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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Two years ago, the Catholic Bishops of the United States launched a National Eucharistic Revival. Months of preparation and catechesis went into the Pilgrimages processing with the Blessed Sacrament across the country, and months of prayer and planning went into the National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis from July 17 to 21. As Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, we echo what Bishop Cozzens and so many others said at the Congress: this is only the beginning!

Our community's entire life revolves around Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is this personal contact with Jesus that animates our daily living out of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. It is this personal contact with Jesus that we bring with us into the apostolate. So many of our Sisters were blessed to participate in the Pilgrimages and the Congress and came back strengthened in the love of our Eucharistic Lord.

This past academic year, I had the gift of traveling to each of our missions. It is always a joy to see each Sister bring her particular talents and creativity to her apostolate. All of our work is an extension of our consecration to Jesus. As we reflect on the milestones of religious life that many of our Sisters reached this year, it is a reminder that being a Bride of Christ is what drives what we do for His people.

I am thrilled to share some of these graces with you in the pages of this newsletter. Enjoy some community updates from our novitiate, our profession of vows, Openlight Media, and, of course, the National Eucharistic Congress. Please know of our prayers for you, and as the National Eucharistic Revival moves into its Year of Mission, may Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, guide you deeper into love with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Faithfully in Christ,



Mother Amata Veritas Ellenbecker, OP

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A YEAR OF GRACES



This past 2023-2024 school year was one colored by the National Eucharistic Revival. And yet, the Eucharist, Jesus Himself, is already the center of the Christian life. On a massive scale, the arc of the revival has followed the flow of grace from

Jesus to us and from us to the world. This is an echo of the Dominican motto, “to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation.”

In the divine plan of redemption, God always makes the first move. He sent His Son into the world for our salvation (John 3:16) and promises to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Any move we make towards God is the response to His invitation. He waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament, desiring us to spend time with Him in Adoration and to receive Him in Holy Communion at Mass. Our religious vocation, just like any vocation, is likewise a response to His initiative. Every morning, we draw near to Him in prayer, and He prepares us to share Him with others.

In a similar way, the past two years of the National Eucharistic Revival have been an invitation to draw near to Jesus. These were years of evangelization and catechesis; that is, of sharing with people the love of Jesus and teaching them about His Real Presence in the Eucharist. There were also practical preparations for the four National Eucharistic Pilgrimages across the country and the National Eucharistic Congress. All of this was to bring

people on a journey of faith to a destination of joy. Along the way, the Blessed Sacrament visited cities, towns, schools, jails, and parishes. As the four processions arrived in Indianapolis, Jesus drew in thousands of people after Him.

Representatives of all ages, vocations, and cultures converged in the middle of the United States, present to adore Jesus. Because Jesus was truly at the center of all the activities of the Congress, the result was not only an experience of the Real Presence but also an experience of the Church. Tens of thousands of people arrived to contemplate the Eucharistic Mystery and to receive life-changing graces. And now the National Eucharistic Revival continues with the Year of Mission, when all those touched with the love of God go out to share that love with others.

For our community, that means sharing these graces with our students, their families, our colleagues, and each other. The Dominican motto quoted above describes the missionary life for all Christians. We respond to the Lord’s invitation of love and go out to share Him with all we meet in our own corner of God’s Kingdom. †





“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST.” **JOHN 6:35**

PILGRIMS OF THE EUCHARIST

By Sr. Mary Michael, OP

“This is a pilgrimage, not a vacation”—this phrase can be heard among groups of young students led by our Sisters on various school trips throughout the year and around the country. As the Eucharistic Pilgrimages were making their concluding treks from four different parts of the U.S., 103 of the Dominican Sisters of Mary were preparing for their own pilgrim journey. Unlike other pilgrimages, this one wasn’t to a holy site. Unlike other big Catholic events, the Pope was not making an appearance. We were journeying to join over 50,000 other pilgrims traveling to Indianapolis to see Jesus Himself.

