

Feast of St. Clare 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

As we prepare for this year's Feast of St. Clare, we continue to find ourselves in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and praying for a vaccine. Our special intention for this year's Novena to St. Clare is for healing of all those affected by the virus and for the completion of a vaccine.

In our Easter letter, we rejoiced that so many family, friends and benefactors were able to join us for our Christmas Eve Mass and refreshments. We were truly filled to capacity! Then, in mid-March, while we were still on our Lenten journey, we went on "lockdown," and our lives changed. Our Sunday Masses, including Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum services, and Easter Sunday Mass, were all via livestream with our friars at the Church of the Transfiguration in Southfield, Michigan. We are grateful for the ability to livestream in our community room. We were able to join Pope Francis on March 27 as he prayed before the empty Square of St. Peter's Basilica, and on May 30 for the recitation of the Holy Rosary.



Easter Sunday Mass via livestreaming in our community room



Sr. Alma waving to us during our "drive-by" celebration

As so many others are doing for celebrations and events, we got in the car and had a "drive-by" visit for Sr. Alma's 90th birthday, and Zoom meetings are now the norm here at the monastery. In the early days of our "lockdown," Franciscan Media asked us to prepare a few short videos about life during the Corona Virus. You can find those videos on the home page of our website at www.poorclarescincinnati.org.

Now it is the beginning of July, and many of our precautions are still in place. We look forward to the day when we can invite our 8:15 regulars and all our friends and benefactors back to our Chapel. **The decision to cancel our 30th Anniversary and Feast of St. Clare Masses and celebrations was difficult.**



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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 tax exempt gift.

We miss you and keep you all in our prayers. Please be sure to let us know your prayer requests for the Novena, using the form at the bottom of this letter or e-mailing us at: poorclareprayers@gmail.com.

Last winter we learned that we need to replace our Chapel HVAC system. The cost of repairing the current units and finding the leak in our geothermal line pipe would be more expensive than replacing the units. The good news is that the new units are expected to be much more efficient than our 20+ year old units. Because of Covid-19, we had to delay this project until this summer. With the aging of our other HVAC units, we will need to schedule the changing out all the old units over the next few years.

 We are now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please consider linking your Kroger card to Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare, Cincinnati, Ohio (Code RH669). Once your card is linked to us, any transactions using your Kroger card will be applied to the program *at no added cost to you*. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. We invite you to go to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> for more information.



In the midst of this pandemic, we are grateful for the beauty of Creation. A few weeks ago, mama deer left her two babies in front of our Chapel and near our statue of St. Francis. What a blessing to see this new life.



We pray for your health and safety as we journey through this current pandemic.

Your Poor Clare Sisters

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



Novena to St. Clare: O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise your Holy Name and the wonders of grace you worked in your servant, St. Clare. Through her powerful intercession, grant us the favors we ask in this Novena, above all the grace to live and die as she did in your most holy love. Amen. You can join us in praying the Novena to St. Clare through our website at: <http://www.poorclarescincinnati.org/novena-to-st-clare>.



Due to Covid-19, there will be no public Mass or celebration for our Feast of St. Clare this year. We hope to see you in 2021.

Novena to St. Clare

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