

FEAST of SAINT CLARE 2010

“Transform your entire being into the image of the Godhead itself through contemplation.”

-- Clare’s 3rd Letter to Agnes of Prague

Dear Family and Friends,

May God give you abundant Peace!

We are indeed being transformed as we see the changes from spring to summer and also the changes within our own community. With Fr. Chuck Faso’s workshop on the Triduum, we were able to delve deeper into the meaning and spirit of this year’s Holy Week and Easter celebration. During Easter week, we made a visit to the Carmelite sisters in Oldenburg, Indiana to see their new home and to share with them. It was good we went then because in May, Sr. Betty died suddenly. We keep them all in our prayers.

With Sr. Anna Marie as Federation President, we prepared for the Joint Federation Meeting in Milford held from May 12-19th. Altogether, there were more than 60 Poor Clares present for the meeting, coming from all over the U.S., with two sisters from the Philippines and two sisters from Canada. Four Capuchin Poor Clare sisters also joined us for the meeting. Fr. Michael Blastic, OFM gave us wonderful talks which led us into the election of a new Federation Council. Our own Srs. Dianne Short and Pia Malaborbor were elected to that Council.

After the Federation meeting, our sisters from the Philippines stayed in the U.S. to visit other Poor Clare communities. After spending almost two months in the states, they will go back to the Philippines at the end of June with a rich treasure of diverse ways of living the life as a Poor Clare, including new close friends and relationships.

We ask for your continued prayers for our Poor Clare sister from Taiwan as her papers continue to move forward. We have learned a lot of patience in the process. It has been an expensive and time-consuming process, but we are very blessed and believe that she will be a valuable asset to our Community. Our Community continues to grow!

Our tabernacle in the chapel was in need of repair because the wood had warped, and we could no longer get the doors to open or close. We were able to find a craftsman to replace it with a new tabernacle in the same style as our original one. We pray in thanksgiving to St. Joseph for finding us such a talented craftsman when he was needed.

On June 24, 1990, three Poor Clares came together in Cincinnati to start a new monastery. They were Srs, Doris, Dianne and Anna Marie. Each came from a different monastery in the U.S. and had come together to begin a monastery here. This year we are celebrating 20 years of our foundation and what growth we have seen, with a house now of 9 (and soon to be 10) sisters! None of this would have happened if it were not for all our benefactors and friends who have supported us through these years, to help us build a new place of quiet, prayer, and hospitality for all who come to visit. We want to thank you, for all your love and care is very precious to us.

As we celebrate these past 20 years of our presence here in Cincinnati, we ask you to join us in our Novena for the Feast of St. Clare. The Novena begins on August 2nd. At the bottom of this letter is an intention slip that we ask you to fill out and send to us so that we may pray for your intentions. We also invite you to join us for Mass for the Feast of St. Clare on Wednesday, August 11th at 10am. A reception in our meeting room follows the Eucharistic celebration.

Our 7th annual “RUN FOR THE NUNS” will be held on October 2nd at Harbor Point in Winton Woods. We begin with the pet blessing at 8:30am followed by the actual race. We hope you will join us for a morning of great family fun. For more information please call 513-825-7177.

As we close this letter, we want to express to all of you our sincere Love and Gratitude for it is because of you that we are able to live our Poor Clare life. We hold you in our prayers and may God bless you with a refreshing and relaxing summer.

Your Cincinnati Poor Clare Sisters, *Ann, Anna Marie, Dianne, Doris, Judith, Kellee, Pia, Rita, Vickie*

-----Please cut along this line, and return your intentions to us -----

O glorious St. Clare, God has given you the power of working miracles and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke your assistance. We ask you to obtain for us from Jesus what we beg of you so fervently and hopefully. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

My intentions for the Novena: 1. _____
2. _____ 3. _____

I am/We are able to attend Mass and the Reception on August 11, 2010 Yes ___ No ___ Number attending _____