

Venite Adoremus

2021 Spring Newsletter



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



From Left to Right:
(Back) Sr. Mary Cecilia, Sr. Mary Immanuel, Sr. Bridget Marie, Sr. Mary Agnes,
Sr. Thérèse Marie, Sr. Marie Dominique, Sr. Mary Clare
(Front) Mother Mary Magdalen, Sr. Marion Celine, Mother Mary Gertrude, Sr. Joan Marie

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 2020.



Go to Joseph

How often do you think of the man who was privileged to personify the Fatherhood of God as a parent to his own Divine Son? He was that man who was called to share intimately in the tender infancy, childhood, and young manhood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who wouldn't like for this man to help them in their everyday life and challenges? Well, did you know that this year, our Holy Mother Church is herself looking closely to good St. Joseph as a powerful, fatherly guide and support? As the People of God celebrate once again the Glorious Triumph of the Lord, risen from the dead on behalf of all, we can thank him with and through the man whom God's Son looked to and addressed as a father throughout his growing years.

In the midst of these April days, we're being drawn into this year's Springtime and all the new life bursting up around us. So come now, and gather with us around the great Gift and Season of our Resurrection Hope. Easter is that Great Mystery which gives us such confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph and in His saving love which nothing can match. As we look to the Lord together, you can be sure that we, your Poor Clares, are praying for you and your loved ones, and we, too, feel the support of your prayers for us.

Listen; we're eager to tell you about all the good things that have been happening here since last we shared ourselves with you!

Our community continues to experience his powerful help and intercession in every intention and situation imaginable. Everyday we pray this PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St. Joseph, foster father and protector of Jesus Christ! To you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession. Please obtain for us from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare. We ask particularly for the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now implore (name it).

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

V. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ and for the glory of His Name,
R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Welcome to Our New Member!

Here at our monastery place, it's always an exciting day when we gather together to invite a new candidate into a deeper involvement and commitment with our Eucharistic Lord! On January 23rd of this year, we had the great joy of celebrating the investiture of our postulant, Emma Walters, to the life of Poor Clare Noviceship, in which she was given the new name, Sr. Thérèse Marie of the Holy Family – a prayerful expression of her apostolic heart and prayer. We must assuredly tell you – as she presents a beautiful intention of espousal - we recall our Holy Mother, St. Clare of Assisi, on the blessed night of her own trysting, repeated again in all her daughters and in this young woman, laying aside her former garments and putting on the garb of Franciscan Life. Likewise, to gaze on her while her hair was shorn and her head crowned with the veil that aspires to consecration with Christ. On that day, her home parish pastor in Erie, PA, Fr. Larry Richards, arrived to preside at the Mass, along with Fr. Gaudius Toyi, and Fr. Thomas Cebula, who is Sister's confessor, and in regular service to this monastery. And do you suppose, dear friends, that these are the things we can do, these precious commitments, to provide the Triune God with a sweet occasion for smiling on His children!



Sr. Thérèse Marie with her family



The Rite of Admission to Religious Life/ Clothing Ceremony



Fr. Tom Cebula blessing the Articles of the Habit (Habit, scapular, guimpe, Franciscan cord and Franciscan Crown Rosary)



THE BLESSING + OF THE HABIT:

Lord Jesus Christ, Who becoming Man for our salvation deigned to take on human flesh, bless + this Habit with holy benediction, for Your servant is to wear it in thanksgiving to You and in veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pour out on her Your blessing, so that when she puts on this Holy Habit, she may obtain, through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Grace to protect her from every evil of mind and body. We ask this of You, Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



Emma's beautiful hair is shorn, symbolizing her consecration to God, in imitation of the way St. Francis cut our Holy Mother, St. Clare's hair.



Mother Gertrude, Abbess, helped clothed Sister in her new Habit and veil, assisted by Sr. Immanuel, the Novice Directress



Abbess: Dear Sister, you have received the Holy Habit. It is a sign of your love for Jesus. It is through prayer and obedience that this sign will be changed into the garment of holiness. Wear it faithfully and lovingly, and may the Grace of God keep you faithful, so that one day you may take your Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience.



Abbess: Dear Sister, in order to begin your life with Jesus, you will be called by a new name, one which the Mouth of the Lord will confer.

**Your name in Religion is:
Sister Thérèse Marie
of the Holy Family**



Sr. Thérèse Marie showing her Religious Name certificate to Family

Bountiful Blessings!

We've celebrated a total of 120 years! Can you imagine why? It's because over the past year our Mother Mary Gertrude met her 50th year of living and Mother Mary Magdalen met the milestone of her 70th year! With only a quick glance at our dining room on those December and June days, you'd have recognized the generous embellishments of the local party store! Meanwhile, the magic of this uplifting life in the Lord's Own House absolutely forbids our hearts from ever feeling old, whatever that is. As the psalmist proclaims: The blest are young who reach one hundred!