Like most pilgrims, we prepared for our trip well in advance of our July 17th departure from the Motherhouse. In September the year before, we learned that Bishop

Cozzens desired to have a place where attendees could adore Jesus, present in the Eucharist, day and night during the Congress. He asked if the religious women of the United States would not only be there to adore the Lord, but also to lead those who came in prayer throughout the day and night. Fifty of us, who would be volunteering for the week, committed to multiple holy hours, both in silent adoration and leading those gathered in morning prayer, evening prayer, lectio divina, family adoration, singing the Litany of the Eucharist, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary, and inviting those on the streets to come to St. John’s to join us in prayer. In addition, eight of our Sisters would serve as sacristans for the large Masses at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center, twenty would serve as confession

guides, and others would be present at our table in the Exhibition Hall. We were excited to set out for the week ahead, little knowing all that the Holy Spirit was about to do for our community, for Indianapolis, for the United States, and for the entire Church!

One of the greatest highlights of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress was on Saturday afternoon, when all 103 of our Sisters attending the Congress took our place amid over a thousand other religious in one of the largest Eucharistic processions in our nation’s history. At one point during the procession, as our community rounded the corner, I saw a woman fall to her knees and start weeping. I realized in that moment that we offered a sign of

hope to her and to all gathered on the streets of Indianapolis, looking out storefront windows, or peering down from a ledge of a parking garage. We offered a tangible witness that the Church is strong, the Church is alive, the Church is united.

In addition to the sign value, the procession was also a lesson in miniature of our experience at the Congress and our lives as Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

During a Eucharistic procession, the religious walk in front of the monstrance containing Jesus, indicating to everyone, "Jesus is coming!"

Similarly at the Congress, our Sisters helped prepare the way for Catholics and non-Catholics alike to welcome Jesus. The day after Fr. Mike Schmitz preached repentance, we

got a call from one of the Congress organizers, Rose Sullivan, who said, "Sister, we need more help with the confession lines. There are so many people wanting to go to confession, and we don't want them to turn away or be daunted by the lines. Will you send more Sisters over to help?" Minutes later, many of our Sisters stood next to those waiting for confession, directing them, guiding them, catechizing them, and encouraging them. Some were making their first confession in over 40 years, some were making the first confession of their lives. Each walked away grateful for the presence of the Sisters, helping them to encounter our Lord in the sacrament.

Other encounters were fostered throughout the Congress, notably with those we met in and around Indianapolis who were curious about what kind of event was going on, as it was unlike any other they'd seen.

The Sisters walked in Dominican fashion, two-by-two, evangelizing passersby or going out to them and asking for any prayer intentions they could bring to the adoration chapel. One couple, who was visibly moved after receiving prayers for physical healing, was later seen at the chapel in adoration.

Our community's pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis was a good reminder of the "pilgrimage" we can take daily to Jesus in the Eucharist. Most of us (and especially the Sisters!) do not have to be too inconvenienced or make too many sacrifices to receive the Sacrament of sacraments or spend some time in silent adoration. What we found at the Congress is true of receiving our "daily Bread"—our small offering is blessed and brings life in abundance; God is never outdone in generosity! †





Sisters in the Eucharistic Procession in downtown Indianapolis

SR. ELIZABETH JOHN, OP

The final session of the Congress was specifically about being Marian Missionaries of the Eucharist, sent to the four corners of the world. This is the core of our identity as Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. It's what we do in our apostolates and who we strive to be when passing through the airport, the grocery store, on the phone, etc. The Congress was an affirmation of the need for our charism of Eucharistic Adoration with the heart of Mary in our time and place.

“WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US?”

THE GRACES FROM THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS WILL CONTINUE TO UNFOLD FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. FOR NOW, WE SHARE SOME OF THE WAYS THAT GOD HAS WORKED THROUGH THIS MARVELOUS EXPERIENCE OF COMING TOGETHER AS A CHURCH TO WITNESS TO JESUS.

SR. MARY BETHANY, OP

The marvelous and mysterious wisdom of the Holy Spirit was evident in both the timing and tenor of the Congress. As others have pointed out, “revival” is not a human project but a divine initiative. It was an awe-inspiring experience to participate in this Congress, aware that “for such a time as this,” Christ offers new graces to His Church. With holy daring and the evangelical simplicity of faith, the bishops boldly sought—not just to resuscitate the dying Eucharistic faith of the American Church—but to invite the Lord’s vivifying grace of revival: new life and fervor that can only be brought about by Him! Bishop Cozzens’ initial vision of “lighting fires, not starting programs,” was evident in the utterly Christ-centered format of the Congress.

