



Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

In so many parishes, spring is the season of sacraments, and teaching Sisters like the busy bees are preparing their young charges for a worthy reception of Penance and First Holy Communion, or Confirmation. Matrimony, too, is often scheduled in the spring and early summer. Little children in their spotless white dresses and suits, young women in their bridal beauty reflect the newness of life that nature puts forth in spring.

More splendid, although hidden from our view, is the life of grace nurtured and increased in these young souls through their reception of the sacraments. Sanctifying Grace! The seed of our future glory! How little we treasure — or even consider — this life of God within us, which is truly the most important aspect of our existence.

The three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity, which are infused into our souls with sanctifying grace, are the means by which our soul reaches out to touch God. Their name — theological — denotes that they relate directly to God. They seem to coincide with the first three Glorious mysteries of the Rosary. The Resurrection is the very foundation of our Faith. This greatest of Christ's miracles is the crowning proof that all He said was true, and the basis of our belief. The Ascension draws our mind to follow Jesus to Heaven, and the place that He has promised to prepare for us there. Hope for heaven and the help we need to get there sustains our souls when we are beset by discouragement with our faults and the trials of life. And what better symbol could there be for the ardor of God's Love, and the burning charity that should inflame our hearts than the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?

The final Glorious mysteries, the Assumption and Coronation of Mary, fittingly draw our focus to the Mother of Divine Grace, our own Mother Mary. As our mothers care for and nourish our bodily life, so Mary wishes to protect and increase the supernatural life of grace in our souls. Let us always turn to her in our own preparation for the sacraments, especially when we receive her Son in the Holy Eucharist. What better welcome can we offer to Jesus, than to unite with the love, adoration and gratitude of His beloved Mother?



A picnic on the feast of the Ascension is one of our annual traditions. The park we visited this year featured a lovely waterfall and many trails.



Students at Mary Immaculate Queen Academy, help their teachers move into their new classrooms.



Though it was toward the end of the school year, Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI, blesses the new school (Rathdrum, Idaho).



On Memorial Day, the Sisters from Mount St. Michael joined Mary Immaculate Queen Parish for their procession and presentation of flowers in honor of Our Lady's Queenship.



A flock of nuns meets a flock of sheep. During Easter week, the Sisters enjoyed an afternoon at the Novitiate and were excited to see the many lambs.



During our Ascension Thursday picnic, Rev. Mother Mary Agnes joins the postulants as they work on their crocheting.



On Corpus Christi at Mount St. Michael, the Sisters and choir process behind the Blessed Sacrament while the faithful kneel in adoration.



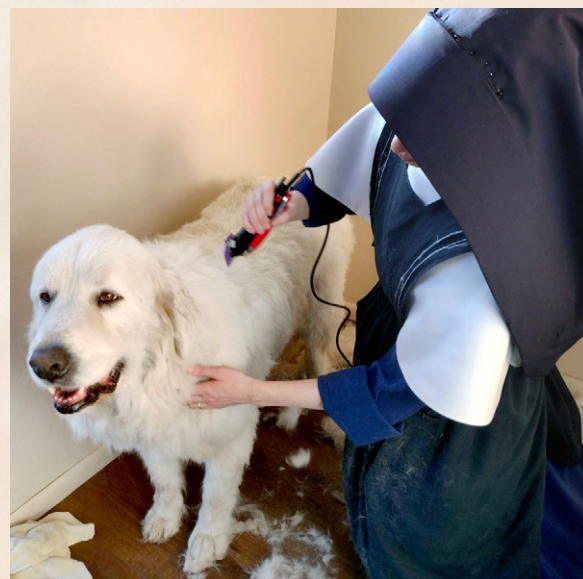
Sr. Michael Marie, principal of St. Michael's Academy, congratulates the graduates after they received their diplomas from His Excellency.



Students and faculty at St. Mary's Academy in Tacoma, Washington, recite the Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin Mary at their Marian shrine.



Mother Mary Dominica is assisted by Christian, the parish cat, in correcting junior high papers at St. Mary's Academy.



Bear, the friendly Great Pyrenees guardian of St. Mary's Parish in Tacoma, gets a grooming from Sr. Maria Regina. At recess, Bear often walks among the students making sure all is well.



