

# Feast of St. Clare 2025

Dear Friends and Family,

This year, the Poor Clares in the US are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Founding. In October 1875, Mother Mary Maddelena and her sister, Sister Constance, landed in New York to bring the primitive Rule of St. Clare to our shores. As part of our celebration, some of us gathered at St. Bonaventure University in June to hear talks by Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM on her legacy and to discuss together what it means for us today. We will meet again in October at Graymoor for our Federation Chapter and celebration.



The Gathering at St. Bonaventure University for the Poor Clare Enrichment Program (photo by Br. Octavio Duran, OFM)

Meanwhile, as we celebrate 150 years in the US, our community celebrates the 35<sup>th</sup> year of founding in Cincinnati. We are so grateful to all who have made our life here possible and who continue to support us in so many ways by your love and presence.

Upon our return from St. Bonaventure's, we had the joy of a visit with Sr. Gabriel Davison, OSC from our monastery in Arundel, England. Sister is the President of their Federation and was with us at St. Bonaventure's to share on life among the Clares in England. We had four wonderful days of mutual sharing.



The Singing of the Blessing of St. Clare for Sr. Alma  
(photo by Fr. Mark Hudak, OFM)

This has also been a time of loss for us. Our Sr. Alma winged her way Home to God on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We and the Notre Dame Sisters spent several days of vigil with her when we knew the time was drawing near. She died peacefully during the night. It was a very sacred time as we watched and prayed with her. In order that the Notre Dame Sisters with whom she lived these past six years could attend the funeral, it was celebrated in their Motherhouse chapel. We were grateful for all who attended. After the Mass we made our way to St. Mary's Cemetery. This was the first burial in our plot there.

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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.

June 9<sup>th</sup> found us saying a different farewell. Sr. Beatrice Hunja, who has been with us these past two years, had to return to Tanzania for a year to comply with the current immigration laws. Please pray that she will be able to return to us next year. Her beautiful smile and loving presence are missed.

In our Easter letter, we mentioned the need for a new elevator. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to replace the old elevator with a new “laser beam” elevator. We were also able to replace the ambulatory roof and complete the needed sealing to help ward off the carpenter bees.

We hope you will be able to join us for our celebration of the Feast of St. Clare on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Father Murray Bodo, OFM will be the celebrant for the 10:00am Mass followed by a reception.



Sr. Beatrice with Dave and Teri Rieman, Secular Franciscans, who came to say ‘goodbye’ on June 9



Our New Elevator

Your Poor Clare Sisters,

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>



Please join us for our  
Feast of St. Clare Mass at  
10:00am on Monday  
August 11, 2023

Please RSVP by Aug 8  
513-825-7177

☐ Yes, I/We will Attend  
☐ Number Attending

### Novena to St. Clare

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

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