SR. MARY MARGARET, OP

I loved the fact that the whole event really was focused on the Eucharist, with the highlight being the nightly adoration, Eucharistic procession, and Benediction. I loved being in the midst of 50,000 people all praying in silence for 10-15 minutes at a time and then singing in adoration all together!

SR. MARY MARTHA, OP

As a confession guide, I led people to the lines to go to confession in the large ballroom in the Indiana Convention Center, where there were at any given time approximately 70-80 priests hearing confessions. The grace of God’s mercy was tangible in that room! I found myself living from a place of deeper boldness and courage and freedom, and I feel called by the Lord to live more from this courage and to continue inviting people to the Sacraments with boldness.



Sr. Maria Fatima holds up a sign she made to help people get to Confession.

SR. GIANNA MARIE, OP

One of the most powerful moments of the Congress was the Eucharistic procession. As religious, we have the distinct honor of going before Jesus in the procession, leading the way. When the crowds thronging the streets saw us, they burst into applause. The response of the laity to us was truly moving – not because we desired their adulation, but because we, both religious and the laity, all realized that this moment signified the very definition of religious life: religious are the ones who (God willing!) lead others to Jesus. We are the ones who proclaim, “He’s coming! He’s right behind me! He wants to encounter you! Are you ready?” As I was processing, I reflected on the impact of such a witness. Perhaps some of the young people there were sensing that Jesus wanted them to follow Him in a very particular way – not just within the procession – but as a priest or a religious Sister.



Sr. Isaac Marie and Sr. Lucy Fidelis, sacristans, prepare vessels for Mass.



Rose Sullivan, Sr. Mary Michael, Bishop Colacicco, Bishop Cozzens, and Sr. Elizabeth Ann

SR. PETER THOMAS, OP

I had the blessing of serving in the backstage sacristy before and after the morning Masses at the Congress. It was a real joy for our community to be entrusted with care for the Blessed Sacrament between the liturgies, in coordination with the priest MCs and the seminarians who were also assisting. For me, reverently transferring and reserving the Blessed Sacrament will stand out in my memory as a highlight of the Congress. It was a quiet, hidden, and very intimate work every day, but such a concrete manifestation of the love for Jesus that every single person attending the Congress brought with them. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, then even amidst the many practicalities and logistics of multiple large-scale events, reverence for Him remains the priority!



Fr. Samuel Hakeem, Sr. Maria Canisius, and Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe

SR. JOHN PAUL, OP

Attending the Congress left me with a specific takeaway: knowing that the bishops and the faithful prayed to the Lord for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and revival, and seeing that the Lord answered those prayers by sending many graces and a renewed joy, I left with a question that I propose to myself and to others: “How will I be faithful to the graces of the Eucharistic Congress in my own ongoing personal renewal, conversion and repentance, and how will I take responsibility for the graces the Lord is offering by bringing them into my apostolate?”



Sr. Peter Thomas and Sr. Gianna Marie in the Exhibition Hall. The sign reads: “Revival Can’t Stay Here.”

“TO THE HONOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD”

WITH GREAT JOY, SR. MARIA REGINALD AND SR. MARIA FRANCISCO MADE THEIR FINAL PROFESSION ON JULY 25! THEY GLOWED WITH HAPPINESS AS THEY GAVE THEIR WHOLE LIVES TO THE LORD. WE WERE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE PRESENCE OF OUR LOCAL SHEPHERD, BISHOP EARL BOYEA, AND BISHOP THOMAS DALY OF THE DIOCESE OF SPOKANE. IT IS ALWAYS LOVELY TO SHARE THIS MOMENT OF GRACE WITH SO MANY PRIESTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS.



