



# Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

As this issue of the *Anima Mariae* comes to you, many of our Sisters are preparing to advance in the steps of their religious life. Ordinarily, June 27th is the feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, an appropriate feast on which to take vows, for though Mary's assistance is required by all Catholics in the daily needs of life, the Religious Sister looks to Mary in a special way as her Mother, model, and Mediatrix.

This year the liturgical year falls in such a way that June 27th will be the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On that day, Sr. Mary Julianna will celebrate her Golden Jubilee, and Sr. Bernardine Marie will celebrate her Silver Jubilee. Sr. Mariana and Sr. Maria Goretti will make their final profession of vows, Sr. Mary Fatima will make her temporary profession, and Sr. Dymphna Marie will take first vows. In some sense, most exciting of all, our four postulants, including our Nigerian Sister, will become



Sisters from Mount St. Michael joined Mary Immaculate Queen Parish for their procession and ceremonies in honor of Our Lady's Queenship.

novices, receiving their habits, copies of the Rule and their new religious names.

The purpose of the Novitiate is, of course, to train young women in the practices and spirituality of the religious life. Daily classes include Christian doctrine, ascetical theology, personality and character formation, and the virtues and vows which are part of her striving for perfection. Preparation intensifies during the two months immediately

before a Sister receives the habit or takes vows. Each Sister spends an additional hour every day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in private prayer and spiritual reading. The last eight days before vows are spent in a retreat of silence, prayer and spiritual conferences.



It was a lovely afternoon for our annual picnic on the feast of the Ascension, perfect for volleyball, games and walks.



Sisters preparing for vows or reception as novices spend an extra hour every day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

When the long-anticipated day dawns at last, all the Sisters process into the church carrying lighted candles and chanting the *Salve Regina*. The postulants in their white gowns lead the procession, with those who are taking vows just behind them. The rest of the community follows from youngest to oldest, with the Mother General and those who are making their final profession bringing up the rear.

The sense of belonging to a religious family is strong as we kneel together in the church singing the hymns and chants of the beautiful ceremonies. The love of (cont'd on back page)



*Sr. Mary Teresita directs the choir during Holy Week at St. Theresa's Church in Maine.*



*While touring Faneuil Hall in Boston, the Sisters from our New England missions visit with a 101-year-old veteran.*



*Mission life provides many opportunities for the corporal works of mercy.*



*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Salem, New Hampshire) and at the rainbow's end, the newly rebuilt historic building which now serves as the convent.*



*Our New England Sisters pay a visit to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.*



*Believe it or not, Sr. Mary Lucy (Olathe, Colorado) caught this fish with her bare hands!*



*Sisters from Mount St. Michael and several of our missions were able to attend the ordination of our newest CMRI priest, Fr. Martin Sentmen.*



*Students from Holy Guardian Angels School (Olathe, Colorado) are intrigued by dinosaur bones at the Delta County Historical Society Museum.*



Sisters and students from St. Joseph's (Wayne, Michigan) join several CMD schools for several days of field trips including the North American Martyrs shrine, Our Lady of Victory Basilica and Niagara Falls.



On the feast of St. Joseph, Sr. Maria Magdalena directed the students in singing a high Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Wayne, Michigan.



The Sisters at St. Mary's in Tacoma repot the house plants yet again. Do they have green thumbs, or is it the gloves?



On the weekend of Palm Sunday, the Novitiate Sisters traveled to Tacoma for a mini-Lenten retreat.



Sr. Maria Regina admires the Academic Fair displays at St. Mary's in Tacoma. The students presented a variety of history-themed reports.



Students from Mary Immaculate Queen School in Idaho visit Mount St. Michael for a tour of the host room and print shop.



Fr. Benedict addresses Sodality members of Mary Immaculate Queen Church at their 10-year anniversary celebration. After several years of inactivity, the Sodality was resurrected in 2015. Inset: Sr. Michael Marie poses with three of the original Sodalists.



Sr. Mary Genevieve leads the Regina Coeli by the bell tower shrine to Our Lady (Mary Immaculate Queen Church, Rathdrum, Idaho).

the Heart of Jesus, to whom we vow our lives, envelopes us, binding us all together as the branches to the Vine. At the Communion of the Mass, when the Bishop holds the Host before each Sister taking her perpetual vows, many an older Sister recalls her own vow day.



The Sisters and students pray the Rosary outside Planned Parenthood.

Among the words she pronounced that day are those engraved upon her wedding ring: "To Jesus, my heart, my all, forever!" The rest of the prayer is engraved upon her heart: "Mary, my Mother, make me faithful until death."



Walking with the Good Shepherd... The Novitiate farm was nursery to thirteen lambs this spring, more than doubling the size of the flock within a few days.

## Look to the future...

### St. Michael's Academy — Girls' Boarding 2025-2026

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

But 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.

**It's time to put first things first.**



Sisters and Villa girls enjoy a picnic together.



Boarding confirmation deadline:  
**July 31, 2025**

**\* Boarding at the Villa Maria for the 2025-2026 school year is contingent upon sufficient interest.**

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## Calendar

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| June   | 1 Sr. Mary Angela's feastday  |
|        | 13 Sr. Mary Antoinette's feastday   |
|        | 14-18 Lewiston, Idaho, Catechism Mission  |
|        | 15-21 Louisiana Catechism Mission   |
|        | 22-25 Sisters' Annual Retreat   |
|        | 27 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Our Mother of Perpetual Help); Vows Ceremonies         |
|        | Sr. Corinne Marie's feastday  |
|        | 29 Sr. Mary Petra's feastday  |
|        | 30 Sr. Mary Paula's feastday  |
|        | Classes for teaching Sisters begin  |
| July   | 1-3 Classes for teaching Sisters  |
|        | 9 Sr. Maria Goretti's feastday  |
|        | 12 Sr. Mary Veronica's feastday   |
|        | 20-25 Camp St. Philomena (see CMRI.org for details)   |
|        | 21-25 California Catechism Mission  |
|        | 22 Sr. Maria Magdalena's feastday   |
| August | 9 Sr. Marie Vianney's feastday  |
|        | 11 Sr. Philomena 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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