

BENEDICTINES
OF MARY, QUEEN
OF APOSTLES

At Ephesus

Dear Family, Friends and Benefactors,

Once more, we have a lot of news to share with you all! As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we received an invitation from Bishop Joseph Siegel to take over a Poor Clare monastery in Evansville, Indiana - an offer we couldn't refuse, especially as we are greatly in need of more space! This was before we knew of the immigration ordeal that sent our Sisters to England. But trusting in God's loving providence, we went forward with two foundations, both the planned and the unplanned one!

Our Sisters departed for Evansville on May 13th, and received an overwhelming welcome from the people of that area, who have been so supportive these past weeks in so many ways. We hope you enjoy pictures of their lovely home in the southwest of Indiana, close to the Ohio River.

The monastery has been renamed St. Anne's, the same name of the Benedictine monastery to which St. Francis first brought St. Clare. We thought this a fitting tribute to one of the first Poor Clare communities to settle in the United States, uniting our hopes for the Church.

I had a successful sojourn to England, escorting Sister Katarina there as a fourth member of the little Staffordshire band. It looks like the Sisters will be moving into Colwich Abbey right around the time you are reading this newsletter! We now also owe 2.5 million pounds to Stanbrook for the purchase, to be paid over two years.

I dream of the day when I do not have to ask for financial support, but this is perhaps the humiliation the Lord has tied to the tremendously good news of expansion and rapid growth of the community. There are no less than 15 new members arriving to our three American houses in the coming months, and quite a few discerning in England, just waiting until the Sisters are settled at Colwich so they can visit.

We are counting on your help to pay the money that is due for St. Anne's monastery, the final \$3.5 million to pay for Saint Joseph's Priory in Ava, and now Colwich as well. But as God sends the vocations, we believe He will take care of us, as He always has! If you do know of any other souls who might be able to assist us, please encourage them, as all this is a bit overwhelming! But Mother Angelica once said, trust is "one foot on the ground, one foot in the air, and a queasy feeling in the stomach." We hope such feelings will soon subside, and that God rewards you as only He can!

In Him,

Mother Cecilia OSB

Our Sisters of Saint Anne's Monastery in Evansville. Clockwise from left: Sister Maria Battista, Superior, Sister Jean-Marie, Sister Assumpta, Sister Maria Michaela, Sister Maria Jacoba, Sister Concetta and Sister Germaine.



A new home with new friends

OUR WELCOME TO EVANSVILLE, INDIANA





Saint Anne's brave little band has received a tremendous amount of support, not the least of which has been from Bishop Joseph Siegel, at whose invitation we took up residence at the former Poor Clare Monastery. The local Catholics already took part in a work day to help the Sisters with various projects, and continue to show themselves extraordinarily hospitable! Our ever faithful Fr. Jeffery Jambon is happy to serve as chaplain to the pioneers.





Bonfires, ora et labora all continue in the infant English house.



Sister Katarina learns to mow in British style!



Measuring the Colwich sanctuary for a new altar.

Saint Mary's Update

STAFFORDSHIRE, UK



The Sisters visited the now closed Oulton Abbey nearby for its 200th anniversary of founding.



Sister Helena finishes a set of vestments before the move.

Monks from Clear Creek get a tour of the nearly-completed St. Joseph's Priory. The Sisters are due to move in at the end of the month!



Saint Joseph's Update

AVA, MISSOURI



The last Corpus Christi procession at the old building.
Below: Sisters keep busy while enjoying recreation.





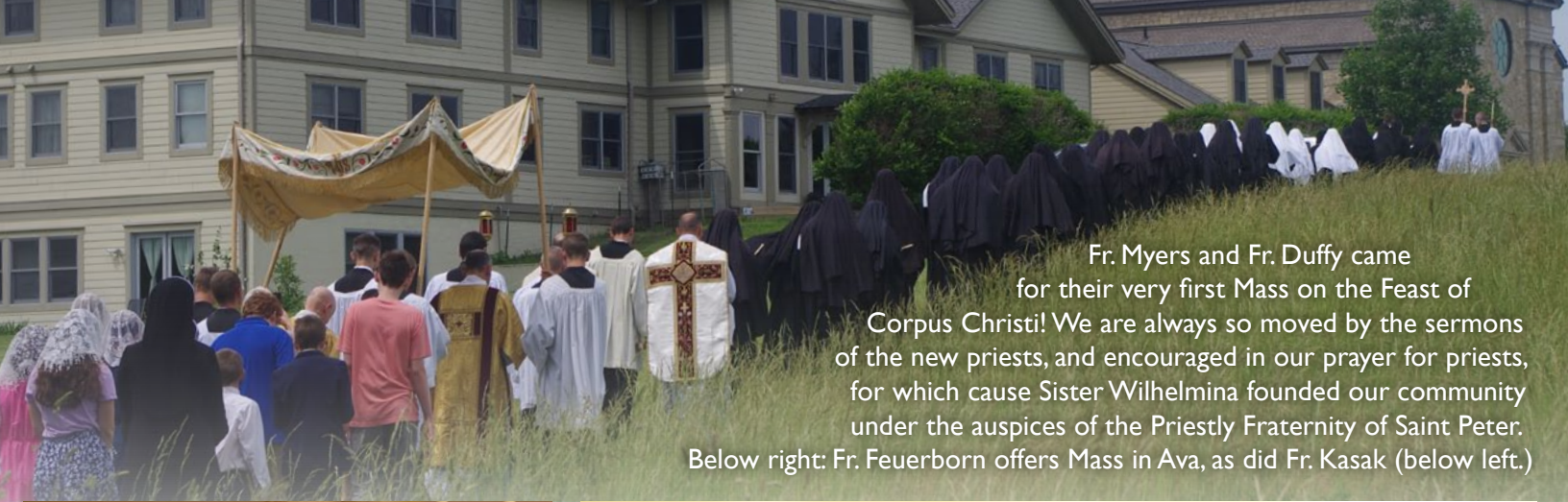
We were blessed to host the first Masses of FSSP priests Fr. Brian Myers (above) Fr. Joseph Duffy, Fr. Charles Ohotnicky, Fr. Jacob Kasak, Fr. Samuel Florance, and Fr. Benjamin Feuerborn.

FIRST MASSES



First Masses bring old friends like Father Javier Ruiz, fssp (below left) close friends like Harrison and Isabelle Butker (bottom right) and new friends, like Bishop Robert Reed. (below left) Bottom left: Fr. Myers offered a Mass and first blessings to our Sisters in Evansville!





Fr. Myers and Fr. Duffy came for their very first Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi! We are always so moved by the sermons of the new priests, and encouraged in our prayer for priests, for which cause Sister Wilhelmina founded our community under the auspices of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter. Below right: Fr. Feuerborn offers Mass in Ava, as did Fr. Kasak (below left.)



Star spangled fun!! The 4th of July at the Abbey gave us our fill of Sousa and an amazing fireworks display brought by friends. Lingering "hard feelings" were duked out in a song by our British Jordan Sisters and patriots of the Novitiate!





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