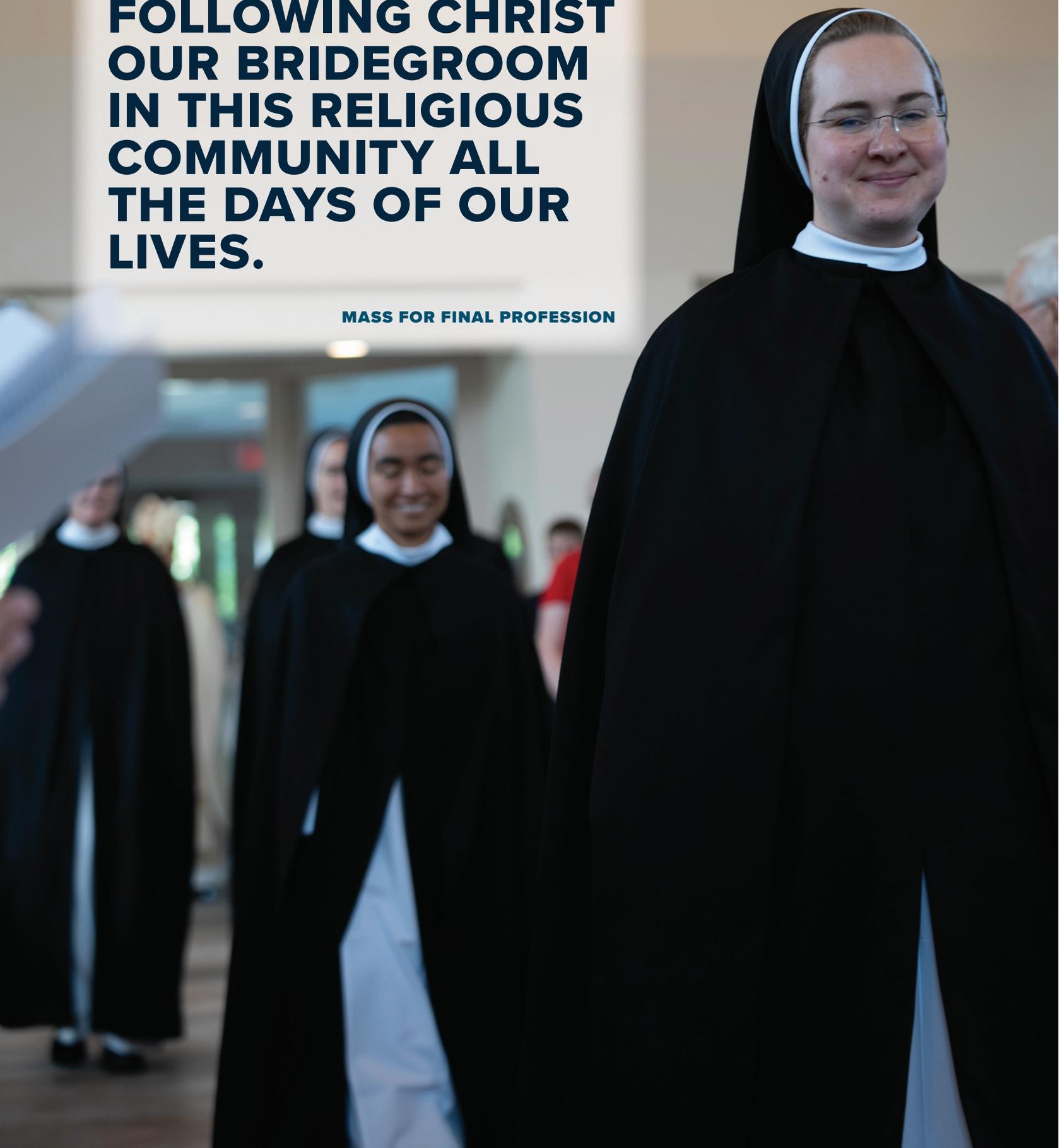
Sr. Maria Reginald makes her perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Her right hand is in between Mother's and the Bible, similar to how medieval knights swore fealty to their lords. This is a sign of her total commitment to Jesus.



Sr. Maria Francisco signs her handwritten final vows on the altar. The altar is the place of sacrifice, and the Sister making vows gives herself completely to God in union with Jesus, her Divine Spouse. †

**WE ASK FOR
PERSEVERANCE IN
FOLLOWING CHRIST
OUR BRIDEGROOM
IN THIS RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITY ALL
THE DAYS OF OUR
LIVES.**

MASS FOR FINAL PROFESSION



“HE HAS CLOTHED ME WITH A ROBE OF SALVATION..”

