



# Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

May has been a month of field trips and outings, musical programs, award programs, graduations and the end of the school year. Even more important are the special May devotions, offering of flowers to Our Lady at her shrine, processions and the crowning of her statues. The daily recitation of the “Little Crown” of the Blessed Virgin is a practice that the Sister generally share with their students. We salute the excellence, power and goodness of Mary with twelve short prayers, followed by the beautiful refrain, “Rejoice O Virgin Mary! Rejoice a thousand times!”

In many of our schools, the students have spent the year preparing to make a children’s version of St. Louis Marie de Montfort’s consecration to the Blessed Virgin. The importance of consecration to Mary’s Immaculate Heart in order to be guided by her in the footsteps of her Divine Son cannot be underestimated. Mary’s promised protection against the errors and snares of Satan is another great advantage in being consecrated to her.

Although school has come to a close, the Sisters do not stop teaching. In addition to the daily lessons we give just by our appearance wearing our religious habit, and by the good example we strive to give, there are also catechism missions in various parishes throughout the country. So it is fitting that we reflect upon the life of a saint who celebrates her feast on the first day of June: St. Angela Merici. Angela was

born in 1474, and had the great advantage of growing up in a pious home in which her parents instilled in their children a great love for their faith and taught them the lives of the saints. A story which made a particular impression on young Angela was that of St. Ursula and the virgins who were martyred with her. Angela resolved to dedicate her life to God; this determination stayed with



Several Sisters from the Motherhouse take part in a garden work party at the Novitiate to help with the weeding and planting.

her even when, after the death of her parents, her uncle tried to arrange a good marriage for her. Angela, even as a young woman, had gathered other women around her to help educate girls in their faith and in other needful areas. The founding of a religious order for this purpose — named in honor of her childhood heroine, St. Ursula — would come about only in the last years her life.



In fulfillment of a promise made to Our Lady, the Sisters carry the statue of Mary Immaculate Queen in a procession every year on her feastday. This year the parish joined in praying a Rosary in her honor.



*Sr. Marie Vianney and Rev. Mother join the fifth and sixth grade girls in celebrating Lady Day on March 8.*



*Sr. Mary Cecilia and Sr. Margaret Mary enjoy the cool spray as they wash the van on a hot day.*



*Everyone helps with the spring cleaning in March and April.*



*Sr. Corinne Marie taught a statue repair class as a First Friday elective for St. Michael's High School. Two of her students show the results of their completed projects.*



*Sr. Maria Goretti staples Confraternity Handbooks for an order. Keeping up with the bindery work can be a challenge!*



*Sr. Mary Loretta digs the holes for the transplanting of the pepper plants.*



*Sr. Marie Vianney and Sr. Mary Angela took a group of the sodalists from Spokane to visit Our Mother of Sorrows Shrine in Portland, Oregon.*



*Novices present the bouquets from the living Rosary to Our Lady of Lourdes on Mother's Day.*



*At Mary Immaculate Queen Academy in Rathdrum, Idaho, Sr. Mary Genevieve calls on her eager students.*



Outside the classroom, Sr. Maria Kazimiera poses with a group from St. Theresa's, Oakland, Maine, during a fieldtrip to a local wildlife conservation area.



Inside the classroom, Sr. Mary Teresita works with her students at St. Theresa's in Oakland, Maine.



Several of our Sisters travelled to St. Joseph's parish in Wayne, Michigan, to join the choir for the celebration of Fr. Adam Craig's first Solemn High Mass.



Sr. Philomena Marie works on an art project with Holy Guardian Angels' after-school girls club in Olathe, Colorado.



Sr. Madeleine Marie and Sr. Maria Dolores and their students from St. Philomena's Academy, Middleville, Michigan, enjoy the Tulip Festival in Holland (Michigan).



Sr. Michael Marie kneels at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Fr. Baker's Our Lady of Victory Church, Lackawanna, NY.



The Sisters stationed in Olathe, Colorado, join with the clergy and students in the Rogation Day procession.

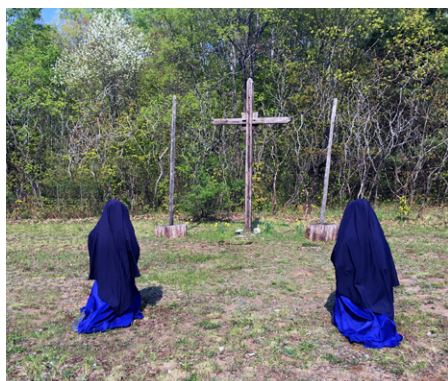
## Our Apostolate of Prayer

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.



Meanwhile, Angela drew many along the path of holiness by her good example, deep spirit of prayer and wise advice. She often went on pilgrimage to various shrines, and an amazing and miraculous incident occurred on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. While on the ship which would take her to the places she so longed to see, Angela went totally blind. This did not deter her from continuing the pilgrimage, but rather she saw it as a call from God to deepen her interior appreciation of the holy places to which she would travel. She cheerfully offered the sacrifice of not being able to actually see the places where Christ had lived and walked. On the return passage to Italy, her sight was restored in the same place where it had been lost.



*Sr. Madeleine Marie and Sr. Maria Dolorosa take a moment to reverence the hallowed spot at St. Ignace, Ontario, where St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Gabriel Lalemant were martyred.*

And now let us read some counsels which St. Angela left to her religious daughters:

“I beg you to remember and keep in your mind and heart all your girls one by one, not only their names but also their condition, their character,

their state and everything else about them. This will not be difficult for you if you embrace them with lively charity....

“Strive to educate them with love and a gentle and sweet hand, not in an imperious or harsh way, but in everything that you want to be pleasant. Above all, beware of wanting to obtain anything by force; for God has given everyone free will and does not want to force anyone, but only proposes, invites and advises...”

## Calendar

July	5-6	Classes for teaching Sisters
	7-10	Montana Catechism Camp
	7-18	California Catechism Camp
	9	Sr. Maria Goretti's feastday
	9-14	Sisters' outing
	12	Sr. Mary Veronica's feastday
	13-14	Seminar for teaching Sisters
	22	Sr. Maria Magdalena's feastday
	23-28	Camp St. Philomena (see CMRI.org for details)
August	9	Sr. Marie Vianney's feastday
	11	Sr. Philomena Marie's feastday
	12	Sr. Clara Marie's feastday
	11-16	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

## Put First Things First...

### St. Michael's Academy — Girls' Boarding 2023-2024

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?**



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



**Boarding confirmation deadline:**  
July 31, 2023

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

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## 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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