



Rejoice!

Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Newsletter

Summer 2013

Dear Family & Friends,

On June 13, 2013, we celebrated the one year anniversary of the purchase of our homestead just west of Wichita ... and my, has it been quite the year! It is amazing that so much can be done with the help of our family and friends, the friends of Our Lady. We've known since the beginning that we would not be able to develop this land and use it for our purposes without the assistance of Our Mother and Queen ... and consequently of her friends. This newsletter is one big "Thank you!"



First and foremost we must thank Our Lady who has taken this project, and us, in her hand and guided it so successfully thus far. She has helped us with everything from cleaning up our farm and fixing up the 7 acres of "homestead" to completing our architectural plans for the Novitiate / House of Formation which we are going to build on the 17 acres of pasture just south of the farmhouse. It would be almost impossible to decide which part has been the most exciting.

We have had an overwhelming response to our appeal for assistance, whether it is the "know-how" we seek or the hands and machines to do what needed to be done, we have never been left wanting. You, the friends of Our Lady and our friends, have been so generous with us as we work to accomplish our projects. Each time we needed someone to help us do something beautiful for Mary we have been given all we needed. Each step of the way it has been just that, just what we needed. This is a journey in faith and we are thankful that you are making it with us.

The most overwhelming of all the responses has been our plea for Millions of Memorares for Mary (see inside for details). We have promised Mary millions of Memorares for the conversion of sinners and are asking her to help us build the Novitiate, the first phase of our Motherhouse. Hundreds have joined us in this crusade for prayers for the conversion of sinners. Isn't it humbling and thrilling to participate, with Mary, in the redemptive work of Christ! We have already seen such beautiful fruits, especially in those praying the Memorares as they are drawn closer and closer to Our Blessed Lady. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, we invite you, too, to join us in prayer. A postcard is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

As you pray these prayers, please keep in mind that even though we have accomplished more than we thought possible in just one year, there is still much, much more to do. We are only getting started as we seek funds for the main purpose of our purchase: the first phase of our Motherhouse, the Novitiate. As you all know, our need for this is growing even now as we have just accepted one more postulant and received one more novice (details in the next newsletter).

If nothing else, it has become increasingly clearer that we cannot do this on our own... we are still in need. We need Our Lady and her friends or we will not be able to build the Novitiate; we are praying that all of her friends will answer her call to help us as they are able. In turn we can guarantee those who help us the prayers of generations of IHM's to come! St. Peter's words to the lame man come to mind: "Gold and silver I have none, but what I have I give..." ... our prayers!

In the Heart of Mary,

Mother Mary Magdalene, IHM

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Foundation in Spain

The foundation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita intertwines the personal history of Fr. Joaquin Masmitja with 19th century Spanish societal trends, Church history and the settlement of the New World.



Fr. Masmitja

Fr. Masmitja, a canon of the cathedral of Gerona, was raised with a tender devotion to the Sorrowful Mother; combining this familial devotion to the ever-increasingly popular devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fr. Masmitja guided many of his penitents to embrace his same devotion to the Sorrowful and Immaculate

Heart of Mary. As a Third Order Carmelite, he insisted upon Marian devotion for his penitents. His was a Carmelite Spirituality and he formed those who came to him for spiritual direction in the same: recollection, silence, contemplative prayer, Marian and Eucharistic.

Mid-19th century Spain had many similarities with today's culture: secularism, indifferentism, rationalism, anti-clericalism, the break-down of the family – all were influencing the people of Fr. Masmitja's time. He recognized the downward spiral. At the same time he was frequently taking recourse to Mary, presenting the needs of his time and his people to the Heavenly Mother who cared for them. While meditating upon her Seven Sorrows, he became aware of a current, impending sorrow... the rejection of Christ Her Son and His saving work. He wished to protect Her Heart from this Sorrow and was inspired to do so through the foundation of a religious institute that would be devoted to her Sorrows, that would pray for the Church, for sinners, for priests, and who would work to rebuild a Catholic culture through the formation of young women who would in turn grow up, marry, and raise their children with a good Catholic formation. In this way, he hoped to rebuild society.