On July 24th, Sr. Elizabeth Mary received the habit and her new name! She has joined Sr. Regina Caeli, Sr. Maria Caritas, Sr. Judith Marie, and Sr. Josephine as a fellow novice. Together they have begun their apostolic year, when they will visit the schools where the Sisters serve and gain greater insight into the work of the community.

On the night she became a novice, Sr. Elizabeth Mary shared a beautiful reflection with the community on her choice of religious name and her feast day, the Visitation. Mary and Elizabeth, given singular graces, meet in joy. The Mother of God greets the mother of John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah. There is no jealousy between the two women over how God is working in their lives. Instead, their sharing of these graces leads to a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit as Elizabeth proclaims, “Blessed are you among women!” and Mary responds, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!” What a beautiful meditation on community life! +





“ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.”

MATTHEW 7:7



WELCOME, POSTULANTS!



SR. LAUREN

Diocese of Toledo, Ohio

During my senior year of high school, I began to hear the Lord’s call to be His bride. I researched different religious communities on Google, where I stumbled across the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist’s website, and I immediately closed it when I found everything I was looking for, because I did not feel ready yet. After continuing to run for a few years, God put the Sisters in my backyard when they started a mission in my home parish. I finally surrendered to His invitation when I saw their joy and peace for myself. Here’s to the beginning of the adventure of religious life!



SR. TALIA

Diocese of Lansing, Michigan

I first heard of our Sisters while working on a project in high school. I remember reading the website and feeling my heart on fire along with an invitation from our Lord to be His. As I grew closer to the Lord, my desire for religious life continued to grow. One morning during adoration I finally asked Jesus when I could go. He told me to look at the Bible and there were the words, “come now”. When I asked Him how to come He told me to look at my phone and there was an email from the vocations director!



“O LORD GOD, IN THE SIMPLICITY OF MY HEART I HAVE JOYFULLY OFFERED ALL THINGS; AND I HAVE BEHELD WITH IMMENSE JOY YOUR PEOPLE GATHERED HERE.”

MASS FOR FINAL PROFESSION



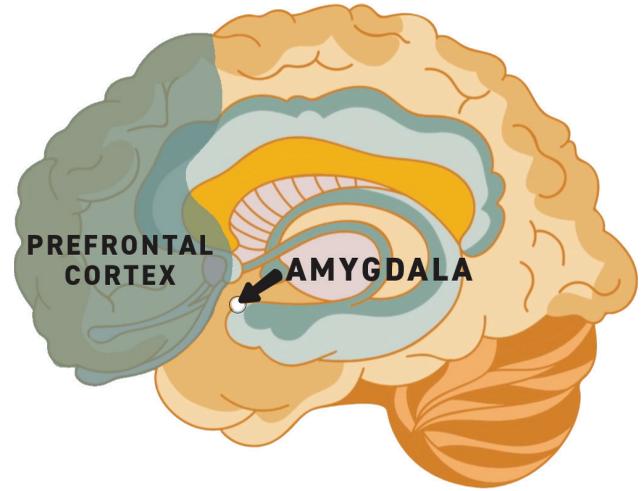




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MADE FOR WHOLENESS

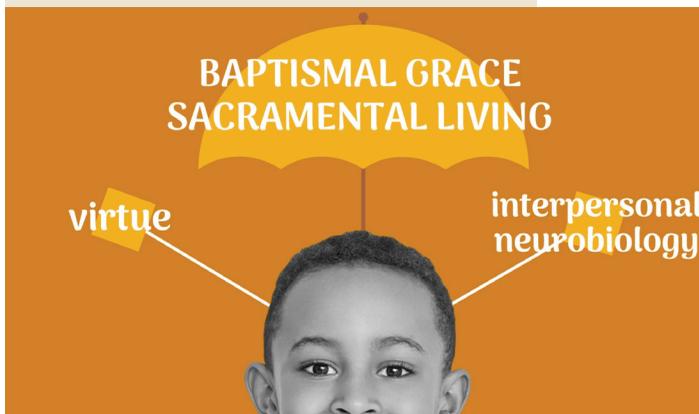
Everyone wants to be happy. So how do we teach happiness? Educating the whole child means more than just providing a balanced curriculum at school. Caring for the psychological needs of children is increasingly important, as well as forming children in faith and a life of virtue. As it turns out, recent developments in neuroscience dovetail with what the Catholic tradition already knew about human anthropology. Openlight Media has created a new series, “Raised in Grace: Made for Wholeness” to educate parents and teachers on child development in the light of faith.



