



Rejoice!

Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Newsletter

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“The Lord is coming; let us go out to meet Him”



For most families who have taken trips across the country or even across town, one of the most challenging aspects can be the actual departure requiring everyone to be equipped and ready to leave at the same time. Gathering 22 Sisters for such an occasion often necessitates counting veils, counting car capacities, arranging Sisters according to size and personal needs, and watching the time lest we be late to our destination. Inevitably there is a glitch in our plan, our departure is delayed and we find ourselves waiting.

Ready and waiting is a common enough expression often used to express impatience. Some of us are better at waiting than others. One Sister’s grandfather, never late for a family outing was fond of saying: “If you are waiting on me, you’re wasting your time!” However, to be ready and waiting, also implies attentiveness and availability: a readiness to respond to any developments that may occur and a detachment from personal plans so as to be free for the needs of others. This type of waiting is better defined as “waiting upon;” it is a gift and expression of love that brings much joy and peace to us and to others.

Advent is a season of watching and waiting for the Lord’s coming. Its union of longing, joy and holy seriousness has a great appeal to the human heart, and could well become the most fruitful time of year for our spiritual lives. This attentive devotedness to the Lord, some would argue, is difficult amidst so many doings, duties and distractions of the season. Yet St. Teresa of Avila exhorts her Sisters that all that is necessary is to do nothing more than to look at Him, to turn our eyes from exterior things to gaze upon Him. He is not waiting for anything else than that we look at Him. Praying, she reminds us, is not thinking much, but loving much. What does it matter if our mind and senses are occupied with a thousand different things? Our heart is elsewhere, fixed on God, so that everything we do and think, we do through Him, in Him and for Him. Although we cannot fix our mind on two things at the same time nor continue to think always, we can love always. St. Teresa explains, “It’s like the experience of two persons here on earth who love each other deeply and understand each other well; even without signs, just by a glance, it seems, they understand each other.”

Perhaps this “prayer of the heart” is the key to keeping watch throughout the holy season of Advent. May our interior glance seek often the face of Christ and be assured that in the measure we desire him we will find him.

In Mary’s Heart,

Mother Mary Magdalene, IHM

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Celebrating the life of Sister M. Giovanni, IHM



1: One of the preparations for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Sister M. Giovanni's birth.



2: Sister Cecilia Marie is one of the official greeters

3: The Sisters prepare to sing a song written in honor of Sister M. Giovanni to the guests who have gathered



The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were not surprised when over 300 people attended a celebration of Sister M. Giovanni's life on Saturday, August 24, 2013, at their Motherhouse property in St. Mark, Kansas. The event marked the one hundredth anniversary of her birth.

It never failed; when Sister M. Giovanni went any place she was usually surrounded by a crowd: past students who came to show off their families to her, friends who sought a few precious minutes with her, or Sisters who wished for some inspiration from her example and encouragement. While Sister M. Giovanni was not physically present to celebrate with the attendees, her spirit was present as memories were re-told, her familiar phrases were recounted and delightful experiences with Sr. Giovanni were relived.

Visitors had the opportunity to visit Memory Lane to see some of the memorabilia that was connected with Sister M. Giovanni, such as her prayers books and Rosary, her Diocesan award for Teaching and the rocking chair awarded to her after 25 years of teaching at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. They could even share for future posterity some of their favorite stories of Sr. Giovanni, either in

writing or on camera. For those who attended it was the perfect celebration of a life that had touched so many.

Other opportunities during the afternoon included visiting the Shrine to join in the recitation of the Rosary and enjoying birthday cake and ice cream in honor of Sister M. Giovanni, who often noted that she had a "whole mouth of sweet teeth!" Many enjoyed visiting with their previous classmates as well as learning of the Sisters' plans for the property. Often, when they were students of Sister M. Giovanni, she would tell them that "someday we will build our own Motherhouse." Finally that day has come.

Sister M. Giovanni came to Wichita in 1976 from the California Institute of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to help Sister M. Eileen and Mother M. Joanne establish the community in Wichita. She immediately began teaching at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, which she dearly loved, and continued to teach there until her retirement in 1999 at the age of 86. While there she literally taught 1000's of students and touched the lives of multitudes. Sister M. Giovanni passed away on April 14, 2003.

