

FEAST OF ST. CLARE 2015

Dear Family and Friends,

The Virgin Mary clearly heard the message of the angel sent by God and replied, *"I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me as you have said."* Then in haste Mary went to her cousin Elizabeth who was with child. When Mary approached Elizabeth, the baby Elizabeth carried in her womb danced for joy. Then, Mary too began to dance and sing her Magnificat, her "Yes" to God's invitation to be the mother of Jesus. *"My soul rejoices in God my Savior..."* On June the 27th eight Poor Clares danced and rejoiced as we sang our gratitude, celebrating our Silver Jubilee of the founding of our Monastery in Cincinnati, OH. We also lifted our hearts in praise and thanks for the "gift" of the "Yes" when Sisters Doris Gerke, Dianne Short and Anna Marie Covely said their "Yes" and danced singing their Magnificat and set out to found a new Poor Clare Monastery in Cincinnati. And what a great day of joy it was then and as it was this day too.



Srs. Anna Marie, Dianne & Doris



Frs. John, Jeremy, Jeff and Fred, OFM



During Procession

Fr. Jerry Harrington, OFM, who invited us to Cincinnati was the presider for our Silver Jubilee Mass. Concelebrating with him were Fr. Jeff Scheeler, OFM, our current provincial, Fr. John Bok, OFM our former provincial, and Fred Link, OFM, our former provincial. Fr. Jim Van Vurst, OFM gave a beautiful homily.

The glorious music at our Mass lifted our hearts in praise and gratitude for all God has done for us in the past 25 years. Our music was enhanced by organ, flute, trumpet, cello and the voices of our cantors.

After Mass, all were invited to a dinner held at Roger Bacon High School. Two hundred and twenty people joined us as we continued the celebration with the Breaking of the Bread.

It is because of you, our many benefactors and friends that we are able to live our contemplative life of prayer. We give thanks to God for the gift of each one of you. Your caring, loving, prayers and support help us to live each day for God and His people.

We invite you to join with us in the Novena for the Feast of St. Clare. Send us your intentions so that we may include them in our daily prayers and then we will place them by the Altar during the Mass for the Feast. Know you are held in our daily prayers.

Your Poor Clare Sisters, Ann, Anna Marie, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Vickie



Some of the Musicians



The Sisters reading the Vision Statement



Fr. Jim, OFM

NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

O glorious St. Clare, God has given you the power of working miracles continually, and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke your assistance in misfortune, anxiety and distress.

We beseech you, obtain for us from Jesus through Mary, His Blessed Mother, what we beg of you so fervently and hopefully, *(here mention your petitions)* if it be for the greater honor and glory of God and the good of our souls. Amen.

You are invited on the Feast of St. Clare

When: August 11, 2015, Tuesday

Time of Mass at 10:30 AM

Where: Monastery Chapel

Presider: Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer

____ I/We will attend #____
____ I/We will not attend

Please RSVP before August 1, 2015
Telephone # (513)825-7177)

Prayer Requests: _____

Gift in memory of: _____

Gift in honor of: _____

Occasion: _____
(Memorial, Anniversary, Birthday, Baptism, etc.)

From: _____

E-mail: poorclareprayers@gmail.com

Website: www.poorclarescincinnati.org

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

I/We join in prayer and/or enclose this tax exemp gift.

Please send a card announcing the honorary gift
Without mentioning amount to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____



Please consider putting Cincinnati Poor Clare Sisters in your will or other planned giving arrangements. Your goodness will allow us to continue our ministries of prayer and evangelization.

I have remembered the Cincinnati Poor Clares in my will or other planned giving documents.

I would like information sent to me about how to remember the Cincinnati Poor Clares in my will and/or other planned giving arrangements.

All planned giving information is kept confidential

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