

Abbey of Our Lady
of Ephesus
Gower, MO

SPECIAL EDITION
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At Ephesus

BENEDICTINES OF MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES

IN OUR CHOIR STALLS AT LAST!

WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE SO MANY RELIGIOUS
JOIN US THERE FOR OUR CEREMONIES.

Dear Family, Friends and Benefactors,

We are still basking in the graces of the glorious days that have befallen us here at the Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus. We hope you enjoy the pictures courtesy of Tracy Dunne that so captured these monumental days. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us extol His name together!" (Ps. 33:4)

In Corde Mariae,

*Mother Cecilia, OSB
CPLBess*



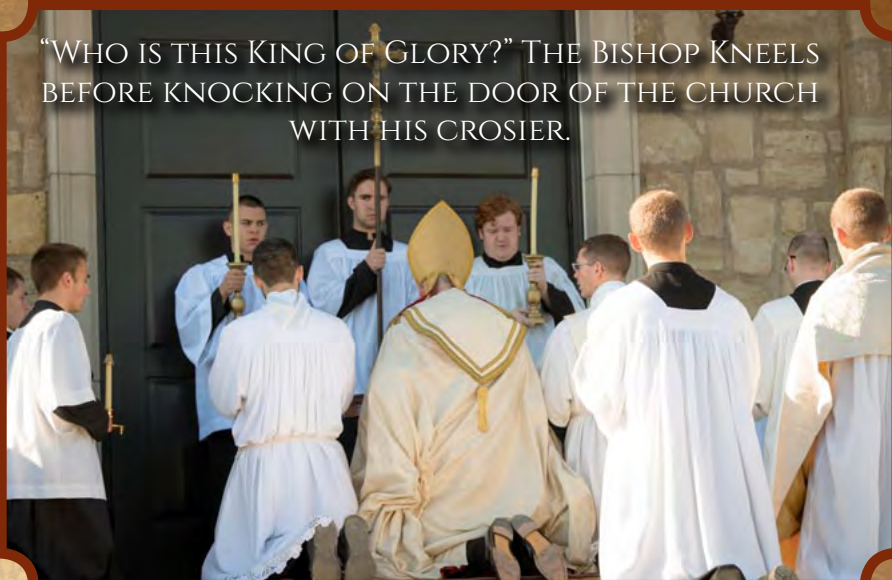
THE ALTAR RELICS
ARE BORNE INTO THE CHURCH.



BISHOP FINN
TRACES
THE GREEK
AND LATIN
ALPHABET
INTO ASHES
STREWN IN
THE FORM
OF AN "X"
ACROSS THE
FLOOR OF
THE CHOIR.



"WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?" THE BISHOP KNEELS BEFORE KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH WITH HIS CROSIER.




ARCHITECT WILLIAM HEYER MORTARS THE RELICS INTO THE ALTAR.



Photos in this row courtesy of Megan Marley

AFTER BLESSING THE EXTERIOR WALLS, THE FAITHFUL WERE INVITED INTO THE CHURCH TO WITNESS THE ANOINTING OF THE WALLS BENEATH THE DEDICATION CROSSES, AND THE ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR.







MASTER OF
CEREMONIES
BRENDAN BOYCE
LIGHTS THE INCENSE
FIRES ON THE ALTAR.



Photo courtesy of Dorothy Conway



WHAT A GRACE TO HAVE ANOTHER TEMPLE OF THE LORD WHERE HE
WILL BE FOREVER GLORIFIED! THE NUNS AND SERVERS GATHER AFTER
THE SEVEN AND A HALF HOUR CEREMONY!



SEPTEMBER 10: MOTHER CECILIA
PRAYERFULLY AWAITS HER
ABBATIAL CONSECRATION



BISHOP MORLINO JOYFULLY
ANNOUNCES OUR NEW
FOUNDATION IN HIS DIOCESE



FR. BACHMANN OF CLEAR CREEK
LEADS THE SILVERSTREAM MONKS
WITH ORGANIST, BRIAN MEYERS.