Celebrating our Blessed Mother's Birthday

Birthdays gifts and parties are a way to show a relative or a family member our love for them. Yet, the gift we give only underlies the fact that we acknowledge that person as a gift to us from God. On September 8, the IHM Sisters invited all to join with us in celebrating the beautiful gift given to us in the person of Our Blessed Mother.

The celebration started at 2:00 in the afternoon with tours of the future Motherhouse property for any who had not yet had the opportunity to visit our farm. In one of the barns the Sisters showed visitors the site masterplan and architectural renderings of the Novitiate House. Other Sisters enthusiastically greeted our visitors at the Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima, the apiary, and the guest house.

We gathered everyone together at 3:00, and led them to the Shrine for its blessing. Fr. Tom Hoisington, pastor of St. Mark, assisted by Fr. Ken Schuckman, pastor of Sacred Heart in Colwich, led the assembly in prayer as we celebrated this historic event, establishing a prayerful presence on our property.

The celebration then moved to St. Mark Parish Church for a Holy Hour complete with exposition and benediction. The Sisters led the congregation in the praying of Evening Prayer and the Rosary.

But what would a birthday celebration be without birthday cake? After Holy Hour, all were invited to the parish hall for cake, a short talk on the history of the liturgical celebration of the Birth of Mary, and a few songs sung by the Sisters in her honor. The day was a wonderful way to celebrate the special gift of Mary.



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1 & 2: After the tours of the farm, all gathered for the blessing of our shrine to Our Lady of Fatima

3: Cake for everyone!

4: The celebration of Our Lady's Birth included a Holy Hour at St. Mark Church.



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Fatima Procession Draws a Crowd

The first real taste of autumn didn't keep the crowds away from the second Memorare procession on October 13. The brisk breeze and cloudy skies were the setting for a crowd of more than 250 participants who joined the Sisters on the anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima to Lucia dos Santos, and Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

The evening began with a picnic dinner of roasted hot dogs and all the fixings, which was generously donated by one of our benefactors. While our guests went through the line and picked up their dinner, they were able to watch a replay of Pope Francis' consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which had taken place earlier that day in St. Peter's Square in Rome. After a blistering picnic, we gathered everyone for the procession to our newly completed Fatima Shrine; flashlights (instead of candles), song sheets and prayer cards were provided for one and all as the prayerful participants moved from the "dining hall" to the pasture.

Singing the Fatima Ave's all 250 plus moved toward the Fatima Shrine. Once there, we presented 305,580 more Memorares, in addition to the 71,080 presented on May 13, to Our Lady in partial payment of our pledge of "millions of Memorares for Mary." The IHM's and their

friends are praying the Memorares for the conversion of sinners, a prayer intention Mary requested at Fatima, and in petition for help in building the IHM's novitiate/formation house. For your convenience, new Memorare pledge cards have been inserted into this newsletter.

That very morning, October 13, 2013, in front of the original Fatima statue flown to Rome for the occasion, the Holy Father consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Taking advantage of these concurring events, the Sisters and their guests prayed the consecration prayer in union with Pope Francis consecrating themselves, their families, our country and our world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Peace. Following the consecration, one of the Sisters led the crowd in the recitation of the Rosary to end the evening.

One of the many groups attending was a representation of the Handmaids from Trinity Catholic High School in Hutchinson. On their drive back to Hutchinson the Handmaids were enthusiastically recounting the evening. One said, "It was a perfect combination of good company – especially meeting the Sisters – and holy devotions, making it a wonderful evening." All who attended are already looking forward to the next Fatima procession on May 13; mark your calendars!



1: The Sisters lead the procession to the Shrine.

2: A picnic dinner was served before the procession

3: Father Ken Shuckman blesses the new Fatima statue for the Shrine.

4: Sisters and guests place their Memorare cards in the basket to offer to Our Lady.