In 1848 he gathered his first group of seven young women – penitents of his who wanted to

devote their lives to the Lord and His Church and to implement the aspirations of Fr. Masmitja. The establishment of new religious institutes was prohibited by the Spanish government, consequently Fr. Masmitja gathered them together as teachers – a useful occupation approved of by the secular authorities. All the while he was forming them in the spiritual life, in the living of the evangelical counsels, in communal life, in the apostolic life, and in the founding charism and spirit of the community. As time passed, other young women joined them, he wrote their rule of life, and they were eventually recognized as a religious community. From the very beginning, Fr. Masmitja exhorted the Sisters that they would only be able to fulfill the lofty aims of the community through prayer and teaching. The Motherhouse was established in Olot, Spain.

In the New World, the growing number of Spanish speaking converts continued to grow as the Franciscan missionaries worked up and down the Pacific coasts. Bishop Amat of Southern California consulted St. Anthony Claret, the bishop of Cuba, for advice. St. Anthony, a friend of Fr. Masmitja, well aware of his work and his new community, recommended to Bishop Amat that he approach Fr. Masmitja and ask him to send Sisters to California. The advice was well taken.

On the way to the First Vatican Council, Bishop Amat traveled through Spain and spoke with Fr. Masmitja. Recognizing the great sacrifice this would be for the young community as well as for the individual Sisters who would most probably never see Spain or their families again, Fr. Masmitja asked for volunteers. The communal response was encouraging. Ten Sisters were selected; they began studying English and hoped to sail for California within the year. In 1871, Fr. Masmitja set out, accompanying the Sisters to the port; overcome with emotion he was unable to continue and was forced to turn back. The Sisters continued on their own. Unbeknownst to them the ship had set sail early; while making arrangements to gain passage on the next ship to the new world, they learned that the one they were to take was lost at sea. That ship was never found. Next Chapter: The early years in California.

The Queen's Bees

“Ah, if men could and would listen to the lesson of the bees,” reflected Pope St. Pius XII during an audience with Italian beekeepers in 1948, “how much better the world would be.” IHM, agreeing with the saintly pontiff, has inaugurated our own apiary, a collection of bee hives. Tim Brady (pictured with us in our bee suits – our habits are tucked in underneath) is graciously helping with everything: ordering and assembling the supers (the box which will house the hives), ordering the most disease resistant honey bee, instructing us in the care of the bees, and teaching us all of the practicalities.

Our bees arrived in April and Tim, with Sisters hovering around, hived the bees. The bees will be working diligently this first year to build their comb and store enough nectar (which will evaporate to make honey) for their own sustenance during the next winter. Our first honey harvest will, most likely, be in 2014.

When we purchased our property last summer, one of the first things noted was the wild bee hive in one of the old buildings. By all estimations, the hive appeared to be a healthy, large colony. Unfortunately, the building that housed the hive could not stay where it was, and with the hive in it, it could neither be moved nor demolished. The Sisters watched and, when extra hands were needed they assisted, Mr. James Fowler and Tim successfully move the hive. The planks were removed one by one until the hive was exposed and then they cut out the brood (the comb where eggs have been laid) and tied it into the frames of a super. They were fortunate to locate the queen, thus making sure she made the transfer, for without the queen there is no hive!

Bees have been part of Christian symbolism for centuries. The bees, all doing their appointed task to bring the work of all to fruition, is a symbol of the Mystical Body of Christ. Likewise the members of the Mystical Body are to use their God-given talents in the fulfillment of their assigned role. Especially are bees symbolic of a religious community, all harmoniously working together for the glory of God and the good of souls. A wise elderly priest once said to us, “Sisters are like bees, let them do their thing and they’ll make honey!”

We would also like to make special mention of Fr. John Reinkemeyer who, shortly before he passed away, donated much of the bee equipment – including the suits – to IHM. He had a great love for his honey bees! IHM has already prayed for his assistance and will, no doubt, be calling upon him for his help as we work with the bees.



ABOVE: Bee keepers, Tim Brady, Mother Mary Magdalene, and Sister Mary Faustina open the boxes of live bees.

BELOW: As a few bees hang on, the smiles of the keepers show their contentment.



