



# Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

Here it is, September already! Summer has flown by. Why does it always do that? Probably because it is so packed with activities that differ from those of the rest of the year. Many of our Sisters have had the opportunity to travel during the past three months, some to visit family, and others to teach catechism to children who are not able to attend Catholic schools. Some of their travels were occasioned by being assigned to a different mission or to return to the motherhouse at Mount St. Michael.

Our first summer catechism missions were in Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi in early June. Lewiston and Boise, Idaho, were next, toward the beginning of July. Our yearly catechism camp in Acton, California, took place simultaneously with Camp St. Philomena here at Mount St. Michael in the latter half of July. Finally, the last catechism camp of this summer took place in Maine in mid-August.

Also in August came the ladies' retreat, another annual event at the Mount. The patron saint of this year's retreat was St.



Our new novices, Sr. Marie Gabrielle (Catherine Dombrowski) and Sr. Dymphna Marie (Morgan Duggan) receive the Holy Rule and their habit rosaries.

Anthony. In addition to three days of silent retreat, the ladies had time to visit with one another and with the Sisters, as well as an opportunity to go rafting on the Spokane River.

Besides all these apostolic labors, we made our own yearly retreat, which was followed by the jubilee and vows ceremonies on June 27, the feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This year saw three

Sisters celebrating their golden jubilee: our own Sr. Mary Isabella and Sr. Mary Imelda were joined by Sr. Mary Tarcisius of the Sister Servants of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Think of that: *50 years in the service of God!* That's half a century of a life of prayer, obedience, self-sacrifice, poverty, simplicity! It is always a joy to celebrate these momentous anniversaries with our jubilarians, true veterans in the service of God. What a rich harvest of souls must be the fruit of those years!

Several other Sisters had much to celebrate that day: Sr. Margaret Mary and Sr. Maria Dolorosa made their final profession, and Sr. Maria Magdalena renewed her vows for three years. And we can't leave out our youngest members, those to whom the future of our Congregation belongs: Sr. Clara Marie and Sr. Mary Fatima, who made their first vows, and Sr. Dymphna Marie and Sr. Marie Gabrielle who became novices. But they will not be the youngest for long: we are now looking forward to the arrival of five postulants this fall.

Our summer "vacation" this year consisted of day trips to various natural attractions in the area: a tour of the Silver Mine in Wallace Idaho, a day of boating at Lake Coeur d'Alene, a trip to Gardiner Caves near the Canadian border, horseback riding and virtual golf sponsored by parishioners of St. Michael's.

It is hard to believe that with this issue we



The group photo after the vows ceremonies included three Golden Jubilarians, two Sisters who made their perpetual profession of vows, three Sisters who renewed their vows, and two new novices.

are beginning our fourteenth year of publishing our *Anima Mariae* newsletter. In the first issues we shared with our readers comments on the poem from which our newsletter gets its name. It is doubtless high time we made our many new subscribers familiar with this little verse (below) which so well epitomizes the spirit of our Congregation:

*Anima Mariae*

Soul of Mary, sanctify me.  
Heart of Mary, inflame me.  
Hands of Mary, support me.  
Feet of Mary, direct me.  
Immaculate eyes of Mary, look upon me.  
Lips of Mary, speak for me.  
Sorrows of Mary, strengthen me.  
O Mary, hear me.  
In the wound of the Heart of Jesus,  
hide me.  
Let me never be separated from thee.  
From my enemy defend me.  
At the hour of my death call me,  
And bid me to come to  
thine Immaculate Heart;  
That thus I may come to  
the Heart of Jesus,  
And there with the saints praise thee  
For all eternity. Amen.

—The Reign of Jesus through Mary  
Gabriel Denis, SMM—

Vows Ceremonies on June 27, Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, at Mount St. Michael



Before receiving the white novice veil, the postulant, in a simple white dress and veil, has her beautiful tresses cut off by the Bishop.



Three Sisters celebrating their golden jubilee renew their vows and consecration to Our Lady.



"I, an unworthy sinner, ask to renew my vows as an oblate Sister of the Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen."



After renewing her vows for three years, Sister Maria Magdalena receives the large brown scapular.