Heritage Series: The Early California Years



Mother Raimunda Cremadell, IHM superior in California from 1871 to 1900

A thesis written for the University of Southern California by Sr. M. Reginald Baggot, IHM, and dated August 1937, begins with the sentence, "The history of the California Institute of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the story of a religious educational institution which, nurtured in troublous Spain, was transplanted to California in the pioneering [eighteen] seventies by a few zealous Sisters of another race, unfamiliar with the speech and customs of the country." This segment of the IHM Heritage series will focus on the transplanting and establishment of the Spanish Sisters in California.

From the earliest days of the community, both in Spain and in California, the purpose was not only to establish schools and make significant contributions to Catholic education endeavors, but more importantly has been the spiritual achievement of the institute: the moral formation of youth.

Bishop Amat, Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles, on his way to the Vatican Council which opened at Rome, December 8, 1869, passed through his native Spain hopeful to acquire teaching Sisters for the children of his diocese. Hearing of the work of the IHM Congregation

in Spain, he asked Father Masmitja to send Sisters to California. Though a difficult decision to make, Fr. Masmitja decided to acquiesce to the request for the greater glory of God and so that the Immaculate Heart of Mary may be given greater glory in the New World. Mother Raimunda Cremadell was appointed superior of the missionary group of Sisters.

After all of the necessary preparations had been made, including acquiring a working knowledge of the English language, the 10 Sisters who volunteered for the missionary endeavor, were to set sail from Liverpool in August of 1871. Upon arrival at the port they learned to their great dismay that the ship had set sail ahead of schedule, leaving the previous day. Though initially disappointing, later misfortune in missing the boat was thought to be providentially arranged when they learned that it was shipwrecked on its way across the ocean. The Sisters arranged passage on the next ship and arrived safely in San Francisco on August 31, 1871. The Sisters were not to remain there, for they were instructed by Fr. Masmitja to make their establishment in Los Angeles. Bishop Amat, however, altered the plan and instead of Los Angeles, sent five of the Sisters to Gilroy and five of the Sisters to San Juan Bautista.

Immediately the Sisters opened day schools, and within a few months had borders as well. The Sisters, still not proficient in English, hired some lay teachers to assist in the teaching of the secular subjects, reserving for themselves Christian Instruction and the fine arts. Mother Raimunda Cremadell was an accomplished educator in Spain, having served as principal and superintendent of the city schools in Bisbal, Spain, before coming to California. She brought her expertise with her and soon had the schools offering a full curriculum including Spanish, French, painting, piano, vocal music, plain and fancy sewing, and tapestry work. Though the cost of attending was minimal, the poor who could

afford nothing were not barred from attending. (Tuition for day students was \$2 a month, for borders the fee was \$20 a month.) The Sisters were not only attentive to the academic achievements of their students but also to their social graces and the learning of domestic duties. Their goal was the formation of the whole person for success in this life and in preparation for the next.

Only two months after the Sisters' arrival in California, they received their first American postulant; the following August they received two. The novitiate of the California IHM's was first opened in Gilroy and then moved to the more spacious foundation in San Juan Bautista, where the Sisters also cared for orphans. In 1876 a convent and school were opened in San Luis Obispo and the novitiate eventually moved there; in 1880 the community sent Sisters to San Bernardino. Mother Raimunda was called to Los Angeles by the Bishop to take charge of the Cathedral School in 1886. With this move the Sisters finally reached the destination that had been promised when they agreed to come to California from Spain.

Once in Los Angeles the Sisters recognized the need to build their own Motherhouse; Mother Raimunda wrote to Mother Ana Subriana in Spain, "In regard to property we have nothing. All the houses and convents in which we live are diocesan and belong to the bishop ... It is very necessary here for the security of the Sisters to own property." The Bishop, now Bishop Mora, gave the Sisters permission to build their own convent. With the consent of the Bishop they purchased property, using their savings. Eventually the Sisters were able to build a convent, but the Motherhouse was still in the future. Mother Raimunda would not see the Motherhouse; she passed away on August 14, 1900, having remained the superior and novice mistress of the community since their arrival in California.