Sister Rose Marie Weber Professes First Vows

The gift of self ... the complete dedication of one's life to God ... these were a few of Bishop Michael Jackels' words describing the first profession of chastity, poverty and obedience of Sister Rose Marie Weber, IHM, as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita on February 23, 2013.

Sister Rose Marie grew up in St. Francis Cabrini Parish in the Salina Diocese on a farm outside of Hoxie, KS. She is the daughter of Leonard and Donna Weber and the late Rose Weber. After graduating from Hoxie High School, she attended Fort Hays State University and earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics. The summer before her senior year she taught Totus Tuus for the Diocese of Salina.

While working at Thomas More Prep – Marian in Hays, KS, as resident director and with the assistance of Rev. Fred Gatchet and Sister Marie Therese, IHM vocation director, she began to discern seriously the religious life. Having visited with Sister Marie Therese several times, Sister Rose Marie traveled to Wichita to visit the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. During her visit she found what her heart desired and on August 13, 2010, she entered the IHM's as a postulant and was received into the novitiate on February 11, 2011.

During her two year novitiate she was given time and guidance to concentrate on her relationship with the Lord and her prayer life, as well as grow in her understanding and appreciation of religious life and the charism of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary through the study of the Church's document on Religious Life and the Constitutions, Directory, and customs of the IHM's. Her time and her heart were filled not only with these

truths but also with theological and philosophical studies such as Scripture, Prayer and Spirituality, Moral Theology, Ecclesiology, Vatican Council II Documents, Introduction to Philosophy, Logic and Introduction to Thomas Aquinas.

Upon completion of her novitiate, Sister Rose Marie requested and was given permission to profess the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. The vows were received by Mother Mary Magdalene O'Halloran, IHM, and witnessed by Bishop Michael Jackels. Rev. John Lanzrath and Rev. Michael Peltzer concelebrated the Mass of religious profession.



Sister Rose Marie is clothed with her scapular.

During the homily Bishop Jackels spoke of the magnitude of Sister Rose Marie's gift of self to God. When all is done in love, there is no inconvenience or discomfort too great. When all is given to the Lord no price is too costly nor any cross too cumbersome. Her self-dedication has laid the path for her life; now all belongs to Him.

Sister Rose Marie was honored to have relatives and friends attend this solemn celebration from as far away as Colby, KS, and St. Louis, MO. Now, after her profession, she will resume her studies, preparing to engage in the IHM Sisters' apostolate of catechesis, religious education and formation.

Sr. Mary Clare's Jubilee

On February 23, 2013, Sister Mary Clare Johnson, IHM, celebrated her silver jubilee of profession during the Mass of Sister Rose Marie Weber's religious profession. As the congregation witnessed the new beginning for Sister Rose Marie, they gave thanks for the Sister Mary Clare's 25 years as a faithful Bride of Christ. As an act of love for her Divine Spouse and of thanksgiving for 25 years of God's blessings, Sister Mary Clare renewed her vows. Bishop Michael Jackels then presented her with her jubilee crucifix and a papal blessing.

The path to Wichita was a long one for Sister Mary Clare, revealed to her through time; with each new development she prayerfully and faithfully followed the Lord's prompting.

Sister Mary Clare was born and raised in Southern California. As a teenager she converted to the Catholic faith and graduated from St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora, CA. After high school, she worked at a bank and spent her free-time training and showing dogs. In 1986 she entered religious life with the I.H.M. Sisters of California, professing her first vows on January 24, 1988; subsequently she continued her education and obtained an undergraduate degree in psychology from Mt. St. Mary's College, CA.

With this background, Sister Mary Clare was able to work at the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women in Los Angeles, California. There she assisted homeless women in various ways: direct in-service, community relations, transportation of needed food and clothes, and assisting with the Mobile Out-Reach team. Also at this time she assisted with the community's retreat work. For this she was thankful for her theological preparation, especially in Scripture, that she received in college and within the religious community.

In 1991 Sister Mary Clare professed her perpetual vows. In the fall of that year, she inaugurated her work in the educational apostolate of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by teaching

third grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Northridge, CA. At this time she also continued her own studies at Mt. St. Mary's College working towards a Master's Degree in Education, which she completed in 1997. After 10 years of teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes, she moved to Tucson, Arizona where she taught for two years.

