

# Venite Adoremus

Spring 2018

The Newsletter of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration of Sancta Clara Monastery

The Ashes are still wet on our brows, and the call of Lenten renewal is in our ears knocking insistently at the doors of our hearts! Before we know it the Lord will be standing before us in all His Risen Glory! May the endeavors of our daily activities be richly matched by the enthusiastic preparations we would make in welcoming Him more fully into our hearts and everyday lives!



*The Sisters with Fr. David Moczulski, OFM during St. Clare's Feast Day in August. Fr. David gave us a Franciscan/Clarian retreat before our Foundress Feast Day.*

Standing: From Left to Right: Sister Mary Immanuel, Sister Lianila, Sister Marie Dominique, Fr. David Moczulski, OFM, Sister Mary Agnes, Sister Joan Marie and Sr. Mary Justin  
Front Row: Sister Marion Celine, Sister Mary Clare, Mother Mary Gertrude and Sister Mary Magdalen

In all things, dear friends, to God's Providential Care, let us continuously SING HIS PRAISES and BLESS THE LORD DAY BY DAY! AMEN.

Happy  
Easter

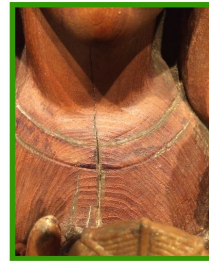
## BLESS THE LORD!

As we carry on the work of the Lord with loving and serious commitment, our solemn stewardship, carried out on behalf of this family of believers - we who put our hope and trust in the Lord, and trusting in the abundant reward which He brings to all who look to Him - our gratitude goes out to you in the news of the past year that we're pleased to share. Through the generous support and labors of you, our friends and benefactors, a number of improvements have been innovated here, both inside the buildings, the Church and around the property.



**FOR ST. FRANCIS & ST. CLARE  
STATUES, BLESS THE LORD!**

With much gratitude to the generosity of our benefactors, a new feature in our chapel is the beautiful presence of our inspiring founders, a craft of Italy both then and now, St. Francis and St. Clare, with us in life-size statued form and presenting the elements of their great charism: dove and monstrance. The pedestals upon which they stand are likewise a workers' artistry and donated with devotion.



**FOR THE REPAIR ON THE BLESSED MOTHER  
STATUE, BLESS THE LORD!**



Our Blessed Mother has also received some timely attention. A crack that appeared in the structures has been repaired, along with a good sealant over the entire statue. She shall be standing in our midst for years to come! Add to our story one more project: the installation of a new sound system in our Church setting; an innovation which we hope your ears are enjoying at the celebration of the Lord's Meal, the Mass.

**FOR NEW SOUND SYSTEM,  
BLESS THE LORD!**



Our automobiles now have a place, a carport attached to the rear of the monastery, where we can park them out of the depreciations of bad weather and summer heat. Also, the new shelter gives us a clear, safe passage whenever we need to travel outside the monastery. In concert with that, the backyard parking lot for the use of the sisters and work people has been expanded and newly covered with a more durable surface of concrete.

The roofing over the monastery complex has been substantially renewed and we can have the reassurance of many, many years under the shelter of its sturdy protection. Likewise, within the building, a greatly needed updating of utility pipes has been in progress, resulting in a notable improvement in our water sources and accesses. Several old Pella windows all around the monastery are in a state of serious deterioration. Progressively, these windows are being replaced by a new, easy-upkeep model that provides as well, a beautiful view and an air-conditioner-friendly opening. We must confess that for years, our tri-floor elevette has been out of order with no known recourse of repair. But now, this long-held dream has also been addressed and resolved. The usability of our basement, halted by the apparent demise of our elevette, has been happily restored! Amazingly, this parade of renovations and repairs were all conducted in concert on one and the same day: the roofers, the plumbers, the elevator men and the parking lot workers!

Not to neglect our affiliated household at the north corner of the property: the household complex available for a resident, has also been given a new facelift, with the laying of new flooring and refurbishing. May God bless this endeavor with a future occupancy of His choosing!



**FOR OUR BENEFACTORS,  
BLESS THE LORD!**







## Sr. Mary Magdalen Colson celebrating 40th Jubilee in Religious Life



Dear Friends,

From the happiness of a totally blest lifetime, I wish to share my gratitude to God and to all those who have peopled those years!

