



Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,
Praised be Jesus and Mary!

Autumn has come and gone. A season of rich fullness and of dying. Warm colors against grey skies. Bountiful harvest amid the beautiful frost. As the leaves turn vivid colors they are the focus for many an art project, or just for marveling in appreciation of God's handwork. In consonance with the themes of harvest and gratitude that distinguish this season on the natural level come the harvest feasts of the



Students of St. Theresa's School (Maine) learn more about the school theme and being "An Army of Youth" by getting to hold paper swords.



On a recreational walk, three Sisters enjoy the beautiful fall colors during Spokane's Indian summer.

Church: Mary's Assumption, Christ the King, All Saints and All Souls: "From all the saints in warfare, for all the saints at rest: to Thee, O Blessed Jesus, all praises be addressed!" All Saints' day celebrations are followed by the visits for the souls in Purgatory and the month-long devotions that bring the Holy Souls so much relief. And Thanksgiving can never be totally secularized, no matter how the world may try. Thanks as Chesterton holds, is the highest form of thought. Prayers of gratitude to Our Heavenly Father must fly the most swiftly to His throne.

In the past several weeks, many of our schools around the country have taken their students to a pumpkin patch for an autumn outing. The traditional dressing up and sharing the stories of the saints, processions of saints along with games and treats is a pretty universal way of celebrating All Saints' Day among Catholic children.

The theme for this school year in the CMRI schools is "First the Cross, then the Crown!" In one school, the children

enthusiastically recite sections from Thomas a Kempis's chapter on the Royal Road of the Holy Cross, and even more enthusiastically sing and march to the tune of "An Army of Youth." What a positive outlook on life can be fostered if we teach children that instead of seeking self and pleasure, real fulfillment



Setting aside her own weakness and fears, Mother St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is a model of what it means to be a soldier of Christ.

comes from taking up the cross cheerfully to follow Jesus Who suffered for us!

Speaking of those who cheerfully fight beneath the banner of the Cross, we celebrate during this month of December the first canonized citizen of the United States, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. This diminutive Italian nun is a model of courage, zeal, determination and trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Here is a saint who overcame her fears, and left her homeland to sail over the seemingly endless expanse of ocean to come and labor for souls among the immigrants in our own country, as well as in Central and South America.

Frances Cabrini was sent by Pope Leo XIII to care for the needs of immigrants in the U.S.A., especially her countrymen. Arriving in 1889, she became a U.S. citizen in 1909. In the course of the 28 years between her arrival and her death, she recrossed the Atlantic 23 times and founded

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The Sisters at Holy Guardian Angels Academy in Olathe, Colorado, work with parishioners to beautify the grounds for their school's 25th anniversary celebration.



Little by little, work on the church at St. Joseph's Parish in Olathe, Colorado, progresses. The Sisters stationed there take time to work on communion rail.



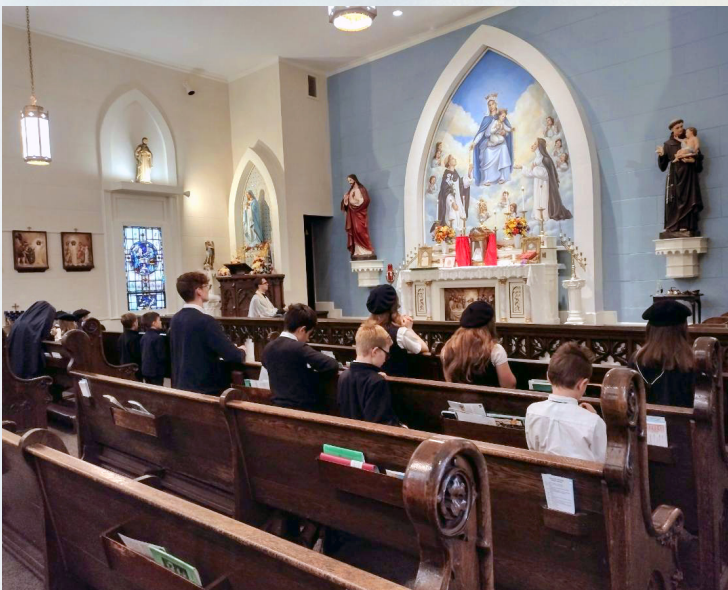
As one of the founding Sisters of Holy Guardian Angels Academy in Olathe, Rev. Mother was invited to join in their Silver Jubilee celebration.