After much prayer and discernment, Sister Mary Clare followed God's call to come to Wichita, Kansas. Having found in Wichita with the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the communal prayer life and the fraternal life she always desired, in May of 2003 she began the transfer process and in 2008 professed her perpetual vows as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. Since coming to Wichita she has taught at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, St. Francis of Assisi Parish and is currently teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade religion at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Schulte.

25 years ago in response to the Lord's invitation to love Him with an undivided heart and to follow Him along the narrower path, Sister Mary Clare vowed chastity, poverty and obedience. Now 25 years later, amazed at how God has worked in her life, she gives thanks for His providential guidance and for leading her to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita.



Bishop Michael Jackels congratulates a joyful Sister Mary Clare during her jubilee celebration. Photo by Katie Gordon.

In Honor of the Heart of Mary

Millions of Memorares for Mary!

Praying for the conversion of sinners is central to the Fatima Message. Even in the angel's apparitions which prepared the three shepherds for Mary's coming, the message is clear. In late summer of 1916 the angel taught Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta the following prayer (which we pray every morning):

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

The next spring, spring of 1917, when Mary appeared to the children she made this the topic of three of her six apparitions. During her first visit, on May 13, Mary asked the children: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings He may be pleased to send you as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and to ask for the conversion of sinners?"

In July, before showing the three children a vision of hell, she encouraged the children to "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners

and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice, 'O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.' " After she showed them hell, she taught them the prayer, now very familiar to us: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Your mercy."

Finally, in August, Mary clearly reiterated her request: "Pray much and make sacrifices on behalf of sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to make sacrifices and to pray for them."

We have pledged millions of Memorares to Our Lady of Fatima for the conversion of sinners.

The pledge is modeled on the Quick Novena of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. When Mother Teresa

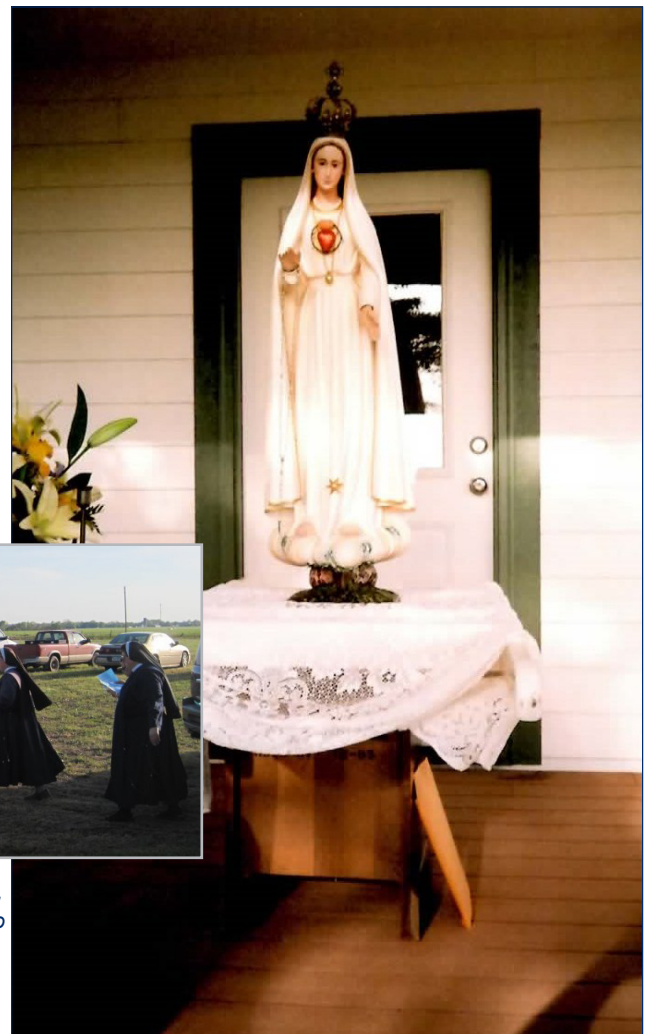
did not have time to complete a traditional novena of nine days of prayer, she would pray ten Memorares: nine in petition and one in thanksgiving. The Sisters have adopted this practice, promising Our Lady millions of Memorares for the conversion of sinners, and, at the same time, asking Our Lady to help them build their Novitiate on their newly acquired property outside of St. Mark, KS.

