

## Easter 2014

From Ashes of Fires of Blessed Palms to Alleluia Fires of Easter Eve may Lent's Forty Days [turn into]Dancing Flames of Love's Delight. - Ed Hayes

## LENTEN PRACTICE:

"I will take a loving look at each of my brothers and sisters, mindful of their gifts and brokenness, in order to grow in compassion and love for them."

Dear Friends and Family,

Christmas was a blessed time for us. Thirty of our friends gathered with us on Christmas Eve for the first Mass of Christmas. Srs. Anna Marie, Rita, and Ann choreographed an opening ritual during which Sr. Anna Marie brought in the Infant Jesus and placed him in the manger. The presider for this Eucharistic celebration was Fr. Frank Jasper, OFM. A touching experience before the end of Mass was when Sr. Anna Marie took the Infant Jesus from the crib and passed him to the congregation and each person had an opportunity to adore the Christ Child. After Mass, we gathered in our meeting room where there was punch and cookies galore made by the Sisters. We all enjoy making cookies for this occasion because each of us can make our favorites. Marty Nuhn, who regularly prays with us, also always brings one of her favorites. On Christmas day Fr. Jeff Scheeler, OFM, our Ordinary, presided at our Eucharist.



In our Christmas letter we told you about the need to upgrade our HAVC system. We got bids on the project and were able to find a company, that we feel, will be able to do the upgrade well and without it being exceedingly costly. We are most grateful to all of you who have been so generous to us enabling us to go forward with this project.

Since Christmas we have been having a Siberian experience. The cold, snow, and ice have had its effect. For us it has meant times of having to cancel Masses because our long, steep and curvy driveway was too dangerous to navigate. When we are not able to have Mass we have a Communion Service. We have a landscaper who clears our driveway during the winter and he and his crew do a wonderful job but they cannot get to us first though they try to come during the night.

On January 22nd Sr. Vickie renewed her temporary vows for the last time for on April 26th Sr. Vickie will make her Solemn Profession at 10:30 am during a Mass at St. Clement parish. After Sr. Vickie's profession all eight of us in the monastery will be Solemnly Professed.



Sr. Vickie renews her vows

community 'snow day"

February has continued to bring us the Siberian experience except this time the ice is playing havoc with our ambulatory roof. If you walk down the ambulatory you will find, "water, water everywhere and not a drop you'd dare to drink." We have been using drop sheets and the water vacuum to clean it all up. Once the ice melts it will be fine. We, however, are grateful we have had nothing compared to what our sisters and brothers have suffered in the South and in the East. We pray for them every day.

During Lent we were able to schedule more time for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare valued her time in Adoration and we too find it especially fruitful as we pray for your needs and the needs of the Church and of our world. Our time in Adoration reminds us that Christ died and rose from the dead so that we might have life everlasting with Him. We invite you to join us for Mass and the Liturgy of Hours in our public Chapel.

Our prayer for you is that the fire that God enkindles in you is the fire of His great love for you. We wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Your Poor Clare Sisters: Anna Marie, Ann, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Fia, Rita and Vickie

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