## Feast of St. Clare 2023

Dear Friends and Family,

Currently our monastery is engulfed in an array of lush green trees, the gift of living in the woods. As the branches lift and sway in the breeze, we lift our hearts in adoration to the God who created them. Their beauty reminds us to care for all of creation, plants, flowers, rivers and streams, oceans and seas, birds of the air, all animals that walk the earth and all humankind.

The month of May brought us both sadness and joy. On May 19th we received the sad news that Sr. Vickie lost her mother, Phyllis Griner. She had been ill for some time before God called her home.

The following day, May 20th, brought us the joy of receiving another sister into our community. Sr. Beatrice, a Poor Clare from our monastery in Tanzania, asked to transfer to our monastery. She spent 2 years at our monastery in Evansville, IN before asking to come here. Her presence radiates joy.



The Sisters welcome Sr. Beatrice to our community

Fr. Russel Murray, OFM visited our community

At the end of May, we joined the Friars for their annual jubilee celebration, the last as the Province of St. John the Baptist. The 6 Friar provinces of the USA will become one province in October. The new province will be called Our Lady of Guadalupe of the Americas.



## PERPETUAL ENROLLMENT CARD

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E-mail: poorclareprayers@gmail.com	Occasion:
Website: www.poorclarescincinnati.org	(Anniversary, Birthday, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.)

□ I/we support the Cincinnati Poor Clares in their ministries of prayer and evangelization.

☐ I/we join you in prayer and/or enclose this tax-exempt gift.

Fr. Russell Murray, OFM, our Spiritual Assistant, came for a fraternal visit during the last days of May. We thoroughly enjoyed his company. He also joined us at the funeral for Sr. Vickie's mom.

June brought us together with the Friars as we celebrated a picnic with them and again for the Feast of John the Baptist when we joined them for Vespers and dinner. These celebrations gave us a chance to thank the Friars of St. John the Baptist Province for all they have done for us these past 33 years. The Friars were our Presiders for Eucharist during the 8 years we were living at St. Vivian's convent and the 25 years we have been in our new monastery. The Friars will continue to be with us in the future.

The last of our Covid restrictions has ended. We invite you to join us for the Feast of St. Clare on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 10:00 am followed by a reception in our meeting room.

Please join us in praying for the end of war in Ukraine and Sudan, and an end to gun violence in our country. We constantly thank God for your continued support of our ministry. To God be the glory!

Your Poor Clare Sisters Alma, Ann, Anna Marie, Anthony, Beatrice, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita, and Vickie

## Novena to St. Clare:



O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise your Holy Name and the wonders of grace you worked in your servant, St. Clare. Through her powerful intercession, grant us the favors we ask in this Novena, above all the grace to live and die as she did in your most holy love. Amen.

You can join us in praying the Novena to St. Clare through our website at: http://www.poorclarescincinnati.org/novena-to-st-clare

Please join us for our Feast of St. Clare	Novena to St. Clare	
Mass at 10:00 am Thursday	Please remember the following intentions during the Novena before the Feast of St. Clare:	
August 11, 2023		
Please RSVP		
Yes,  / We will Attend		
Number		
Attending		