On May 13, the 96th anniversary of Mary's first apparition in Fatima, all of those who have already pledged and were able



RIGHT: #1 Our Lady of Fatima, ready for the procession. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Jolene Reeger)

ABOVE: The procession begins!



In Honor of the Heart of Mary

joined the Sisters for a picnic dinner and an evening of Marian devotion. After the picnic, the Sisters led a procession to their nearly completed Fatima Shrine. While the participants walked through the pasture to the shrine, all sang the Fatima Ave. After the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was placed in the shrine, we prayed the Rosary and then presented to Mary all of the Memorares we have already prayed, at least 71,080 Memorares on our way to the goal of 5,000,000!

On May 13 and October 13 of every year, we will present the Memorares to Our Lady. All who have pledged participation will be invited to join us for an evening of Marian devotion at our Fatima Shrine. We invite you to accompany us in this important apostolate of praying for the conversion of sinners (and in asking Our Lady's assistance to build our Novitiate) by participating in our pledge of prayers: *Millions of Memorares for Mary.*

If you would to join us in this endeavor, please contact us either through the web at SistersIHMofWichita.org or by mail at 145 S. Millwood, Wichita, KS 67213.



*TOP: After dinner, Sister Marie Bernadette gives direction for the procession.
MIDDLE: Mary enters her shrine for the first time!
BOTTOM: Praying the Rosary at the Fatima Shrine.*



California Trip

Millions of Memorares for Mary!

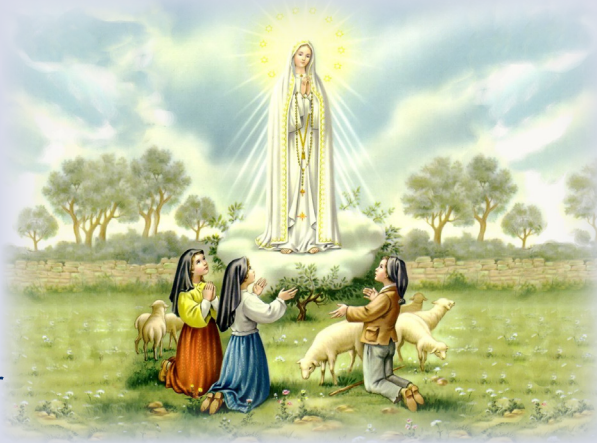
The Sisters need a miracle!

Please join the IHM Sisters in praying "Mother Teresa's quick novena" for the conversion of sinners and at the same time asking her to help us build the Novitiate?house of Formationm the first phase of our Motherhouse.

The novena consists of nine Memorares in petition and one in thanksgiving and can be said all at once or spread throught the day.

If you would like to keep track and tell us when you have completed a thousand, please use the enclosed post card, or you can go to our web page and find the "Millions of Memorares for Mary" button and submit your Memorares via the inernet.

Thank you for helping make this happen!



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

On June 22, 1976, three Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary arrived in Wichita, Kansas, travelling from Los Angeles, California ... arriving in a city and a state two of them had never seen, bringing with them only the habits they wore and a few books they could carry on the airplane. That evening, Wichita would sound the tornado sirens and Sister M. Giovanni would exclaim, "God, did you bring us here to die?"

How very brave these 3 Sisters must have been ... to leave a wonderful area that was home to them, to leave the wonderful families they loved so much. Yet, these 3 Sisters sensed they must do so ... to preserve the charism of their religious community and to live the vows they professed decades before and to escape the changes that would later destroy their order in Los Angeles. Their instincts were to prove correct, as Wichita provided them then, as it is for many others today, a much sought after haven rooted in the truths of the Catholic Faith. Blessedly, 37 years and 22 more Sisters later, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita thrive in their Kansas home.

