



POOR CLARES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

SANCTA CLARA MONASTERY CANTON, OH

# VENITE ADOREMVS

2023 SPRING NEWSLETTER



*Dear Friends,*

Through these Holy Days of Easter, we want to reach out to all of you with devoted prayers for Blessings from God the Father through His Son our Savior and by His own Divine Breath, the Holy Spirit. May you feel Him near with His Triune Love and Solitude. May His care be seen in the lives of all your dear ones in their every need! May you, in a very personal way, see the Risen Christ in your heart and with the eyes of your soul, so that you will have the assurance of that Heavenly Life He brings to all who place their trust in Him!

And now let us share with you some good news about what blessed and wonderful events have recently been coming our way, to your neighborhood monastery! This year, assisted by retired priests in our diocese, we've been able to make available to you some Lenten devotions. Every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM, Msgr. Jay Clarke leads a Holy Hour & Benediction Service in our Chapel and on every Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM, Fr Ed Gretchko leads an in-chapel Way of the Cross Service. We anticipate the possibility of making these Services a yearly Lenten event at our monastery.

Besides a weekly schedule of video conferences, we are careful to keep advancing our spiritual growth with the assistance of suitable speakers. Of this past year's programs, community retreats have been conducted through the wise words and ministry of Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap., Fr John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap., Fr. David Domanski OFM Cap., Fr. Ed Beneleit, Fr. Ed Gretchko, and a trove of local, retired priests who serve as our regular confessors and officiate at our daily Masses, including always a most excellent homily!

SANCTA CLARA MONASTERY  
**NUN RUN**  
 2022



We are happy to share with you that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nun Run 2022 has been another great success! The weather was beautiful, and all our contestants had a wonderful time. It was our privilege to greet each one of the runners as they made their way through the monastery grounds over the final lap to the finish line, which was located on the grounds of our neighboring St. George Romanian Catholic Church. We want to thank all our generous sponsors, volunteer workers, our participants, and particularly, for the initial encouragement, labors and leadership of Mr. Anthony Schuster.

**PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MARY JOSEPH, SUZIE SHEARER AND SR. TERESINA MARIA**



## *Annual Gala*

Likewise, our warm gratitude goes to Ms. Sharon Deitrick, who is our Monastery Board President, for the fine success of our Annual Gala of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at La Pizzeria! Through her labors as project organizer, together with the hard work of her staff members, a worthy attraction was created on our behalf, complete with a live auction and several beautiful items baskets donated for silent auctioning. Mr. Ed Roth, Director of Pro Football Hall of Fame and retired President & CEO of Aultman Health Foundation, was engaged as the keynote speaker. His Excellency, Bishop David Bonnar presided over a Celebration Mass in the Monastery Chapel for all gala participants. The proceeds from this event will serve to cover the cost of renovating our sleeping areas with additional new bedrooms and bathrooms, as these will be needed to accommodate the new members arriving soon.

**PHOTOS PROVIDED BY WETZLER STUDIOS:  
 MR. ED ROTH (TOP-LEFT) AND  
 FR. TOM CEBULA & MS. SHARON DEITRICK (BOTTOM)**

# Growth in Our Community

It's with special confidence on our part to always feel assured of your prayers for new, dedicated membership within our Poor Clare Community! Before we share our latest news, let us offer our heartfelt gratitude for the petitions you make on our behalf and its special blessings!

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Sr. Mary Alice Ryan left volunteer work at our front office and passed through the Enclosure Door to begin her time of Postulancy. She comes offering herself to God and neighbor with a heart ready to begin formation for the life of a PCPA Extern Sister.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Feast of The Holy Family, Sr. Thérèse Marie of the Holy Family proclaimed before God and into the hands of Mother Mary Gertrude, her First Simple Vows. Rejoicing with our Community was Most Reverend David Bonnar, a gathering of area priests, her family and many of our local friends. (PAGE 4-5)

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Feast of the Presentation, Sr. Lucia Ji Won Kim passed through the Enclosure



**CEREMONY OF THE RECEPTION OF A POSTULANT**

Door of our Monastery, offering herself as a Joyful Presentation to the Lord in a life of hidden religious devotion.

