



Christmas 2018



Dear Friends and Family,

It is time again to *gather the folks, tell the story and break the bread of remembrance*. This is what we do each Christmas. We come together and retell the story. The story we tell is: *Though He was in the form of God, Jesus emptied Himself of His divinity, humbling Himself, taking on our humanity and becoming like each one of us*. After telling the story of the Incarnation, we gather together and break the bread of remembrance and celebrate God's extravagant LOVE for each one of us at our *Christ-Mass*. We pray that your Advent and Christmas seasons this year are filled with God's extravagant LOVE.

Many exciting things have happened here at the monastery since our last letter to you. We are thrilled with our new fountain and landscaping in our courtyard. Our new fountain and its installation is a gift in memory of Shirley Bosse, donated by the Bosse family and Meyer Garden Center. Julee Uhrig, a Master Gardener, and the Sisters then completed the project with beautiful flowers, all finished the night before our Feast of St. Clare celebrations began. On the Feast of St. Clare, Fr. Jim Meade, a retired diocesan priest, presided at mass, and it was a record crowd this year! A few weeks later, Fr. Mark Hudak, ofm presided at the memorial mass for Shirley Bosse and the blessing of our new fountain.



Fr. Mark Hudak, ofm presides over the blessing of our new fountain and garden



Sr. Pia holds a relic of St. Clare for veneration on the Transitus of St. Clare



Fr. Jim Meade presides at our Feast of St. Clare Mass

We thank you for your generosity during our Annual Appeal. We are so blessed! With your help, we will be able to lower our carbon footprint by generating our own solar power. The energy produced is reported through a **solar**edge link on our website: www.poorclarescincinnati.org. We invite you to look for this link on our website.



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Our Feast of St. Francis celebration on October 4 was doubly blessed this year. In the morning, we celebrated mass with Fr. Mark Soehner, ofm, and in the afternoon, several of us joined Sr. Luisa at the Federal Courthouse in downtown Cincinnati where she took her oath of citizenship and pledged her allegiance to our American Flag. On November 6, Sr. Luisa was able to vote for the first time.



Sr. Luisa waves her American Flag



Some of those who attended Sr. Luisa's citizenship ceremony

As Fall approached and the leaves began falling, it was time again for our annual leaf-raking. On November 10, twenty volunteers – both young and old - joined us to rake, blow and carry leaves into the woods. Thanks to all who made it such a fun day.



November also brought our first ice storm. Trees, cars and some streets were encased in ice. It was beautiful to look at, but with it came many car accidents, downed trees and power outages as trees fell on power lines. In the Cincinnati Tri-State area there were over 100,000 homes and businesses without power. We lost our power for about five hours. We were the lucky ones. Even with all the ice, the birds found their way to the birdfeeder, taking the icy conditions in stride.



We wish all of you a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas,

- *Your Poor Clare Sisters*

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



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