Having been nourished by the stories of Sisters M. Giovanni, M. Eileen and Mother M. Joanne of their years in Los Angeles, Mother Mary Magdalene and Sister Marie Bernadette recently embarked on a reverse journey from Wichita to Los Angeles to remember Sister Giovanni on the anniversary of her 100th birthday and to celebrate the Jubilee of Sister Mary Clare's vocation. In doing so they were able to experience the heritage they had heard so much about, warmly and richly told to them with many endearing memories of a great number of Los Angeles families, priests and other religious Sisters from that time almost 40 years ago.

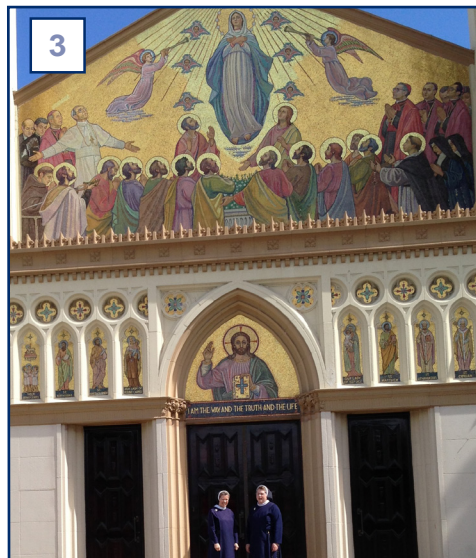
The trip was a huge success as Mother Mary Magdalene and Sister Marie Bernadette reconnected with many of the people in the Los Angeles area they have heard about for years.

California Trip

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary left an indelible mark in Southern California and in the lives of the people they helped and the students and their families they taught. The people of Southern California still hold the Sisters in high esteem and in loving memory. It can be said, without a doubt, that the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary had a significant influence on Catholic education in the southern California region.

We have a deep gratitude and affection for the friends and family who have supported our mission with prayer and time, talent and treasure. Our founding Sisters had an unshakeable faith in God, a true devotion and conviction of what constitutes religious life and a complete trust in God the Father, in their Bridegroom, Jesus, and in our Lady. Living examples of the fiat "I take what is set before me," the Wichita foundresses of the IHM order, with no small amount of difficulty, uprooted themselves from Southern California and began anew... these women sought a new spring and followed an invitation from Bishop David Maloney to a new home on the prairie. Steadied by his scholarly knowledge and true devotion to the Church, his giant shoulders and his championing of Catholic education, the foundresses made Wichita their final resting place and in doing so gave their final gift to the Church... a growing, youthful religious community who are committed to the Catholic Church, our Holy Father, and Catholic education.

Please see our website SistersIHMofWichita.org for a slide show of photos.



1: Mother Mary Magdalene and Sister Marie Bernadette visited Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Northridge where Sister Mary Clare taught before coming to Wichita. The Sisters are pictured with Millie Sciuto, a California auxiliary member, and two of Sister Mary Clare's previous students, both of whom have students now at Our Lady of Lourdes.

2: Sister Marie Bernadette poses with Marge Callahan, the president of the California IHM Auxiliary and Millie Sciuto.

3: Mother Mary Magdalene and Sister Marie Bernadette pose in front of St. Anthony Church in Long Beach where the IHM's are remembered in mosaic on the façade (lower right hand corner).

4: Sister M. Giovanni's relatives gather for a photo at Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro, at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of her birth.

5: Theresa Ann Francis, a previous student of Sister M. Giovanni's who greeted us with Sister M. Giovanni's greeting, "My loves, my doves, my beautiful ones!" poses with Mother Mary Magdalene.

6: The Sisters visited the cemetery where the first IHM's who came to California from Spain are buried. Mother Raimunda was the first superior in California.

Upcoming Events with the IHMs - Save the Dates!

August 24, 2013: "Let's be saints together!"

*Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of
Sister M. Giovanni Oliveri, IHM*

IHM Farm, 3550 N. 167th W., Colwich, Kansas | 5:30-8:30 pm
Cake, ice cream and a Marian Procession



Please either RSVP by calling 316-722-9316 or online at SistersIHMofWichita.org by August 16, 2013. To RSVP through our web site, select "Sister M. Giovanni's Birthday Bash," and enter user name "SMGRSVP" and password "birthday".