May your continued prayers be with these beautiful women, our two Postulants and three Junior Professed, that their vocational aspirations may be constantly supported with inspired commitment and perseverance.

And, too, we would like to extend to you an introduction of Sr. Dolores Marie PCPA, currently borrowed from our Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration Community in Alabama. She currently acts in the capacity of

Formation Director to these new members of our Community. With your prayers, may you assist her in this work of loving service.



**SR. MARY ALICE AND SR. LUCIA**



**SR. DOLORES MARIE PCPA WITH OUR TWO POSTULANTS IN THE NOVITIATE**

THE FIRST PROFESSION OF VOWS OF

\* ———— *Sr. Therese Marie of the Holy Family, PCPA* ———— \*

January 7, 2023

“  
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD is  
*the greatest romance;*



TO SEEK HIM  
*the greatest adventure;*



TO FIND HIM,  
*the greatest adventure.”*

— St. Augustine of Hippo



# Formation Corner

## Stages of Formation as a Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

Becoming a nun is a journey with the Holy Spirit taking time and experience. It is an ever-deepening relationship between the one discerning, the Community and our Eucharistic Lord.



*Postulancy*



*Novitiate*



*Temporary Profession*



*Solemn Profession*

### I. POSTULANCY

After her initial time of contact and visits with the Community, the next step is her year of postulancy where she deepens her appreciation of her baptismal consecration and the fundamental elements of Christianity.

### III. TEMPORARY PROFESSION

In the period of temporary vows she progresses toward further maturity and prepares for the complete gift of herself to God through perpetual profession.

### II. NOVITIATE

The Novitiate is a foundational period in the path of formation becoming "deeply rooted in a life with Christ"; a time of transition into our charism of Adoration and thanksgiving, of poverty and silence, and of a chaste and obedient love.

### IV. SOLEMN PROFESSION

Until death, she continues to deepen her knowledge of God, her commitment to her vows, and her love of our Eucharistic Lord. This is a never-ending journey as God always provides something new in His relationship with His Beloved.

## Is God calling you to a contemplative Eucharistic life?

We joyfully welcome inquiries from women who meet the following requirements:

- \* Between the ages of 18 and 40
- \* Have completed high school education
- \* In good physical, mental, emotional, and moral health
- \* Attracted to a life of Eucharistic Adoration and love of prayer
- \* Ability to live in Community and willingness to live our Franciscan way of life

For more information or if you have any questions, please fill out a form on our website under 'Vocation'.



## Projects Finished

Dear friends, with grateful thanks to our benefactors and our PCPA Fundraiser Board, the second phase of construction on **our new infirmary quarters** has been completed, making available a second healthcare & activities room.

Meanwhile, the replacement of **our monastery windows**, which has ensured greater heat control and lower fuel costs, is likewise in forward motion. There have been thirty more windows installed since our last report and we'll come to the end of this project when the remaining sixty-seven old windows have been replaced.

You may, undoubtedly, have caught sight of **our new wood cemetery fencing**, made with a most beautiful level of craftsmanship! Indeed, we were fortunate enough to procure the services of Link's Fence Company in the closing time before his plans for retirement. Our grateful thanks again, to the friends who came forward, making this special improvement possible!



**INFIRMARY BATHROOM & HALLWAY AND NEW FENCE**

## Upcoming Events

We have Pepperoni Roll Sales, Agnus Dei/Easter Bread Sale, Zucchini Bread Sale, Bread and Soup Sales, and our 4th Annual Nun Run as part of our fundraising campaign. Please check [poorclares.org](http://poorclares.org) for the latest information.

### April 1

Agnus Dei Bread  
(Easter Bread)

### May 20

Pepperoni Rolls & Cookies

### June 17

Pepperoni Rolls & Cookies

### July 15

Pepperoni Rolls & Cookies

### August 19

Zucchini Bread Sale

### September 21–23

Soup and Bread Sale

### October 21

Annual Nun Run

### November 16–18

Soup and Bread Sale

We're excited that  
Nun Run 2023 logo features  
a "PCPA Cheerleader"!



*We depend on our volunteers!*

*Please call 330-492-1171 if you'd like to help.*