



# Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus and Mary!

Last year at this time people were talking about clever themes revolving around 2020 — you know, the kind having to do with perfect vision. Nothing back then gave us any pre-vision of what has occurred during the past six months. They say hindsight is 20/20, so we have not really gotten to that stage yet.

In spite of everything, we are still in God's hands, just as we have always been. Whatever is yet to come, we will be in the care of His Providence. That is what makes it a bit ironic. So many individuals trying to usurp the role of God: who should live and who should die, what we can do or not do, whether it is essential to go to church, etc. What a disaster! Yet, when have people all over the world united to pray the 54-day Rosary novena for the outcome of the elections? When has there *ever* been a National Convention that included the Ave Maria in its closing repertoire?

Turning aside from the big picture, or rather looking at it from another

angle, we remember St. Paul's exhortations to the Thessalonians, not to be in terror of the coming judgment, but to be up and doing the Will of God. So, in the face of all the anxiety and fear-mongering, the Sisters have faithfully kept at their daily tasks.

During the summer there are always common projects that need to be worked on in keeping up a large facility. Painting, cleaning, organizing, moving, and recycling are part of the weekly agenda. As was noted in the last issue of *Anima Mariae*, both at the novitiate and at the motherhouse, extensive gardens were planted, and have flourished through the rainy spring and long summer months, keeping us busy with the abundant harvest.

Thankfully the COVID guidelines for summer camps allowed for us to have our girls' camp and ladies' retreat, although with limited numbers attending. Our summer catechism travels were not as extensive as usual, although the younger Sisters were able to do some catechizing during their summer outing in Montana. And catechism has been in the forefront of much planning throughout the summer. The reality of "distance learning"

in place of regular classes in our schools in the spring brought more forcibly before us the need to provide catechism lessons for those who are deprived of Catholic education on a regular basis because there is no school in their area. Even as we look to being able to resume classes in person, work continues on putting together a series of video lessons that will be helpful for distance learning of the catechism.



Above: The Sisters of St. Michael's Convent raised chickens for meat this summer. Below: Novices show off freshly picked vegetables from the novitiate's large garden. (It is 130 feet long by 32 feet wide!)



Sr. Therese Marie receives training from Mrs. Vianey Larios in lighting and filming for a series of catechism videos.

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Vows Ceremonies on June 27, feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, at Mary Immaculate Queen Church in Rathdrum, Idaho



The postulants, arrayed in white dresses, have their hair cut to signify that they are giving themselves wholly to God.



Having donned their habits, the new novices receive their new names: Sr. Marianna, Sr. Rosalyn Marie, Sr. Maria Goretti and Sr. Mary Lucy. They also receive their large rosaries and a copy of the Holy Rule.



Sr. Mary Bridget renews her vows as part of the ceremony of her Golden Jubilee.



Sr. Margaret Mary and Sr. Maria Dolorosa, having made their first profession of vows, have their white veils exchanged for the blue.



Sisters who take their first vows also receive a crown of red and white roses, symbolizing a life of virginity and martyrdom.



Sr. Sophia Marie and Sr. Mary Cecilia renew their vows for three years.



Sr. Mary Andrea makes her perpetual profession of vows.



During the final profession ceremony, Sr. Mary Andrea lies prostrate beneath the pall, signifying that she is now dead to the world.



With hearts overflowing with joy, the Sisters chant the Te Deum at the close of the vows ceremonies.



While visiting a traditional Catholic family in Montana, the novitiate Sisters had an opportunity to go horseback riding.



This beautiful meadow full of daisies in the mountains on Montana was a perfect setting for a group photo of the junior and novitiate Sisters during their summer outing.



The novices help Sr. Mary Cabrini put away items from the annual Oregon-western Washington procurement drive. Inset: The forklift is a most useful in moving the pallets from the trailer.



Sr. Mary Antoinette works in our newly-renovated convent kitchen to process cabbage into sauerkraut for the winter.



Sr. Mary Imelda supervises her class as a new school year begins at the City of Mary, Rathdrum, Idaho.



Sr. Mary Bernadette looks on while Fr. Letourneau gives a short explanation before beginning the baptism ceremony of Valerie M. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Salem, New Hampshire.

## The Sisters' Apostolate of Prayer

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

Send us your special intentions and we will commend them in our daily prayers, Masses and good works.



Every day throughout this summer, the Sisters have also considered as part of our duty for the common welfare an extra Holy Hour or a second Mass, as



*The Holy Rule is the Sisters' path to sanctity, for it enables us to practice great virtue when we faithfully follow it.*

well as the Litany of the Saints, for the intention of God's guidance and protection in the current crisis. On Saturdays this took the form of a weekly rogation procession before the morning Mass, and fifteen decades of the Rosary on the Rosary path in the evening.

"We ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). Let us all with good heart continue to pray earnestly for the resolution of this crisis. Surely we know that the world is deserving of God's chastisement for all the affronts offered daily to His divine Majesty, but let us like Moses continue to importune His merciful Heart, and strive to appease Him by our prayer and penance. Let us unite with His Mother and ours in acts of reparation and love, that sinners may be converted and souls may be saved for His greater glory. Amen.



*Sr. Bernardine Marie and Sr. Margaret Mary work together on final preparations for the upcoming school year.*

### Consecration

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice, and let it sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose,

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart; it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,

## Calendar

Sept. 12	Sr. Mariana's feastday	Oct. 13	Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima
15	Sr. Maria Dolorosa's feastday	18	Sr. Margaret Mary's feastday
16	Sr. Mary Andrea's feastday	Nov. 14	Sr. Maria Providencia's feastday
17	Sr. Sophia Marie's feastday	19	Sr. Mary Isabella's feastday
29	Feast of St. Michael: Titular feast of St. Michael's Convent	22	Sr. Mary Cecilia's feastday
	Sr. Michael Marie's feastday	Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Oct. 3	Sr. Therese Marie's and Sr. Mary Teresita's feastday		Mary Immaculata's feastday
7	Feast of the Most Holy Rosary	10	Sr. Mary Loretta's feastday
7-11	Fatima Conference at Mount St. Michael	13	Sr. Mary Lucy's feastday
		22	Sr. Mary Cabrini's feastday
		25	Christmas Day
			Sr. Marie Emmanuel's feastday
		27	Sr. Mary Evangeline's feastday

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