



# Christmas 2024



*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” - Luke 2:11-12*

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

In July, Sr. Luisa, along with several Poor Clares from our monasteries throughout the United States, participated in the National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis. This was a grace-filled experience for our sisters (along with more than 50,000 participants!) to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We are grateful to the local parishes and host couples who provided our sisters with room and board and lots of Hoosier hospitality!



Poor Clare Sisters from New Jersey, Washington, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Montana and Cincinnati attended the NEC

We were blessed that so many of our local friars were able to join us again this year for our celebration of the Transitus of St. Clare on August 10. The next day, Fr. Ed Tluczek, OFM presided at our Mass for the Feast of St. Clare. We are grateful that many of our friends and benefactors were able to join us for Mass and refreshments in our meeting room.



A few weeks later, on August 31, we celebrated Sr. Beatrice’s 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee at St. Anthony’s Friary and Shrine. We celebrated with visitors and guests from near and far, including Poor Clare Sisters from our monasteries in Nebraska, Massachusetts and South Carolina. Fr. John Eaton, OFM presided. We are grateful for Sr. Beatrice’s



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vocation and for her desire to become a member of our Cincinnati community. Sr. Beatrice is in the transfer process, but she may need to return to Tanzania while we await her priority date so we can process the next round of immigration paperwork. Please join us in praying that the processing of the paperwork will go smoothly.



Sr. Beatrice recites her vows to Sr. Pia, Abbess



From Left to Right: Sisters Elizabeth, Stella, Leticia, Pia, Anthony and Beatrice



In October, Fr. Russel Murray, OFM arrived for our Community Retreat. However, during the retreat, Russel suffered a ruptured appendix and required emergency surgery. At the time of writing this letter, Russel continues to recover in the hospital. We are grateful to all the emergency room staff, and all the healthcare professionals at Mercy-Fairfield Hospital. Russel's brother, Matthew, and his Guardian at Holy Name College, Henry Fulmer, OFM, were able to travel to Cincinnati and visit during Russel's recovery. Please keep Russel in your prayers for a complete recovery.



Photo during Russel's visit in June 2023

We take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all of you, for it is because of your generosity that we are able to live our life of contemplation and prayer. It is sometimes difficult for us to ask for your help, knowing that you too may be struggling with the increasing costs of everyday living. An unexpected need arose this summer. In order to get one of our sisters to and from medical appointments, we needed to purchase a motorized wheelchair, which then led to the need to replace our car with a larger vehicle.

We also continue the work on our HVAC systems throughout the monastery. We are happy to report that we hope to have a replacement HVAC system installed in our north bedroom wing by the end of December.

May this Advent and Christmas Season bring you abundant joy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. Be assured of our prayers for you, your families and all your intentions.

*Your Cincinnati Poor Clares,*

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



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