MOTHER CECILIA LIES
PROSTRATE DURING
THE LITANY.



ABOVE: MOTHER ABBESS'
"DAILY" CROSS, A GIFT
OF THE BOVI FAMILY.
LEFT: MOTHER ABBESS'
CONSECRATION. SHE IS



THE FIRST TO RECEIVE THE TRADITIONAL BENEDICTINE ABBATIAL CONSECRATION IN
THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. RIGHT: MOTHER CECILIA BEHOLDS HER RING,
GOLD WITH BLUE TOPAZ FASHIONED ESPECIALLY FOR HER BY VINCENT BUONIELLO
BELOW: THE MASS PROCEEDS.





SR. AGATHA READS
HER CHART OF
PROFESSION.



SR. ANNE MARIE
PLEDGES OBEDIENCE
INTO THE HANDS OF
MOTHER ABBESS.

WITH THEIR VOWS PAID BE-
FORE THE LORD, THE NOW
BLACK-VEILED PROFESSED
APPROACH THE ALTAR
WITH LAMPS BURNING,
AND GIVE THEIR CANDLES
TO REMAIN ALIGHT ON
THE ALTAR FOR THE REST
OF MASS



THE
CHANTING
OF THE
ANCIENT
"SUSCIPE."



MOTHER ABBESS
RECEIVES HER
LORD AND
GOD AT THE
FOOT OF THE
NEWLY-
CONSECRATED
ALTAR.



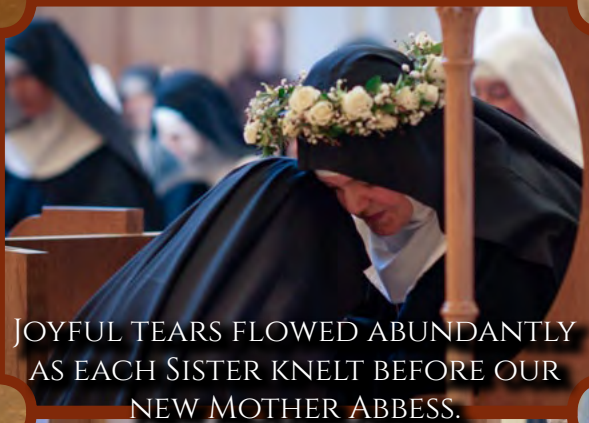
SR. ANNA MARGARET, SR. JULIA, SR. CATHERINE AND SR. MARIA PREPARE TO HAVE FR. ABBOT OF CLEAR CREEK CUT THEIR HAIR (BELOW LEFT) AND THEN RECEIVE THEIR NEW NAMES: SR. MARTINA, SR. MARY PETRA, SR. VERONICA AND SR. MARIA STELLA.



MOTHER ABBESS LED TO HER THRONE BY BISHOP MORLINO AND FR. DEVILLERS...



...WHERE SHE KNELT TO RECEIVE THE CROSIER CARVED FOR HER BY PAUL SIRBA



JOYFUL TEARS FLOWED ABUNDANTLY AS EACH SISTER KNELT BEFORE OUR NEW MOTHER ABBESS.



AD MULTOS
ANNOS,

MOTHER
ABBESS!



RIGHT & LEFT: THE **EXQUISITE** WOOD CARVINGS OF CLEAR CREEK PRESENTED FOR OUR CHOIR.



MOTHER ABBESS IS CONGRATULATED BY FR. ABBOT, OUR BISHOP JOHNSTON AND NEW BISHOP MORLINO.



ANNA ARAQUE'S GLORIOUS CAKES !





Et ecce vir
MOTHER CECILIA, FIRST ABBESS
OF THE BENEDICTINES OF MARY



SEPTEMBER 9: THE FIRST
MASS IN THE NEW CHURCH,
THE MASS OF DEDICATION