

EASTER 2018



To Our Dear Families and Friends,

We pray that your hearts are filled with peace and deep joy this Easter, even as we are saddened by the many painful events that have happened in our country these last months. Jesus walks with us on our own Way of the Cross each day. We pray that our government leaders will hear the cry for sensible gun control and for compassion for the Dreamers. Our prayers have taken flesh in letters and phone calls to our representatives in Washington, as our Bishops have requested.

On February 12th, we celebrated Abbess Appreciation Day for Sr. Ann. Ann has served us generously these past three years as Abbess, and we are grateful. She is looking forward to this next time in her life, which, however, won't be retirement! She will still be sharing her many gifts with us.



We were happy to have Bishop Joe Binzer with us for Mass and dinner on Mardi Gras. We always look forward to his homilies and our informal conversations with him after.

Julie Mc Elmurry, a friend we met at St. Bonaventure University some years ago, spent time with us and prepared a brief video on our community and how we live St. Clare's vision today. To celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week, on March 4th we shared it with students and parishioners at St. Monica-St. George, and again on March 8th, at St. Maximilian Kolbe. We benefited as much as those who came, and we loved the interaction! We are grateful to Julie for all that she did for us and to Sr. Vickie for coordinating all the details! You may view the video, "A Life of Prayer", by clicking on the link to our website: <https://www.poorclarescincinnati.org>

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Sr. Anna Marie, Sr. Pia and Sr. Vickie



The new elected leadership with Sr. Charlene and Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM

We have had many meetings since the New Year, looking at our life together, seeing how we can improve and deepen as we move forward in hope. In February, Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM, spent two days with us for Visitation. In early March, Sr. Charlene Toups, OSC, from our Monastery in New Orleans, arrived to guide our retreat days with reflective questions. This was all in preparation for our Chapter of Elections on March 7th. Our new Leadership is:

Abess: Sr Mary Pia Malaborbor, osc

Vicaress: Sr. Anna Marie Covely, osc

Councillor: Sr. Vickie Griner, osc

We are happy for the Spirit's working in our midst and ask your prayers for Pia, Anna Marie, Vickie and all of us as we begin these next three years. Easter is the time of new life, new beginnings, no matter how much darkness surrounds us. We pray that we all will respond generously to Jesus' call to new life in and with Him. May your Easter Season be blessed!

Your Cincinnati Poor Clares,

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

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