



# Easter 2017



To Our Dear Families and Friends,

As we draw near to the end of Lent and approach the Feast of Easter, we pray that you are filled with the peace and joy of the Risen Christ and that "Alleluia" rings in your heart!

The day after we sent our Christmas Letter, Sr. Vickie's father, Vernon Griner, passed into the arms of our loving God. Vickie was able to be with him in his final moments, along with her twin sister Julie and brother-in-law, Randy. He had a very peaceful death. Then, in January, we lost a dear friend, Bud Hartmann. He and his wife, Diane, and their family have been good friends of ours for many years. We miss both Vernon and Bud, but know they are sharing fully in the joy of Jesus' Resurrection and are watching over us.

We have had two lovely visits with Caoimhin (Kevin) O'Laoide, OFM who is in the States to do Visitation for our Friars before their Chapter of Elections in May. He is on their General Council in Rome, but obviously is not Italian! We thoroughly enjoyed his Irish brogue and sense of humor, not to mention his beautiful singing voice and touching homily at Mass.



We want you to know that we are trying to be good stewards of your generous gifts to us. Because of your goodness, we were able to make our large guest bathroom fully handicap accessible with a walk-in shower. This will certainly be a help for our elderly retreatants. Also, some of you know that we had another "glitch" with our tower bell, which we thought was fixed. A squirrel managed to get in and eat the bell rope! With some maneuvering, a creative workman was able to enclose the space with wire and told us to put two plastic owls up there to scare the squirrels. We had done something similar before in our courtyard with plastic snakes so that the birds aren't hitting themselves against our windows. We are happy to tell you that both work and we are enjoying the sound of our bell again.



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*Sr. Dianne is recovering well from her three cervical fusions and carpal tunnel surgery and is grateful for your prayers. Because the surgery was done from the front of her neck, she has temporarily lost her voice and you can imagine how everyone is teasing her! Even one of her doctors said, "The monastery must be very quiet now!" She misses not being able to sing.*

*Several of our sisters participated in the Celebration of Consecrated Life that the Little Sisters of the Poor host each year. We are grateful to them for their generosity! Afterwards, our sisters were able to have a brief visit with Archbishop Pilarczyk and Fr. Cyprian Berens, OFM. We also participated in the Safe Driving Program that the Friars were having, sponsored by Christian Brothers Insurance. We are more careful drivers now! Our Vocation Team and newer sisters will be attending "R U Called", a Dinner for Women Discerning the Consecrated Life. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese and will be held on April 26, 2017 at St Francis de Sales Parish in Lebanon, Ohio from 5:00-8:00PM. There will be presentations by Archbishop Schnurr and young women living different forms of Consecrated Life, plus the opportunity to interact informally with Vocation Ministers and women discerning a call to Consecrated Life. If you, or anyone you know, would like to attend, you can register online at [www.cincinnati vocations.org/r-u-called](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/r-u-called). We pray that it will be a Spirit-filled gathering!*

*We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament most days with Evening Prayer and a Holy Hour, but this year on the Fridays of Lent we extended the time of Adoration. On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, our chapel was full for Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Deacon John Gerke graciously presided for us. We are happy to be able to share our life of prayer and to provide a quiet space for people seeking to deepen their relationship with our Loving God.*

*In addition to being nourished by our own personal prayer and spiritual reading, as a community we have been watching a set of DVD's that a friend graciously gave us. They are from the Great Courses and are entitled "The Holy Land Revealed" by Professor Jodi Magness. She is an archaeologist and has directed and co-directed several digs in the Holy Land. Her half-hour lectures make the Scriptures and history come alive. We highly recommend them and are looking forward to her next set, "Jesus and His Jewish Influences".*

*As we draw this Easter Letter to a close, you can see that our days have been rich and full. God has truly blessed us and we are ever so grateful! We hold you and your loved ones in our prayers, through all your joys and sorrows, as we enter into Jesus' Paschal Mystery and make it our own. May you be filled with His love and peace and joy!*

*Your Cincinnati Poor Clares,*

*Ann, Anna Marie, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita and Vickie*

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