AN EXCITING DELIVERY

Preparations to build our novitiate house are manifold. One of these has been to make sure that our Chapel will be properly and beautifully furnished. Desiring to make use of the many exquisite pieces that had been designed and built for sacred use, the Sisters began researching the dioceses that had recently closed churches. Instead of attempting to design new church furnishings, the Sisters preferred to make use of items that were in storage in these dioceses, using them for the purpose for which they were built. We found a number of treasures and most often the cost was reduced to what it cost those dioceses to move the pieces. We now have a beautiful altar, altar rail, pews, a stained glass window of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chapel light fixtures, outdoor angels, and more! Gratefully we also had a donor who paid for these pieces. Now we just need walls ...



1: The moving truck arrives from Pennsylvania with our church items

2: One of the moving men unpacking our new St. Joseph statue

3: Mother Mary Magdalene unpacks the Stations of the Cross



FARMING DAYS

Though we completed most of the major clean-up of the farm in summer of 2012, there were still several projects that needed our attention this past summer. Thanks to the help of a group of very energetic and willing teen-agers participating in a Prayer and Action Week we made great progress in cleaning out our windbreak and in building a raised flower bed along the south side of the farmhouse porch. The Sisters had a great time working with the group!

We also had a lot of mowing and tidying up to do for each of our summer events at the farm.

Lastly, thanks to a generous donation of rose bushes, the Sisters, assisted by a group of Confirmation students from St. Thomas Aquinas and Mr. Bill Hausfeld, Mr. Matt Weber and Mrs. Kellie Lubbers, transplanted 62 rose bushes! The farm will be in full bloom next spring!



1 & 2: Prayer and Action group worked though the heat of the day to build a raised garden and clean up brush and fallen trees.

3: 62 rose bushes move to the farm

4: Prayer and Action pose with the Sisters at the nearly completed shrine

ON-"GOING" FORMATION

In mid-October Sister Marie Bernadette and the novitiate, Sister Mary Lucia, Sister Maria Josephina and Melissa, took advantage of a few unscheduled days and pilgrimaged to two of the IHM's favorite places: Our Lady of Snows Shrine in Bellevue, IL, and Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in Starkenburg, MO. Taking an extra excursion from the Shrine in Bellevue the Sisters spent a day in St. Louis visiting both the old, historical Cathedral and the new Cathedral in the morning and the St. Louis Zoo in the afternoon. The last day of the pilgrimage was spent quietly and prayerfully at the lovely shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows. Sister Marie Bernadette tries to take all of the novices to Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine at some point in their initial formation to assist them in inculcating the charism of our community; understanding the devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows and growing in this devotion is integral to being an IHM. When visiting this out of the way shrine in the beautiful autumn hills of Missouri, the Sisters were amazed at the many locals who stopped at the shrine for a few moments of private prayer or simply to light a vigil candle, thus expressing their desire to remain in prayer.



1: Sister Maria Josephina, Sister Marie Bernadette, Sister Mary Lucia and Melissa (soon to be Sister Mary Monica) pose beneath the St. Louis Arch with the Court House in the background

2: Melissa, Sister Mary Lucia and Sister Maria Josephina at the St. Louis zoo, enjoying the lovely fall weather and the newborn elephant!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL IHM NOVENA

In June the Sisters hosted their 14th annual public novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The participants varied each evening in addition to our faithful few who come every evening every year. The talks given by the Sisters during the nine evenings of the novena are still available on our website. The talks and the Holy Hour make for a perfect evening of recollection and prayer, and who better than the Immaculate Heart of Mary to entrust all of your intentions? Mark your calendars for 2014: June 19 – 27, with the feast of the Immaculate Heart on June 28.



1: The Sisters and all of the novena attendees praying the novena during Holy Hour



2: The Sisters lead the procession past the Motherhouse to the Church for Holy Hour

Remember the Church

BE SMART ... PLAN AHEAD BY BRONWEN LEWIS

There are many things in life that we would prefer not to discuss; our death and the material consequences of our death is one of those topics. This article is about how to sensibly plan ahead before those emotional times surrounding a death. Let's discuss some sensible things you can do to be prepared.