Blessings Amidst the Pandemic!

There is ongoing progress in converting the defective windows of the monastery, mostly broken in various ways which for years have been impeding our ability to operate properly with the yearly openings and closings. You would gasp to see what it takes to close so many of these old, warped windowpanes! Furthermore, their measure of failure involved regarding their ability to hold in winter heat significantly raises our energy costs! We're looking forward to a handsome improvement in our heating bills!

A finalized project is the sister's parlors. Having moved our Soup & Bread Sales to a new location, the parlor space and O'Dea meeting room area is now largely dedicated to those needs and activities. The last conversion is to include a new visiting space where our Sister members can visit with their family members and friends with a broader and more open situation for dining together while observing the religious enclosure.

In the interest of furthering our efforts to establish some good security measures, it was possible to enclose our carport by converting it into a full-scale garage. That, along with new fencing which has cordoned off our private back lot, is shielding in a very useful way the entire north side of our building. We also obtained needed fencing around our summer vegetable garden which we, the Sisters, tend ourselves. And the economic benefit of the projected arrangement included a suitable enclosure in the cloister yard for our "barnyard critters."

THANK YOU BENEFACTORS!



New Windows



A newly converted parlor in O'Dea Room



Completed Parlor Project



Old Carport



New Garage Doors



New Fencing in our Vegetable Garden



New Gate installed

Rosary Walk Updates

Are you not interested to see what's happening in our front yard, as the progress of our Rosary Walk goes forward? Your anticipation shall be rewarded quite soon! We hope to finish this project in time for our big celebration on October 4th. And, if you'd like to have a share in the procession of memorial bricks included in this endeavor, don't hesitate to come forward and we'll be happy to accommodate your wishes with welcome additions! Donations for benches are also welcome!

Infirmiry Project, Phase I

Currently underway is the construction of our remodeled infirmiry wing for our elderly and convalescent Sisters. The projection is that this work will be satisfactorily completed within the next two months and in time for our elderly Sister to move into these renewed quarters. We're so grateful for the opportunity and speed by which this project is being accomplished.



In closing, we'd like you to know that our handsomely matured hens are heard cackling every day after the accomplishment of their abundant egg laying with our three goats giving their congratulations. Breakfast has never been so good!

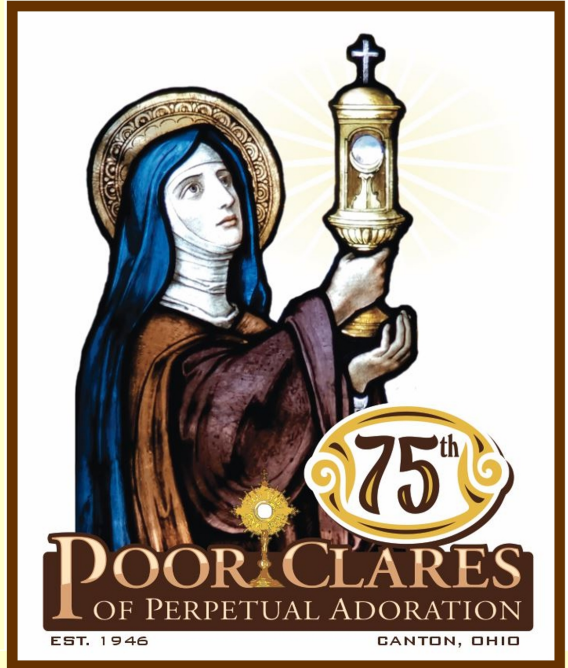


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Our Upcoming Events

This is a very special year! It includes here at Sancta Clara Monastery, the 75th Anniversary of our monastic life and commitment to the perpetual ministry of Eucharistic prayer. It includes all of you, our spiritual friends and supporters! It recalls our original donors, John and Ida O'Dea, and all our Sisters sleeping in the Lord and lain away in our cemetery corner. It extends abundant gritudes to all the priests and ministers who have served in our liturgies and spiritual activities down to this day. In order to give to the celebration a fitting solemnity, this Jubilee Mass will be on October 4th, Feast of St. Francis and the day our Chapel was originally consecrated. The main Celebrant will be our new Bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar. You can be sure that this is a day to which we're looking forward with the greatest anticipation!

On October 9th our Second Annual Nun Run will be conducted along with a Gala Event on October 10th. Further details will be presented at a later time as the dynamics of the COVID pandemic unfold.

2021 SOUP AND BREAD SALES
August Zucchini Bread Sale
September 23, 24, and 25
November 18, 19, and 20