

# Communigram

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

## Preparing for Liquidation at the College

*Manitowoc, Wisconsin*—Numerous Sisters helped the week of September 14-19 to clean up at Holy Family College in preparation for liquidation. Some volunteered to work in offices or classrooms where all desks, filing cabinets, and bookshelves were to be emptied. Others worked in the print shop, storage rooms, janitor's closets, and the Generose Center. All supplies were brought to designated places and sorted. Books were taken to the library and art work to the old music wing. In all that was accomplished it was evident that the Sisters took ownership and did

what needed to be done. Many voiced appreciation of having been asked to help and found the experience healing—a time to peacefully work together and mourn the Community loss, putting a certain closure to a long history.

Approximately 40 Sisters helped in the clean up while others provided an every half hour shuttle service between the Motherhouse and the college. *Though there is not room for photos of all of the Sisters their efforts are greatly appreciated.*



*Sisters Francis, Annette, and Paula were among the Sisters who cleaned files and binders—sorting paper for recycle or shredding. A number of Sisters from St. Rita's volunteered to help with this job from the comfort of their rooms.*



*Sister Myra Jean takes a moment to delight in the progress being made.*

*Sisters Cyrilla, Karen Subr, and Clarita were among the Sisters from St. Rita's who sorted 12,600 paper clips—really! They made 26 bags of 100 each.*



*Sorting in the heritage room: top row of photos are Sisters l to r: Dorothy, Leonette, Julie Ann, Angela, Kathleen, Elaine, and Mardelle.*

*Bottom photos l to r: Sisters Margaret Ann, Marcus, and Winifred. Sister Linda adds items to the trash bin.*

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# Going Back to School—Tucson, Arizona

*The Sisters missioned at San Xavier Mission, Tucson, share their experiences at the beginning of a new school year.*

## San Xavier Mission School

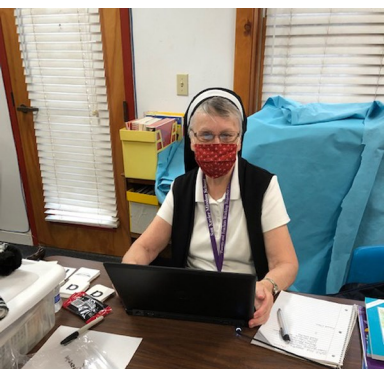
Online classes began August 5<sup>th</sup>.



Sister Clare Rose Oswald teaches 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion and Social studies at San Xavier Mission School. She shares: “My days have been focused on getting materials ready for my six classes and grading. What I like best is when I

am on Google Meet with the students. It is hard but it makes everyone long for a day when we can all be back together. I don’t think I’ll hear any students complain about being in school for a number of years!

Sister Rosalyn Muraski is part-time Interventionist at San Xavier Mission School and volunteers wherever needed. She returned to school August 24<sup>th</sup> after her knee surgery. She consults with teachers in Grades K-5 regarding the needs of at-risk children. Due to the delay of the



April First Communion class she will co-teach with the Grade 3 teacher to assist in the students’ preparation for the Sacraments.

## San Miguel High School

Sister Mary Ann Spanjers teaches Junior Theology classes at San Miguel High School. Online classes began for her on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Two weeks of professional development for online teaching with the faculty of San Miguel began on Monday July 20 with a fluid plan of complete online teaching to hopefully transitioning to having one day-a-week in person classes when the pandemic in Arizona gets better under control, there is no date to begin in-person classes as of yet. The week of Aug 3-7 was filled with registration meetings for each student with one parent in the gym at socially distanced tables. Teachers needed to have all hard-copy materials ready at this time.

With three weeks completed the 91 Juniors are responding well to Sister Mary Ann’s morality class of reading a hard

copy of the book *Misérables*, gleaning the many morality concepts through multiple technology sites and a Reading Analysis Guide developed by Sister to help facilitate the teaching and learning process.

The daily schedule for San Miguel students is that the online course for the day is posted by 8:00 a.m. The students have until 7:00 p.m. to complete the work; some assignments have a longer threshold; attendance is taken by each teacher for each class. Attendance is dependent upon the students completing the assigned work by 7:00 p.m.

Sister Mary Ann’s days are filled with class preparation; creating daily online presentations of the learning goal and assignments; correcting students’ work; connecting with students through Google Classroom, Flipgrid, Loom, Zoom, anchor podcasts, Kaizena and other media sites. The school provides chrome book laptops for each student and in some cases hotspots for those who do not

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## Going Back to School— Tucson San Miguel High School



*September 17th -  
Sister Mary Ann  
monitoring study  
hall at San  
Miguel High  
School.*

San Miguel High School, Tucson, Arizona did a lot of planning for this year’s school year. There was a desire to be ready for whatever the days unfold in the midst of a pandemic. Faculty member Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity Sister Mary Ann Spanjers is there in the thick of it all encouraging her students. There are a variety of possible phases of teaching. Currently, the school is at the Orange Phase: All classes online and limited services and activities on campus.

