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2023 FALL NEWSLETTER



OUR COMMUNITY PICTURE WITH BISHOP DAVID BONNAR

*To all our dear Monastery Friends,*

Warmest Greetings and Blessings from your Canton Poor Clares! In the sunshine and grace of these beautiful summer days, let us now share what has been happening here at our monastery place! God is so GOOD. Hallelujah!

The progress on the Rosary Walk is a project we all are following closely with much anticipation. Over the course of these spring and summer days, we're happy to assure you that this endeavor is continuously bearing fruit for the eye! Much preparatory work and basic foundations have been needed in creating the memorial pathways that will be laid for decades to come. Sancta Clara Monastery will be an enduring home for all those whose treasured names will stand recorded here season after season. We, your Poor Clares, remain ever grateful for your loving participation in this beautiful memorial to all our loved ones!

We want to share with you a current update on our monastery projects for upgrading and repair. The replacement of our old and badly insulated windows is now completed, and the evidence of significantly lowered heating expenses is of great reward. Also, we were able to replace our crumbling cloister wall with this brand-new edition of enclosure! Likewise, while there's yet more to address in our monastery household, due to the increases of heat through the summer seasons and better heating efficiency through the winter months, there's a good deal less work to be done around the complex in this regard. Adding a word on the projected renovation of our living quarters in which we intend to provide more rooms for new members, we ask your prayers as ever, for the success of this project and the new membership we look forward to welcoming into our monastery household! Our grateful thanks to all you who aid these endeavors with prayer and financial support!

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Please join us in praising and thanking God for the upcoming Investiture of our postulant, Sr. Mary Alice, which will be on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th, following the 9 AM Mass. Please continue to pray for the grace of perseverance for all of our Sisters in Formation and for more souls who desire to espouse themselves to God in our holy vocation.



Before we put our correspondence in the mail for you, let us add the good news about the arrival earlier this year of our new member, Sr. Jose Maria who intends to transfer her Franciscan/Poor Clare vocation to us from across the waters in France. So happy are we to have her in our midst! And dear friends, please may you remember to pray that the Good Lord will send yet more good vocations to our monastery household in the love and service of Himself. Amen.



*Upcoming Events*

We have our 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.

September 21-23  
Bread and Soup Sale

October 21  
Annual Nun Run

November 16-18  
Bread and Soup Sale

*We depend on our volunteers!*

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







**OUR PRAYERS WILL ALWAYS RISE HIGHER THAN OUR WALLS... BUT MAYBE THEY'RE FINALLY HIGH ENOUGH TO KEEP THE JUMPING DEER OUT!**

**A SMALL SAMPLING OF OUR FAMILY DAY FUNDRAISER, KICKING IT OFF WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: JESUS IN THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST AT MASS.**



**IT'S TIME TO PLAY "WHERE'S SR. MARY WALDO?" CAN YOU FIND OUR FOOTBALL NUN??**



On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the celebration of our Religious Order's Holy Mother, St. Clare, we were blest with the priestly services of our own hometown friar, Fr. Joseph Tuscan, Jr., OFM Cap. and assisted by Mr. Joseph Tuscan, Sr., his father, as altar server. Also, we, your Poor Clares, were much gladdened to have many of you, our monastery friends, join us for the event on that day!

To all who assisted with and attended this month's Family Day Fundraiser, we gratefully extend our thanks and prayers. As ever, it was a successful event, made possible by each of you. Many thanks again to our generous friend and gardener, John, who saw to it that our grounds on display that day were lush with creative displays of flowers and herbage. Abundant thanks as well for the presence of our Bishop, the Most Reverend David Bonnar, in a Liturgy full of special inspiration at the Banquet of the Lord! And again, we offer our grateful thanks to our wonderful Foundation Board members under the leadership of Sharon Deitrick who made this event possible.

And, speaking of the lushness of our environs, we hope that your vegetable gardens have been reaping delicious rewards as ours have! Our Zucchini Bread & Rhubarb Pie Sale, fresh from our own garden, has been a major sellout! Perhaps you didn't plant any zucchini or rhubarb in your gardens this year? Indeed, you've given us the pleasure of growing and preparing enough yummys for Canton, Ohio and somewhat beyond! Thank you for relying on your Poor Clare Sisters this summer. Our perpetual prayers are always here for you as well.



**THIS YEAR'S VERSION OF "VEGGIE TALES".**

## Formation Corner

### Community Life: Working Together

We would like to share with you a brief peek into a portion of our cloistered life, which is probably not the first thing that comes to mind when you think of "Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration", and this is:

**WORK.**

Some of you are familiar with our Bread and Soup sales, and many of you have assisted us through the years. Behind the scenes the preparation for these days is immense, and yes, those days can be hectic, somewhat chaotic, and tiring. Yet, there is a particular joy in working together, which in Franciscan lingo would be "the grace of work."

At its highest level, it is a participation in "the work of God", which is Creation, and in the work undertaken and sanctified by Jesus, God made Man. This is passed along to us when we work harmoniously together: measuring, chopping, cooking, baking, making broth, picking chicken off the bone (don't leave any bones!), packaging, labeling, and last, but not least, cleaning up! In the midst of that bustling activity, there is the satisfaction of working toward and completing a goal, together, knowing that only with God's blessing will it become fruitful.

In another similar realm, Mother Mary Gertrude entrusted our courtyard gardens to the Sisters in Formation this year. This was Sister Joan Marie's great joy for many years, but as she declined, it did somewhat too. So, we began a "tame and reclaim" project, which has turned out quite lovely. Again, each Sister lending her talents and learning new ones while we discovered which plants worked in which areas (or didn't); how they actually grew (in contrast with the tiny pictures on the seed packets); and learned a few tricks of the trade from John, who keeps the public grounds so beautiful for the Sisters. In all of this, we learn more about each other--and ourselves. We learn our talents and perhaps, some areas where we need to grow. We find out that we are God's Little Plants, as St. Francis referred to St. Clare, and that He loves and nurtures us and he calls us to do the same for one another.

**SMILE! YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!! ALONG WITH 8.75 OF THE 136 PIES THAT WERE SOLD OUT. IF YOU MISSED OUT THIS YEAR, MAKE SURE TO PRE-ORDER NEXT YEAR! UNTIL THEN YOU CAN FEAST YOUR EYES BELOW.**



**INSPECTION MIGHT HAVE FOUND SOME "REJECT" COOKIES THAT THE "INSPECTORS" WERE ABLE TO SNACK ON BEFORE CHRISTMAS.**



**OUR GRAPES WERE ABOUT AS PROLIFIC AS OUR RHUBARB WAS THIS YEAR. NOW TO FIND A RECIPE FOR "GRAPE PIE." BUT PLEASE DON'T GIVE MOTHER ANY IDEAS.**



**EACH DAY OF THE WEEK SEES A DIFFERENT SET OF SISTER COOKS... AND SOME VERY DIFFERENT COOKING STYLES, BUT RICE SEEMS TO BE ON EVERY DAY.**



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