Dr. Karen Villa and Sr. John Dominic, with many guest speakers, engage in a fruitful conversation about the interplay between biology, psychology, virtue, and the sacramental life. “Raised in Grace: Made for Wholeness” explores all aspects of child development from day one and gives practical advice for aiding the brain development of babies, toddlers, older children, and teenagers. Faith and science working together affirm that human beings are made for holiness and happiness according to God’s plan. †



SCAN THE QR CODE TO EXPLORE THE “RAISED IN GRACE” VIDEO SERIES WITH DR. KAREN VILLA AND SR. JOHN DOMINIC!





RENEWAL OF PROFESSION

This summer, six Sisters renewed their temporary profession of vows! Sr. Karol Augustine, Sr. Amata Christi, Sr. Incarnata, Sr. Fulton Marie, Sr. Joseph Lucia, and Sr. Catherine Paul recommitted themselves to poverty, chastity, and obedience as Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers!



HEARTS on FIRE THE VOCATION STORY OF SR. MARIA FRANCISCO, OP

I went to Eucharistic Adoration for the first time on a retreat when I was a senior in high school. As soon as the priest exposed Jesus in the monstrance I was given the grace to recognize Him truly present there. One glance from Him was all it took—my life was His. I felt like He had been awaiting me my whole life and longing for my friendship. From that moment on my life started to change. Little by little, I started going to daily Mass and going to Eucharistic Adoration as often as I could.

As I started growing in friendship with God, I was still pursuing happiness in the way the world had told me to. The invitation of religious life came to me unexpectedly, and I was a little apprehensive about leaving behind all the dreams I had been working hard for. Still, the thought of religious life never went away.

A week before graduating from the University of Minnesota, I had everything everyone ever told me a college graduate needed to be happy, but it wasn't enough. I had my Aerospace Engineering degree, I had my private pilot's license, and I had my dream engineering job lined up for me upon graduation. Yet I wanted more.

I brought this feeling of dissatisfaction to Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration, and I heard Him say, "Be my bride." As soon as I gave God permission, He didn't lose any time in leading me to the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

I went on our discernment retreat, and I felt a peace and joy that I had never felt before. In Adoration during the retreat, God showed me He wasn't asking me to give my dreams up; He was inviting me to a more intimate friendship than I had imagined. He wanted me to be His and His alone. Now I get to live under his continual loving Eucharistic gaze as His bride. †



MEDITATION

A DOMINICAN IN TODAY'S WORLD

By Sr. Mary Dominic, OP

“Sister, what about *your* Liam?”

“Sister, what about *your* Olivia?”

“Sister, what about *your* Joey?”

I found myself bombarded with this question from every child in my fourth-grade class after making what I thought was a simple affirmation of a virtuous action I had seen from one of my students: “I love how you practiced self-control. That’s just like my Zachary!” The chorus of requests that ensued was calmed only when I, looking each child in the eye, proclaimed, “My Liam! My Olivia! My Joey!” and so on with every child in the room.

This spontaneous outburst from my students speaks of a desire in each of us to know that we have a place in the heart of another. This desire is ultimately fulfilled in God. There is nothing to be compared with the peace and confidence that comes from knowing I am the beloved child who is known, loved, and called by name by my good Father.

Yet we need human expressions of this love. It is given to us initially in our families but is also true for our family in heaven! Isn’t this what we mean by devotion to the saints? We are capable of real friendship with them, and they, enjoying the beatific vision, have hearts wholly expansive with which to love us.

To be a Dominican, then, is to have a place in the heart of St. Dominic. God our Father gathers us to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ and,

as Dominicans, Christ has chosen to draw us through the heart of the man we affectionately call Our Holy Father Dominic. There is something in the particularities of the heart of St. Dominic that resounds in and corresponds to the heart of each son or daughter called into the Dominican family.

