



# Christmas 2021

*“Today in the city of David a savior is born for you  
who is Messiah and Lord” Luke 2:11*

*May the love and peace of the Messiah surround  
you and your family this Christmas season!*

Dear Friends and Family,

It has been busy here at the Monastery these past few months. First, we want to express our deepest gratitude for all your prayers and support for Sr. Anthony’s open-heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic in July. Her surgery went well, and she feels that she has a new lease on life with her “new” heart and “new” Cincinnati community. November 13 was Sr. Anthony’s two-year anniversary here in Cincinnati, so her “new” community has officially become her “permanent” community. We share with you a few photos from Sr. Anthony’s Incorporation Ceremony. It was just a few months ago that we shared photos from Sr. Alma’s Incorporation Ceremony on June 12. We are so blessed to have our two Memphis sisters with us!

It has been wonderful having you back with us for Masses and Liturgy of the Hours. We continue to take precautions (we are still wearing masks and using “the wave” for the sign of peace). Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. However, for this year, we still feel our



The Community sings the Blessing of St. Clare for Sr. Anthony



Sr. Anthony



Sr. Anthony recites her vows to Sr. Anna Marie, Abbess

*(Nativity Scene Above by Della Robbia, La Verna, Italy)*



Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I/we support the Cincinnati Poor Clares in their ministries of prayer and evangelization.
- I/we join you in prayer and/or enclose this gift.

Chapel is just too small to create a safe environment for the large numbers on **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so we will not have public Masses those days.** We look forward to being able to open the Chapel for larger groups soon.

We currently have three women who are at the “live-in” stage of their discernment with us. During National Vocations Awareness Week November 7-14, one of the women discerning with us arrived at the monastery for her first “live-in” visit. Our next candidate arrives in February 2022 for her “live-in” experience. Please keep them in your prayers, and pray that our third candidate will be able to travel to the U.S. and make her “live-in” visit soon.

*Due to the Delta variant of COVID-19, there will be no public Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day this year.*

Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM was scheduled to travel to Cincinnati for our Community Retreat in October, but because of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we decided to have a quiet retreat that included a few DVD presentations by Fr. Kevin. We thank Fr. Kevin for sharing his recorded presentations with us! We hope to have Fr. Kevin guide our Community Retreat in 2023. Sr. Vickie, however, was not able to participate in our Community Retreat this year because she was one of the Poor Clare “winners” of a two-week pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Padua. Sr. Vickie was able to share moments from the pilgrimage through her Facebook page, so many of you were able to join her on pilgrimage.

The seasons continue to change, even with the pandemic still among us. Luckily, most of the leaves were off the trees in time for our Annual Leaf Raking Day. This year we had 40+ volunteers who made this overwhelming task manageable and complete within two hours. Thanks to our many volunteers and to US Bank for donating our Panera’s snacks.

For this year’s Annual Appeal, we had a matching grant to help us raise the money to replace some of our HVAC units. Many of you took advantage of the matching grant, and we are grateful. Some of the new equipment has been installed just in time for the falling temperatures.

Our life of prayer and contemplation is possible because of your ongoing support. We are grateful for your generous support. May our loving God bless you and keep you safe.

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

Your Cincinnati Poor Clare Sisters:

*Alma, Ann, Anna Marie, Anthony, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita, Vickie*



Please consider putting the Cincinnati Poor Clares 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 in other planned giving documents.
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