look upon Jesus and God as our Spouse, why then would we want to say to Him nope, I can do it better. Are we nuts? (yes but don’t answer that) No we can never do better than God and each time we say to Him “yes, Thy Will be done and not mine” we are letting Him provide for us better than we can ever imagine. Just take our new stove. Praying for almost 4 years for a new one and by golly this stove is AMAZING!!!!!! It doesn’t burn our cookies and it has a timer and 5 burners and a light and a clock and I could go on and on. Bottom line is just what we started with: TRUST, TRUST, AND SURRENDER. HOW ABOUT SOME MORE TRUST?

JESUS, I GIVE YOU THIS AND EVERYTHING OF THIS DAY. YOU TAKE CARE OF IT AND I MEAN IT. IT IS ALL YOURS.



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We are in desperate need of baskets for our upcoming silent auction as part of our Gala. We are in need of donated baskets finished and just plain old LARGE baskets to put donated items in. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THEM IN CELLOPHANE. Call the monastery at 330-492-1171 if you have questions or you would like to donate some. Thanks in advance.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SALES

This past August, our annual Zucchini Bread and Rhubarb Pie Garden Goods Sale signaled another enthusiastic success! If you missed these dates, you can watch for a new opportunity next year when our sales kitchen will once again be open. However, we invite you to come in and share in our newest offerings of blest and delicious food made available through this month. Again, our well-known Soup and Bread foodstuffs will be on sale for all comers on September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Some other planned events in support of the monastery are the Nun Run on October 22, 2022, a very popular experience participated in by folks all over the country. Also, you may enjoy a share in the GALA Gathering on December 4th, featuring the acclaimed international chef Fr. Leo Patalinghug as its keynote speaker and attended at the spacious and beautiful La Pizzeria Restaurant complex. Lastly, at our end of the year sale on November 17th, 18th, and 19th, there will be our final 2022 Soup and Bread Sale, featuring selections of soups and breadstuffs once again. If you are interested in any of these events, there is more information at our website.



Thank you John for all of your hard work and the gift of the beautiful landscaping. We know our prayers and cookies can't repay you for you sharing your gift with us.