Called by the Lord, from a blest and precious family childhood in Saint Petersburg, Florida and growing up in an extraordinarily friendly neighborhood, located just north of the Gulf of Mexico, I was impressed early on with the spiritual mystery that emanated from the

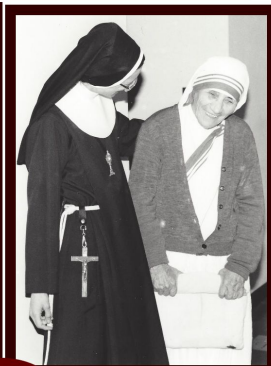
enclosed garden of the religious community who staffed the school which I attended. A school presentation of the 1950's St. Francis of Assisi, with a featuring of the women who gathered to his charism, effected an indelible mark on me!

Years later, when a powerful reminder re-appeared: Brother Sun, Sister Moon, I was as definitively captured as a little fish in a big net! Indeed, it was a true challenge to act on the things that my heart was telling me was genuinely the choice for which God had created and blest me. The way of the world is fickle but also very

jealous with its allure and the longings it promotes. Through the years, I've had the joy of experiencing a confirmation to Jesus' assurance that whoever gives self away with a whole heart, is rewarded to overflowing! To this, I want to offer a passionate testimonial. I want to recommend this vocation along with all religious vocations and priestly vocations and ministries in the Church. Every life has its sorrows and disappointments and challenges because we're all sinners in need of the ultimate objective: finding our way back home to our Heavenly Home and Maker. It's an effort we make together with a circle of other sinners struggling likewise, along the way. I think that in the world's conception, it's not emphasized enough that there simply is no downside to a religious vocation which can begin to compare with the superabundance of blessings, spiritual and temporal, that is again and again - perennially - found in a calling such as this! A religious vocation is a true treasure, found in an interior field, and worth the price many times over!

And Jesus said to them:

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES!



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## **SANCTUARY GUILD**

**Join us in our Eucharistic,  
contemplative mission!**

### **ENROLLMENT AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Our mission as Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration reaches beyond the boundaries of our community to enfold all God's people. We are blessed to have so many friends and benefactors who share in our mission in diverse ways. One of these ways is to become a member of our Sanctuary Guild.

In addition to joining us in prayer, members of the Sanctuary Guild assist us financially to maintain the candles burning day and night before the Blessed Sacrament. These candles represent the prayers we hold in our hearts, for ourselves and others. As a member of the Guild, your special intentions will be present to our Lord in a special way.

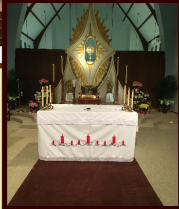
**The financial support of the Sanctuary Guild is used to assist us in procuring candles, fresh flowers, and other necessities used in worship here at the monastery.**

At this time we wish to express our gratitude for the prayers and assistance of our present Guild members, and to invite others to consider sharing in our mission by becoming members of our Sanctuary Guild.

To enroll, fill out the enclosed Sanctuary Guild membership form or you can enroll on-line via our website @ [www.poorclares.org](http://www.poorclares.org)

**The Annual Membership in our  
SANCTUARY GUILD is \$20.00**

**Thank you, and may God bless you, your  
loved ones and all of your intentions!**



## **MONASTERY BULLETIN**

We're including a list of our daily monastery schedule for those of you who may wish to have a copy:

**Mass Times - Mass is held daily at 9:00am with the exception of Tuesday's when it is held at 11:30 a.m.**

**Adoration Times open for the public;**

**6:00am - 5:30pm daily**

### **2018 SOUP & BREAD SALE SCHEDULE**

**April 26, 27 & 28**

**September 27, 28 & 29**

**November 15, 16 & 17**

We hope you'll plan on joining in with our 2018 Annual Social, scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2018. Please take note on the new location of the event;

**Christ the Servant Parish  
833- 39th Street Northwest  
Canton, Ohio 44709**

Looking forward to seeing you there; it will be a joyful, fun day, blest with an abundance of gratitude!

Last year, our Volunteer Appreciation Party was such a roaring success and so thoroughly enjoying - with music, dancing, great food and precious connections, that we've made it a certain TRADITION! The Annual event was held last January 21st. Maybe next time, we'll see some new faces there!

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