First, it is advisable to discuss with family members a wide range of "what if" and "what do we want to do" situations. For example:

- If you are a middle-aged or older couple, who do you want to make gifts to before you pass away and to whom do you want to make bequests upon your death? The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are the blessed recipients of many gifts of this type, created by couples or individuals who thoughtfully think of them in their charitable estate planning.
- How do you want your personal property and assets divided up when you pass away? If you don't specify this in a legal, formal estate planning document it is likely that the state you live in will decide for you.
- If you have a large estate, do you want to be subject to the costs and delays of having your estate go through Probate Court? If your estate is small, do you want to take the chance that Probate fees and expenses will consume most of the assets you are attempting to leave with loved ones? A simple trust may be the answer to your concerns.
- If you have a large estate, do you want to take advantage of tax laws that will maximize your philanthropic dollars and minimize your estate taxes? If so, you almost certainly need to form a Trust. A trust has many benefits, not the least of which is that that you manage the trust during your lifetime, while specifying what happens when you are gone.

An attorney who specializes in estates, taxes, trusts, wills and powers of attorney can assist you in preparing current, properly drawn-up and executed legal documents that express your wishes and desires for all to see

when you are gone. Generally, these documents are either a Last Will & Testament or a Trust.

A Last Will & Testament becomes effective only at the time of your death. Although primarily a document to direct how your assets will be distributed upon your death, often times there are a few non-asset provisions can be included. Because circumstances and relationships sometimes change over time your LW&T should be revisited on an annual basis.

A Trust is a business entity into which individuals convey various assets in order to gain numerous advantages, the main ones being liability protection, tax savings, estate planning and avoidance of probate. Most Trusts will have a Last Will & Testament and a number of Powers-of-Attorney as integral parts of its documents.

Trusts are extremely important for families with substantial assets, particularly those who have strong philanthropic leanings. A good tax and estate attorney can suggest many unique and advantageous ways for such individuals to give to their favorite charitable causes, both while living and after death. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have had first-hand experience with the type of generosity that flows from Trusts set up by such individuals.

Done correctly these documents serve to alleviate some of the worry and concern of your loved ones as well as ensure that the proper dispersal of your assets coincides with your familial relationships and favored charities. We hope and pray that the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are in your hearts and that these suggestions will benefit you as they have benefitted the Sisters.

*May the angels lead them
into paradise.*

*Memorials have been established
for the following:*

Karol Ricke Marjorie Baierski
Bertha Flynn Mary Rivard
Dosolina Grego Elaine Booth



IHM Sisters Receive Novices

Each new beginning is a cause for rejoicing! Both on May 30, the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and on November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart rejoiced in young women beginning their religious life.

Sister Maria Josephina Barrow, a native of Plymouth, Massachusetts, ended her military career in Army intelligence to enter religious life. Her parents, residing in the Tampa Bay Area of Florida, are David and MaryLu Barrow; Sister Maria Josephina is the oldest of their three children. Deciding at an early age to join the military, Sister Maria Josephina joined the ROTC in high school and then went on to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. Eventually earning the rank of Captain, she served in Iraq and Afghanistan. While in the Army she met and became friends with a Catholic chaplain named Father Thomas Leland, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita. Father Leland first introduced the idea of being called to religious life to her; as she finished her time in the Army she began to consider ever more seriously the possibility of having a religious vocation. When not deployed she visited several communities including the Missionaries of Charity and the Sisters of Life. Father Leland also introduced her to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. While stationed at Fort Riley, she spent many of her weekends with the Sisters in Wichita. In the summer of 2012 she decided to enter and she did so on September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows; on the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary she formally began her religious life when she was received into the community as a novice.

Sister Mary Monica Augustine, the daughter of Luther and Donna Augustine and identical twin of Megan, hails from Colby, Kansas. Her interests were in the area of school psychology and youth ministry. After earning a MA in School Psychology she worked five years in the Colby

Public Schools while volunteering with Megan in her home parish as a youth minister. She began to feel called to something more. Taking the opportunity to visit the Sisters in Wichita with a group from Ft. Hays University only strengthened the inclination within her. During her next visit with the Sisters she solidified her decision. Unfortunately, her education loans stood in the way of entrance. In August of 2012 she moved in with the Sisters as a candidate and worked as a substitute teacher in the Wichita public schools, all the while seeking solutions for her educational loans. In March of 2013, the Mater Ecclesiae Fund for Vocations awarded her a grant for those loans so that she could pursue her religious vocation. On May 11, 2013 she entered the community as a postulant and on November 1 was received into the novitiate.