Sr. Bernardine Marie and Sr. Maria Magdalena, stationed in Wayne, Michigan, attend a Hillsdale math seminar.



Top: Students and staff of St. Joseph's Academy, Wayne, Michigan, enjoy a day at the pumpkin patch. Bottom: Students celebrate All Saints' Day by dressing as saints.



Most Holy Rosary Church in Middleville, Michigan, honors the request of Pope Leo XIII for the public recitation of the Rosary with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the month of October.



The first quarter was a busy one for St. Philomena's Academy in Middleville, Michigan. Activities included the All Saints' Day celebration (top), and a visit to an apple orchard and a corn maze.



Fr. Letourneau and the Sisters and parishioners of St. Theresa's Parish in Oakland, Maine, visit a local Catholic cemetery to pray for the Holy Souls.



Sr. Maria Kazimiera and Sr. Mary Teresita and their students enjoy a warm autumn day at the pumpkin patch.



Rev. Mother Mary Agnes visits the students of St. Theresa's School, one of whom is demonstrating his first quarter project of learning the guitar.



Proud to be an American! The local American Legion erects a flagpole for St. Theresa's Church, performing a military ceremony as they hang the flag for the first time.



Sr. Mary Teresita looks at the progress made on replacing the convent roof.



Sr. Mary Bernadette and Sr. Maria Ines visit with their long-time friend, Bob Glynn.



On the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, several Sisters and the sodality from Mount St. Michael traveled a few hours south to Lewiston, Idaho, to sing a high Mass for the parish's patronal feast.



Sr. Mary Imelda works to get a ball out of the culvert with the help of a little boy and a long pole.



Kneeling at their classroom's altar replica, Sr. Mary Josephine leads her kindergartners in a prayer.



Vocations Weekend

March 8 - 10, 2023
St. Michael's Convent

Could you have a religious vocation?
What is the hundredfold promised by
Our Lord to those who leave all to follow Him?
Experience life in the convent
for a weekend as you join the Sisters
at work, prayers, meals and recreation.

Register online at CMRI.org/vocations-weekend
No fee for attending

67 orphanages, schools and hospitals from New York to Los Angeles, from Seattle to Denver. She was a shrewd businesswoman and able administrator, but her most admirable traits were her profound union with God and trust in Divine Providence. "I travel, work, suffer my weak health, meet with a thousand difficulties, but all these are nothing, for this world is so small. To me, space is an imperceptible object, as I am accustomed to dwell in eternity." Truly, then, the lesson of her life was not in her activity, but in the fire that burned in her heart that animated all she did. "We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success... but on Jesus alone." In her later years she wrote, "I feel myself dying of love of Thee. It is a great sorrow for me, a

slow martyrdom, not to be able to do more for Thee, O my Lord! Stretch every fibre of my being, dear Lord, that I may more easily fly towards Thee!"

On December 22, 1917, Mother Cabrini died suddenly while preparing candy for a children's Christmas party. Her soul had burst its bonds and flown to its one Love.

It is impossible to express all that should be said of such a wonderful saint in a few short paragraphs. Surely it would not be amiss to end with these few words of advice she left for us: "If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved."

Calendar

Dec.	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mary Immaculata's feastday
	10	Sr. Mary Loretta's feastday
	12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	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
Jan.	1	Feast of the Circumcision
	3	Sr. Mary Genevieve's feastday
	15	Feast of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
	21	Rev. Mother Mary Agnes' feastday Sr. Maria Ines' feastday
Feb.	1	Sr. Mary Bridget's feastday
	5	Sr. Mary Agatha's feastday
	11	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
	18	Sr. Mary Bernadette's feastday
	20	Sr. Mary Jacinta's feastday
March	4	Sr. Maria Kazimiera's feastday
	8-10	Vocations' Weekend at St. Michael's Convent
	9	Mother Mary Dominica's feastday
	19	Feast of St. Joseph Sr. Mary Josephine'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 commended in our daily prayers, Masses and good works, as well as our upcoming novenas:



Our Lady of Prompt Succor (January 15)
Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)



One of the highlights of the Fatima Conference is the Candlelight procession.



Halter training Dawn the calf is one of the duties of the Sisters at the novitiate.



Rev. Mother joined the novitiate Sisters for a hike around Lake Coeur d'Alene and a group photo overlooking the water.

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