





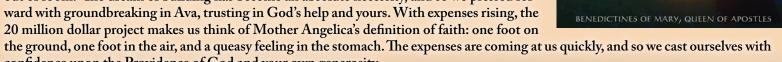


Profession & Investiture Ceremonies
FOR AVA, SEPTEMBER 2022



Hello from Missouri, where the Lord has been kind enough to send us a beautiful Fall! Once more, the Abbey has had the great joy of fifteen advancements by way of Investiture, First and Solemn Profession ceremonies, presided over by Rt. Rev. Abbot Philip Anderson of Clear Creek. Another ceremony followed a couple weeks afterwards for our Ava pioneers, and we are very grateful to Bishop Edward Rice for presiding, along with the presence of his predecessor, Bishop John Leibrecht. All were grace-filled and happy days, as you can see in the photos on the following pages. Thanks be to God for such beautiful vocations.

We are also grateful for His sending us many new candidates this year, four at our daughter house in Ava and seven here at the Abbey, which means—you guessed it! We are completely out of room! The dream of building has become an absolute necessity, and so we pressed forward with groundbreaking in Ava, trusting in God's help and yours. With expenses rising, the 20 million dollar project makes us think of Mother Angelica's definition of faith: one foot on



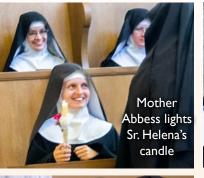


We realize we have to do our part as well, so are in the midst of completing our new website, mapping out the National Father's Shrine on the St. Joseph's monastery grounds, working with Spirit Juice Studios on a fundraising video, preparing a children's book for publication in the Spring, and releasing a new CD: The Holy Trinity at Ephesus, which is now available for order. Please help us in any way that you can, especially by your prayers as we continue on in this gargantuan task of building another house for God. May Our Lord bless and sustain our efforts for the sake of the man He called His father.

Dear Saint Joseph, Guardian of Virgins, please inspire many souls to assist our growing community in southern Missouri in their great need for this church and monastery. Many, many thanks to you all!







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