Holy Guardian Angels' School, Olathe, take a break from their books to enjoy God's creation at the Colorado National Monument.



Sr. Mary Julianna and the first Communicants in Olathe pose with pastor Fr. Bernard Welp.



Enjoying the spring weather, Sr. Mary Lucy conducts a P.E. class (Olathe).



Hello neigh-bor! Sr. Maria Kazimiera reaches out to pet a Morgan horse on a field trip to Pineland Farms, Maine.



Sr. Mary Teresita assists a first Communicant as she is invested in the Brown Scapular at St. Theresa's Parish, Oakland, Maine.



Hoping to build a convent next to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Salem, New Hampshire, Sr. Maria Ines and Sr. Mary Bernadette look over plans for the new building. Their cat Albie seems a bit skeptical.



At the Fatima May shrine in Salem, the Sisters in New England renew their Total Consecration on the feast of Mary Immaculate Queen.



The Sisters from St. Joseph's in Wayne, Michigan, join the CMD Sisters in London, Ontario, for a trip to Niagara Falls. In addition to a helicopter ride, the Sisters visited Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, New York.



Sr. Bernardine Marie, Wayne, Michigan, assists the students in transplanting seedlings into outdoor planters.



With much joy, students and faculty of St. Philomena's Academy in Middleville, Michigan, celebrate graduation and the last day of school.



Sr. Madeleine Marie and Sr. Maria Dolorosa, along with Fr. Appelhanz, visit the grave of Fr. Claude Jean Allouez outside of Niles, Michigan. This early missionary priest was a contemporary of Fr. Marquette.

Look to the future...

St. Michael's Academy — Girls' Boarding 2024-2025

It isn't easy today for young traditional Catholics to persevere in the Faith after high school.

And girls who attend a traditional Catholic high school staffed by priests and nuns are certainly more equipped to face the spiritual dangers they will face out in the world.

With eternity in the balance, a solid Catholic education is worth almost any sacrifice.

So isn't it time to put first things first?



**Boarding confirmation
deadline:
July 31, 2024**

*** Boarding at the Villa Maria for the
upcoming school year is contingent
upon sufficient interest.**

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Sisters and Villa girls on their end-of-the-school-year outing.

Calendar

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| June | 1 Sr. Mary Angela's feastday |
| | 7 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| | Sr. Corinne Marie's feastday |
| | 13 Sr. Mary Antoinette's feastday |
| | 16-22 Louisiana Catechism Mission |
| | 23-26 Sisters' Annual Retreat |
| | 27 Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help; |
| | Vows Ceremonies |
| | 29 Sr. Mary Petra's feastday |
| | 30 Sr. Mary Paula's feastday |
| July | 1-2 Classes for teaching Sisters |
| | 7-14 Boise/Lewiston Catechism Mission |
| | 9 Sr. Maria Goretti's feastday |
| | 12 Sr. Mary Veronica's feastday |
| | 21-26 Camp St. Philomena (see CMRI.org for details) |
| | 22 Sr. Maria Magdalena's feastday |
| | 22-27 California Catechism Mission |
| August | 9 Sr. Marie Vianney's feastday |
| | 11 Sr. Philomena Marie's feastday |
| | 12 Sr. Clara Marie's feastday |
| | 14-19 Ladies' Retreat at Mount St. Michael |
| | 15 Feast of the Assumption BVM |
| | 18 Sr. Helen Marie's feastday |
| | 22 Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| | 28 Sr. Augustine Marie's feastday |
| Sept. | 12 Sr. Mariana's feastday |
| | 15 Sr. Maria Dolorosa's feastday |
| | 16 Sr. Mary Andrea's feastday |
| | 17 Sr. Sophia Marie's feastday |
| | 29 Feast of St. Michael: Titular feast of St. Michael's
Convent; Sr. Michael Marie's feastday |

Our Apostolate of Prayer

Are you or someone you love in need of special prayers?

Send your intentions to the Sisters to be remembered in our daily prayers, Masses and good works, and especially in our upcoming Novenas.



Sisters' Summer Support



The Sisters have no income from tuition during the summer while our schools are closed.

As this is our main means of support, please consider sending a donation to help us with our needs over the next few months.

Thank you for your charity!

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