We know that the virtues of any saint are nothing but reflections of the virtues of the Heart of Jesus. As we abide in the heart of St. Dominic, we begin to assimilate his characteristics just as children of any family assimilate something of the spirit of their father.

So, what are the particularities of the heart of St. Dominic? Pages upon pages have been written on the topic, but I offer three characteristics of my Father Dominic that I treasure most.

His devotion to Truth—St. Dominic was an ardent lover of Truth because he was an ardent lover of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He spent his whole night in prayer in the chapel, pouring out his heart to the One who knew him intimately as the closest of friends.

His zeal for souls—A true friend desires everyone to love his friend as he does; he does not keep his friend selfishly for himself. This is eminently true of St. Dominic. Because he knew Jesus deeply, he desired to share Him extravagantly in his preaching.

His tenderness for his sons and daughters—This is perhaps the most endearing quality of St. Dominic. After all, who doesn’t love to be loved? One of my favorite details of St. Dominic’s life is the account of how he carried a set of wooden spoons all the way across Europe (on foot!) for a convent of Dominican nuns who needed them. Dominic had a deep concern and fatherly tenderness for his sons and daughters.

To be a Dominican, then, is to belong—to belong in the heart of St. Dominic, cherished in the Heart of Jesus, and dwelling forever in the Heart of our good and gracious Father, reflecting and preaching Him to the world. +



Inspired by Beauty

“HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE, O LORD, GOD OF HOSTS...” PSALM 84

By Sr. Maria Gemma, OP



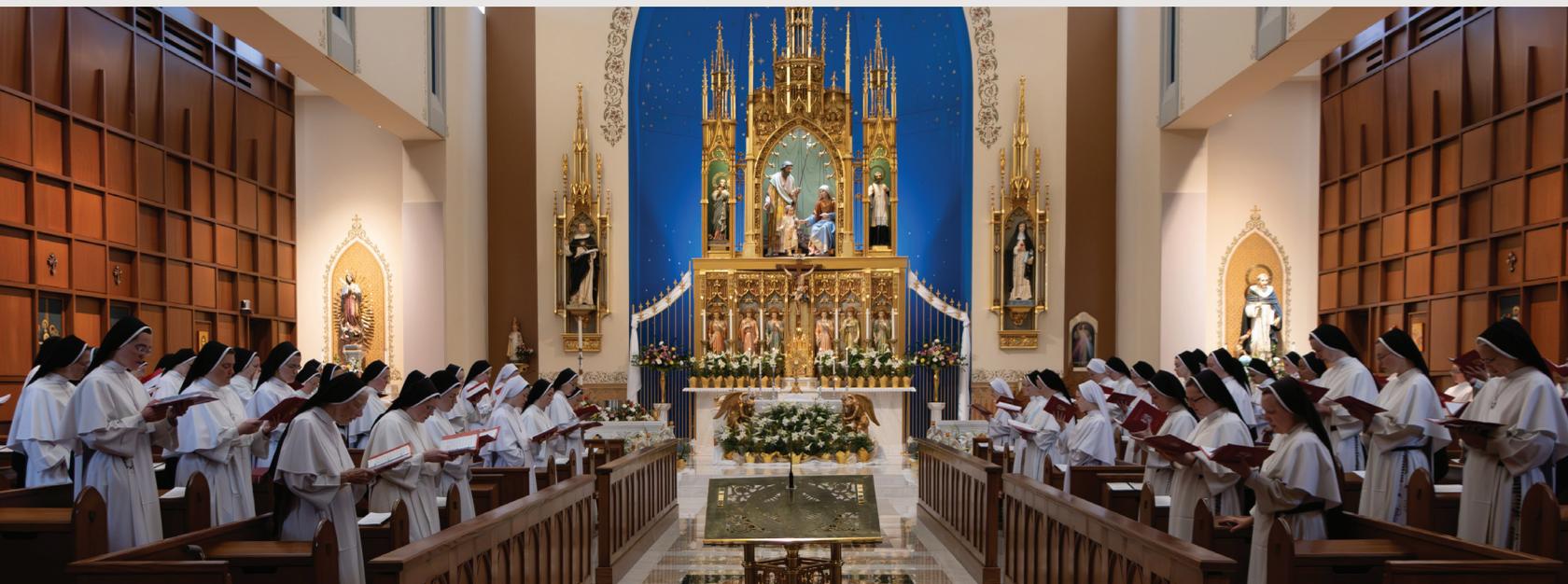
People who visit our Motherhouse chapel for the first time are awestruck by its beauty. Even after having spent countless hours in this sacred space where Our Lord dwells, I find myself full of wonder and amazement at its magnificence.