September 8, 2013: The Feast of the Nativity of Mary

An Evening with the Sisters at St. Marks, Kansas

Please access SistersIHMofWichita.org and / or look for announcements in the parish bulletins for details.

September 14, 21, & 28, 2013: Second Annual Catechetical Institute

St. Joseph Parish Hall, 139 S. Millwood, Wichita, Kansas

Please access SistersIHMofWichita.org for the times and classes.

October 13, 2013: Fatima Memorare Procession

At the IHM Fatima Shrine, 3550 N. 167th Street West | 6:00 pm

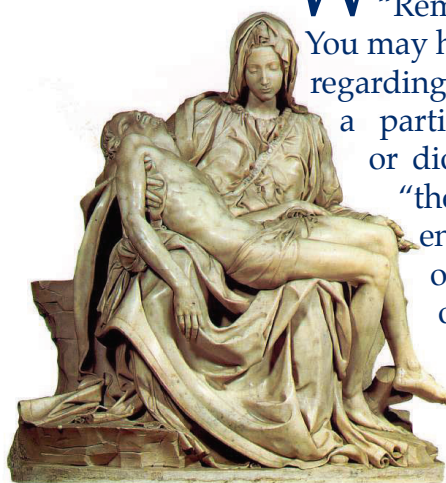
- Picnic dinner
- Candlelight Procession
- Presentation of Memorares
- Rosary and Crowning

Please RSVP by October 10.



Remember the Church

By Bronwen Lewis



What does it mean to “Remember the Church?”

You may have seen these words regarding planned giving for a particular parish church or diocese. For Catholics, “the Church” is all-encompassing: it is our immediate family, our parish family, our tithe, our charities, our good works ... it is the priests, the bishops, our beloved Pope,

and our religious communities. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita are an integral part of our Church ... wholly committed to Catholic teachings, with an apostolate to educate and help us form our children, and to pray for the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of priests.

Michelangelo’s “Pietà” is a magnificent sculpture of the Blessed Mother holding her Son. Her face says many things to many people ... perhaps a sweet remembrance of Jesus, perhaps recognition that He is our Redeemer and through His suffering and death we will be able to enter Heaven, reunited with Him again. It is said that Michelangelo was remembering his own mother who died when he was only five years old. His memorial to her, wrought in marble, has moved untold generations of Catholics and others since its creation, and will move many millions more.

When we see the words, “Remember the Church,” it is a reminder to all of us that there are many ways to honor the Church when a loved one passes away. A memorial (taken from the Latin root “memorare”) is a gracious invitation from the family of the deceased to call to mind an important aspect of their beloved’s life. “Remember the Church” means honoring and memorializing any aspect of the Church that has touched your heart or the heart of your deceased family member. Like the Pietà, such a remembrance will be a legacy for the Church today and to our future generations.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita could be for you such a blessing if you named them as a beneficiary of your memorial or included them in your estate planning. Memorials and planned estate gifts are a lasting tribute to the life and memory of the deceased. Prayers of remembrance by the Sisters are also a lasting tribute to your deceased loved ones, as there will be many generations of Sisters who will pray for them as they benefit from these types of gifts ... Sisters who will be continuing and enriching the tradition of their apostolate with the help of gifts like yours.

May God have mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed and may they rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them.

*May the angels lead them
into paradise.*

The families of

Mr. Timothy Danahy

Mr. Carl Brown

Mr. Adrian Martin

Mrs. Karla Davison

*have established memorials in honor of their loved ones with
the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*



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“The Farm Song”

(To the tune of “Yankee Doodle Dandy”)

*One day all the IHM’s
Went out to their new farmland
With hats and gloves
And rubber boots
They gathered in the barnyard.*

*Every Sister keep it up
Won’t the farm be dandy!
Mind the scapulars and the veils
And with the tools be handy!*

*The truck came out
To haul the limbs
The mower cut the weeds
They worked and played and prayed
All day and tended to the bees!*

*Every Sister keep it up
Won’t the farm be dandy!
Mind the scapulars and the veils
And with the tools be handy!*



*Above: The Sisters harvesting mulberries.
Below: One of the work crews awaits direction.*