Having made their first vows, the Sister receive from the Bishop the dark blue veil, and a crown of roses.



Sr. Mary Fatima and Sr. Clara Marie return to their places after taking their vows.



"Receive the ring of fidelity, the seal of the Holy Ghost, so that henceforward thou mayest rightly be called the spouse of God."



Sr. Margaret Mary and Sr. Maria Dolores return from placing flowers at Our Lady's shrine after having taken their perpetual vows.



"Hail Holy Queen enthroned above!" The congregation joined in singing the triumphant hymn as the Sisters processed out of church following the vows ceremony.



The Sisters joined the July 13th rosary procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the "City of Mary" in Rathdrum, Idaho.



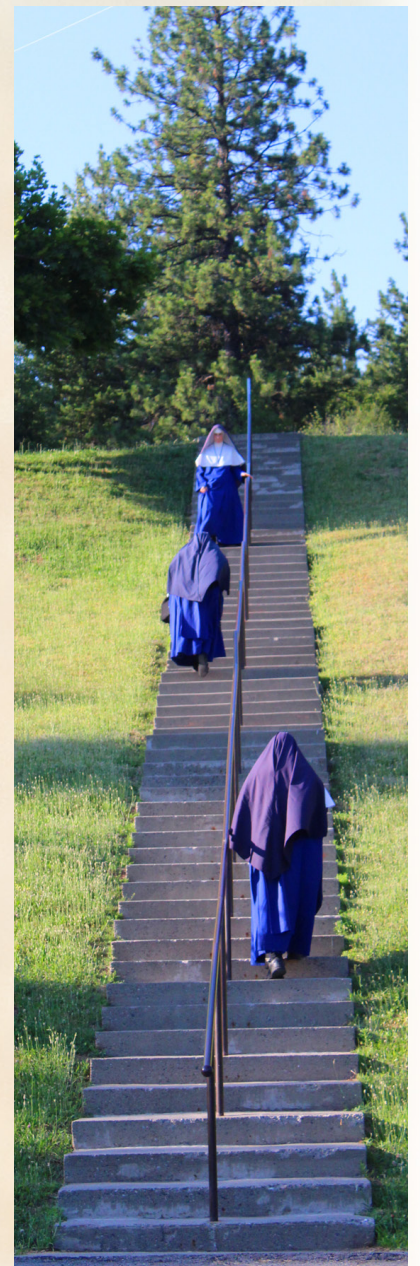
Retreatants and Sisters sing the Sunday High Mass together during the Ladies' Retreat at Mount St. Michael.



Hiking back from Canada (about 1/4 mile) to where the van was parked at Gardiner Caves.



No, it is not a career change, just a tour of the very interesting history and process of silver mining in the Northwest.



The close of the school year brought time to catch up on gardening at St. Mary's Convent in Tacoma, Washington.



Just as in the spiritual life, we sometimes ascend by more adventurous and difficult paths...

...And sometimes we plod just as steeply along more prosaic and ordinary ways.



We had a larger than usual percentage of younger campers at the Mount this year, and many new campers as well as those from past years — and counselors who enjoy camp as much as the campers!



Sisters coming and going! Two Sisters newly assigned to our New England missions joined the veterans in organizing the camp in Maine.



Beaming blue nuns pick big beautiful blueberries under a bright blue sky.



Sisters enjoy a boat ride while visiting a family en route to meeting the other Sisters.



Sr. Mary Angela and the girls enjoy the water at the catechism camp in Mississippi.



Our exceptional, but diminutive organist plays for a high Mass, as Sr. Mary Petra directs. (Yes, her feet ARE playing the pedals!)



### 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 and Masses.

### Calendar

- 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
- Oct. 3 Sr. Therese Marie's and Sr. Mary Teresita's feastday
- 7 Feast of the Most Holy Rosary
- 9-13 Fatima Conference
- 13 Sr. Maria Fatima's feastday
- 17 Sr. Margaret Mary's feastday
- Nov. 19 Sr. Mary Isabella's feastday
- 22 Sr. Mary Cecilia's feastday
- Dec. 8 Mary Immaculata's feastday
- 10 Sr. Mary Loretta's feastday
- 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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