When I entered the community in 2000, our temporary chapel was a small, humble space. With only 25 Sisters, we all fit fairly comfortably. However, thanks to our rapid growth we were soon sitting shoulder to shoulder, which made praying the Divine Office Dominican-style difficult. Our permanent chapel was a key element of our first Motherhouse expansion.

The permanent chapel was carefully designed to accommodate the beautiful reredos and tabernacle gifted to us by dear friends of the community. We eagerly watched the chapel take shape and dreamed of the day when we could adore our Lord and pray in our choir stalls. One evening after Compline, when the house was already in silence, Mother Assumpta announced over the intercom that the marble altar mensa (top) was going to be hoisted into place, and if we wanted to watch or offer relics to be placed inside, we had better hurry to the chapel!

I vividly remember our first Salve procession in our new chapel on the Saturday before Palm Sunday of 2005. I was amazed that we were finally able to pray in this heavenly space. During Holy Week the chapel is bare of any altar flowers; in our temporary chapel the absence of any adornment was keenly felt. In the permanent chapel, drawing one's eye to the lovely tabernacle and reredos, it seemed too beautiful for the starkness of Holy Week and the Triduum. The dedication Mass was truly heaven on earth as the altar and chapel were consecrated. Each “first” (Easter, Christmas, reception to the habit, etc.) that year seemed somehow more joyful and precious because we experienced them in our beautiful chapel.

My heart is full of memories of big and small moments lived in this chapel over the past two decades. Most notable is the daily encounter when heaven and earth meet in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. We gather several times a day to lift our voices in the Divine Office and Holy Rosary and to meditate on God's mercy and goodness, and also slip in privately to spend a little time with our Lord. Into this space we bring all our joys, hopes, dreams, concerns and sorrows to place them in the Sacred Heart of our Spouse who lovingly waits for us. †





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Join us for a Vocations Retreat!

Nov. 2-3, 2024 Feb. 1-2, 2025 April 5-6, 2025

For more information, email our Vocations Director, Sr. Mercedes: vocations@sistersofmary.org



FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Mother Assumpta's and Sister Joseph Andrew's northern Michigan travels this summer were filled with lovely weather and the company of special friends! Among them were Betty and Randy Hackney, Vivian and Pat McTigue, and Lynn Vance.



The Lord is doing amazing things through Erin Hopkins' family, who are all involved in ministry in some way. Sr. Mary Samuel departed with such hope after meeting Erin's sons, Miller and Mick, whose dedication to the Faith and desire to be witnesses made visible the Church in action.



We love to visit our friends when we are on the road, but what a joy it is when they come to witness our Sisters' profession of perpetual vows! Nora Fitzpatrick from Georgetown, TX brought friend Kathleen Bloechl from Arizona for this joyous occasion.

Geoff Bull has been a dear friend for years, and he has faithfully attended our Sisters' profession of vows since 2019. We're so thankful for his dedication and commitment to our mission.



The late Chris Arnold was a product of Catholic education. He loved our apostolate as teachers and the Dominican pillar of study in preparation for shaping our students in the classroom. His daughter, Pam Arnold, wanted to see firsthand what her dad loved so much, so she came to our Sisters' final professions. Chris left a legacy for the salvation of souls for years to come, and what a joy to become friends with his daughter, too!



We are always grateful for those who support us. In return, all of our friends and benefactors are in our daily prayers.

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**Godhead here in hiding, Whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at Thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God Thou art.**

**Seeing, touching, tasting are in Thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? That shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth Himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.**

Amen.

*St. Thomas Aquinas wrote these lyrics for the
Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The Sisters sing this hymn
often for Eucharistic Adoration.*