

Feast of St. Clare 2017

“Pray and watch at all times!... God will be your help and best comforter for He is our redeemer and our eternal reward. (St. Clare of Assisi)

Dear Friends and Families,

As we write this letter on the Fourth of July, we give thanks to God for our freedom as we celebrate the birth of our country and pray for peace in our world. We also have another celebration today, another birthday....Sr. Anna Marie’s! We won’t tell you how old she is, but she is much younger in body and spirit than our Country! Fr. Mark Soehner, ofm, and Fr. Colin King, ofm celebrated Eucharist with us, and we were also joined by Sr. Rita’s family who were visiting from California. Mark is our Friars newly elected Provincial and Colin, who was ordained on June 10th, has just been missioned to Jamaica.

Speaking of Fr. Mark, he will be presiding here at Mass for the Feast of St. Clare this year. The Feast is on Friday, August 11th and Mass will be at 10:00 AM followed by some refreshments. As we prepare to celebrate Our Mother Clare’s Feast, we also invite you to pray with us during the novena which begins on August 2nd.. You will find our novena prayer below.



This indeed is a summer of celebrations! On June 24th, the Feast of St. John the Baptist, Sr. Dianne celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Profession of Vows at St. Anthony Friary. It was fifty years to the day and the hour! Fr. Jeff Scheeler, OFM presided the Mass with Deacon John Gerke and Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM gave the nice homily. Sr. Dianne was thrilled that so many of her family could come, since they all live on the East Coast, from New Hampshire to North Carolina! Two Friars she knew from her years in the Bronx Monastery, Peter Schneible, ofm and Tom Cole, ofm, also made the long trip. Our sisters, Carolyn and Sharon, came from our Monastery in South Carolina to help. Many of you heard Sharon’s beautiful voice as she sang with Br. Gabriel, ofm. We have some wonderful pictures of the Liturgy and of her family and friends, some of which we will include here. Sr. Vickie has done a lovely slide show which you can access on YouTube at [2017 Sr Dianne 50th Jubilee Mass Celebration](#) or on our Facebook Page, [Poor Clares Cincinnati](#). Dianne said this was the happiest day of her life... a time of new beginning....and is so grateful that so many of you could share it with us.

Speaking of the beautiful slide show Sr. Vickie created, she has also totally changed our website: a massive undertaking indeed! You can find it at www.poorclarescincinnati.org.

NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

O Glorious St. Clare, God has given you the power of working miracles and the favor of answering the prayers of all who invoke your assistance. We ask you to obtain for us from Jesus the help we so fervently and hopefully desire. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Feast of St. Clare Reservation

**I/We will attend the Feast Day Mass on August 11, 2017, Friday at 10:00 AM
At the Monastery of St. Clare, Cincinnati, Ohio**

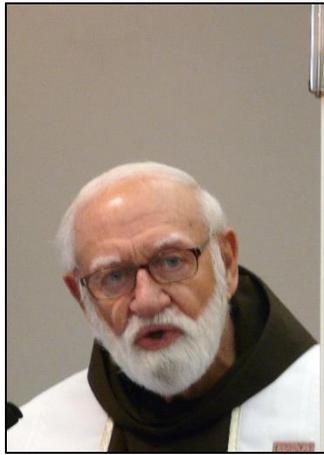
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Please remember the following intentions during the Novena and the Feast of St. Clare





Deacon John Gerke and Fr. Jeff Scheeler, OFM



Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM



Sr. Ann receiving the renewal of vows of Sr. Dianne

Vickie was interviewed for the video series, "History in Your Own Back Yard" and gave a wonderful overview of our beginnings here and our life in the monastery. You can find that on our website in the Videos, YouTubes and Celebrations section or access it directly at www.HistoryInYourOwnBackyard.com. Those of us who are not "techy" appreciate all that Vickie has done for us!

As we draw this letter to a close, we want to thank you for your love and friendship through the years, for all that you are to us and all that you do for us. Our lives have been intertwined through prayer and in so many other ways. Be sure we will be holding you and your intentions in our hearts and our prayers, especially during our Novena to St. Clare. We hope to see you soon!

Your Cincinnati Poor Clare sisters,

Ann, Anna Marie, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita and Vickie



With brother-in-law Jeff, sister Barbara, sister Teresa and brother-in-law David



Some of Dianne's family members

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