Both Sister Maria Josephina and Sister Mary Monica join Sister Mary Lucia in the novitiate. Sister Mary Lucia is from St. Mary, Aleppo, and the daughter of Perry and Janet Stuhlsatz, the third oldest of their 10 children. Sister Mary Lucia attended the Garden Plain public schools and PSR at St. Mary's. It was during a PSR class that Sister first met the IHM Sisters, however she did not really get acquainted with them until she was a student at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, where Sister Marie Therese, IHM vocation directress, would frequently visit the campus. Sister



Sister Mary Lucia, Sister Maria Josephina and Sister Mary Monica pause for a photo while making rosaries.

Mary Lucia graduated with a degree in Secondary Education, Biology and taught for one year at Wichita Heights before entering the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in August of 2011. At present, Sister Mary Lucia is in her second year of the novitiate and is preparing to make her profession of vows in February 2014.

These three young women, novices with the IHM Sisters, are continuing their discernment. As they seek to know God's call they spend their days praying, living community life, working and studying. Classes include such topics as the Principles and Practices of Religious Life, the Theology of the Vows, Prayer and Spirituality, the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, all the Church documents on religious life, as well as other theology and philosophy courses.

Defying many of the trends in religious life today, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are consistently receiving young women into their religious community. With a current average age in the 30's the Sisters are looking forward to serving the Church in the area of Catholic education and formation for generations to come. The growth, however, does pose a difficulty for the Sisters; space is running out! Outgrowing the diocesan buildings that the Sisters are currently occupying, they are preparing to meet the needs of the present and the future by building a Novitiate/House of Formation as the first phase of their Motherhouse. The Motherhouse property located between St. Mark and Colwich will provide the needed atmosphere for religious formation and discernment. If you would like to follow their progress in doing so or to contact the Sisters for any reason, please visit their website: SistersIHMofWichita.org.

WHAT DO YOU DO BESIDES TEACHING IN THE SCHOOLS?

If only you knew!

WE TEACH

- PSR (CCD) at St. Mark Parish, St. Mark, and St. Anne Parish, Wichita
- RCIA at St. Mary Parish, Newton
- Bi-monthly religion classes (3rd, 4th, and 8th grades) at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wichita

WE PARTICIPATED IN OR VISITED

- The Iola Vocation Panel for the PSR students
- Knights of Columbus events
- Faith and Fellowship in Colwich
- The Mid-West Catholic Family Conference
- The Halstead Altar Society

WE HAVE GIVEN OR HELPED WITH

- Serra Club presentations
- Spiritual direction and classes at the Newman Centers
- Crossroad Retreats for the Universities
- The Diocesan Middle School Rally for PSR students
- The IHM Catechetical Institute
- In-servicing the diocesan first and second year teachers



Millions of Memorares for Mary

We have pledged "millions of Memorares" to Mary, praying for the conversion of sinners, for our own personal intentions (and yours), and asking her, Our Blessed Mother, to help us build our Novitiate, the first phase of our Motherhouse.

We are firmly convinced that only with Our Lady's assistance will we be able to build our Novitiate and eventually our Motherhouse. These precious Memorares are the foundation and the building block; they will be the major contribution that most of our friends will make. And for these we will be eternally grateful. We need your help, your prayers, to fulfill this pledge.

We invite you to help us by praying Memorares for the successful completion of our master plan. With your help we can do something beautiful for Our Lady ... and the fruit of your prayers will benefit the Sisters for many generations to come.

Please find the enclosed post card. As you pray your Memorares, mark off the number prayed. When you have marked off all 1000 Memorares return the card to us so that your prayers can be included in the count that we offer to Our Lady each May 13 and October 13 and so that your name can be included with all the Friends of Mary who have helped us fulfill this pledge. Thank you!

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COMPLETION OF OUR SHRINE

The Sisters' Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima was completed in time for the Sisters' summer celebrations. The Shrine was blessed on the Feast of the Nativity of Mary and the new statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed on October 13. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit our Shrine we would love to show you!

