



Christmas 2019



The Most Holy Father of Heaven, our King, sent from on high the beloved Son who was born of the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary. On that day the Lord sent mercy and song into the night. For today is born to us a Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger and His name is Wonderful, Councilor, Mighty God, King of Peace!

Dear Friends and Family,

This year we welcomed two Poor Clares from Memphis and are now 10 solemnly professed sisters in community. We give thanks to our loving God for these two wonderful Poor Clares who have joined us. Sr. Alma has been a Poor Clare for 51 years. She resides at the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Healthcare Center here in Cincinnati because she is in need of special care that we are not able to provide at our Monastery. We shared some photos of Sr. Alma's welcoming ceremony in our Feast of St. Clare letter to you earlier this year. We were able to bring Sr. Alma to the Monastery for the Transitus of St. Clare in August, where she was able to meet many of our Friars of St. John the Baptist Province. Sr. Anthony has been a Poor Clare for 35 years. She is settling in here at the Monastery, and we recently held our official welcoming ceremony during Vespers.



Sr. Alma poses for a picture with a few of the Sisters on the Transitus of St. Clare



Sr. Alma with some of our Friars during the Transitus of St. Clare



Sr. Anthony receives the Blessing of St. Clare during her official welcoming ceremony

With the coming of our two new sisters, one of whom needs skilled nursing care, we have incurred an increase in our expenses. You have always been very generous to us in providing for our needs, and we are grateful for the many ways you help us to live our Life of Prayer.



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In October, we were blessed to have Brother John Barker, OFM, PhD, a scripture scholar from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, come for our annual community retreat. Together we journeyed through the 24 Admonitions of St. Francis of Assisi. We had wonderful sharings which made the journey a rich one for all of us.

During National Catholic Vocation Awareness Week, Srs. Vickie and Luisa traveled to Marian University in Indianapolis to represent our Poor Clare Way of Life at a Vocation Fair. Sr. Vickie was also a presenter (via Zoom video conferencing) for the Archdiocese Vocation Panel Program at Cincinnati Country Day School for over 100 high school students.

In November, the greater Cincinnati area made history not only for the coldest day since 1894 but also for the 11th earliest snowfall for this part of the country.

Leaves here, leaves there, everywhere leaves, covering the ground all around! On November 16th more than 30 volunteers joined us in raking all those leaves. US Bank was generous in providing goodies from Panera's along with coffee, hot chocolate and orange juice. It was a fun time for all.



A doe resting in the leaves just outside Chapel during vespers



Some of our volunteers clearing all the leaves from the Monastery grounds

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Your Cincinnati Poor Clare Sisters:

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



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