

Christmas 2010



“Look closely, I say, to the beginning of the life of this admired one, indeed at the poverty of him who was wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger. O marvelous humility! O astonishing poverty! The King of the angels, the Lord of heaven and earth is laid to rest in a manger.”
– St. Clare’s 4th Letter to Agnes of Prague

Dear Family and Friends,

Let us all rejoice together that our Savior is born!

Here in Cincinnati we experienced a very hot and humid summer, but some of our sisters experienced the even hotter and more humid climate of New Orleans this summer. In July, Srs. Anna Marie and Vickie and Kellee made a pilgrimage to New Orleans, stopping to visit and receive the hospitality of our sisters in Memphis along the way. Our sisters in New Orleans have an extensive collection of archive materials on our American Foundresses, and several of our New Orleans sisters were willing to share stories with our women in formation that added more depth and meaning to these sisters’ learning experience as they grow in our Poor Clare way of life. During their stay, our pilgrims were also able to drive to the 9th Ward, visit with our Friars at St. Mary of the Angels, and experience the ongoing efforts to rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. We continue to pray for all those who were affected by Katrina.

Archbishop Pilarczyk (ret.) presided at our Feast of St. Clare on August 11. This was a very special celebration for us this year, since 2010 marks our 20th anniversary here in Cincinnati. Some of you, along with Archbishop Pilarczyk, have been with us since the beginning. We are grateful and blessed for all the support we receive from all of you. All of you make it possible for us to live our lives as Poor Clares.

In September, we celebrated the arrival of Sr. Luisa, a Temporary Professed Poor Clare from Taiwan. Luisa is adjusting well to our Poor Clare way of life here in Cincinnati. Also in September, Sr. Vickie, our Novice, was accepted for First Profession. In October, Kellee, our Postulant, was accepted into the Novitiate. A woman from Michigan began discerning with us these past few months. We ask you to join us in praying for all our women in formation and all those discerning a Poor Clare way of life.

Our 7th annual **Run for the Nuns** was held at Harbor Point in Winton Woods on October 2. This is our only fund-raising activity each year. We had more runners participating this year, and many more family and friends joining in all the festivities of the day. Many thanks to all those who made the **Run for the Nuns** such a wonderful family event.

As the economy continues to recover from the effects of the past few years, we continue to look for additional sources of income and additional ways to raise funds. In the coming months, we find it necessary to make some of our rooms more handicap friendly, as well as keep up with the routine maintenance and repairs to the Monastery.

As we close this letter, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and a New Year! We hold you close in our hearts and in our daily prayers.
Your Poor Clare Sisters,
Ann, Anna Marie, Dianne, Doris, Judith, Kellee, Luisa, Pia, Rita, Vickie

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