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have access to the internet. Sister Mary Ann volunteers to help supervise a small number of students who need more structure or a quiet place to work and who come to study at a table in the gym each day

All of the San Miguel students are from low income households. Many juniors and seniors are working full time at restaurants, construction sites, landscaping and other businesses to help with income to support their families. At the same time, the students work hard at keeping up with their classes and assignments as well as staying connected with their Corporate Work Study Sites through San Miguel.

Sister Mary Karen Oudean's ministry of providing professional Development for the Tucson Diocesan teachers and principals began July 15th. Zoom meetings are the favorite venue these days. On a humorous note, she writes: For 5 years I drove a minimum of 2.5 hours round trip when going to meetings



and schools for professional development sessions. Now that I am much closer to schools and meetings in the Tucson area (30-45 minutes one way), I mostly Zoom!

Sister Carla Riach's pastoral ministry at San Xavier Mission officially began August 1st. Her ministry continued through the summer with Baptismal celebrations for two children at a time. All services at the Mission are held in the Church patio in small groups wearing masks and observing physical distancing. Sister reports: "My task now is continuing to play "Catch up" with First Communions scheduled throughout September and October. At the same time Sister Rachel and I are preparing home packets for the families in the Religious Education Program which will start in October."



*Sisters at San Xavier front l to r: sister Mary Ann and Clare Rose. Back l to r: Sisters Mary Karen, Rosalyn and Carla.*

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing amid Covid-19 Epidemic



*Manitowoc, Wisconsin*—The Sisters at St. Rita's Health Center gathered in St. Mary's Chapel for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing on August 19, 2020. The Covid-19 epidemic has necessitated many adaptations in the way Sisters gather for worship. Facemasks and social distancing continue to be the norm. The Sisters attended two separate services so they could be carefully spaced in St. Mary's Chapel. Father Hilary and Father Jerry administered the Sacrament of Anointing using Q-tips for the blessed oil which could be disposed of after each use. The Sisters were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate this important sacrament. God continues to heal and strengthen us through the gift of the sacraments!

—Sister Elizabeth Bennie

## Celebrating Mary's Birthday



As we know, celebrating one's birthday usually includes the Happy Birthday song. The St. Rita Health Center Sisters on third floor decided that our Blessed Virgin Mary, who celebrates her birthday on September 8<sup>th</sup>, is deserving of a serenade. Before the Sisters prayed their daily Rosary on Tuesday, they sang the "birthday song" with a statue of Mary resting on Sister Martina's lap. Their heartfelt singing brought smiles to everyone, including, we hope, to our Mother Mary!

by St. Rita's Sisters Team

We open our reflections this month with a reminder of Pope Francis' prayer intention: *That by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.*

There is much to consider in this call to prayer. We can pray that all Catholics will live in cooperation with the graces and in response to the call they received at their Baptism. This alone would go far towards solving many of our world's problems. However, Pope Francis asks us to focus on the laity and in particular, on women. So, as women religious, let us consider the role of woman in today's Church.

In 1995 Pope John Paul II, in his *Letter to Women*, wrote: "A certain diversity of roles is in no way prejudicial to women. If Christ, by his free and sovereign choice, attested to by the Gospel and by the Church's constant Tradition-entrusted only to men the task of being an "icon" of his countenance as "shepherd" and "bridegroom" of the Church through the exercise of the ministerial priesthood, this in no way detracts from the role of women, or for that matter from the role of the other members of the Church who are not ordained to the sacred ministry, since all share equally in the dignity proper to the "common priesthood" based on Baptism."

So, we see that women are not "second class citizens" of the Kingdom, but rather citizens of this Kingdom who have been given a particular work. So, then what is this role of women in the Church? St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, formerly Edith Stein, declared, "The world doesn't need what women have, it needs what women are." God created woman uniquely, with gifts that are needed in God's family. It may be good for us to ponder what we are that informs our service in the Church.

In St. Francis' *Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, he sings out in many praises of Mary in various images. We say: "Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle! Hail His Dwelling!" All of these relate to the concept of being a home for the Great God. Mary had the privilege of living this reality in a physical way, but we are similarly called to nurture, give birth to, and reveal the presence of God in our world. As the "palace of Jesus", we recognize Him as King and source of our power. As the "tabernacle of Jesus", we know and pro-

claim His holy Presence—a Presence He himself planned, willed and instituted. We are to be that vessel of gold. Gold is the most precious substance we can provide for this tabernacle. We bring the best of our own giftedness with which to craft a place for the Lord. As the "dwelling of Jesus" we can recall the humble homes Jesus inhabited in Bethlehem and Nazareth. In this image we recognize our own simplicity, but also our ability to shelter and welcome the Lord in His many manifestations.



St. Francis goes on to proclaim, "Hail His robe!" The robe is close to the skin, is close to our God. This is our place. We are to remain close to Jesus, in the privileged position of clothing His invisibility with visibility before those who see us.

Next, Francis says, "Hail His Servant! Hail His Mother!" What is a mother other than a servant to her family? She gives life in so very many ways. She serves in so many capacities. This is our calling within the Church. We are to serve the Body of Christ today. We are to give life in our presence and in our work among the People of God.

As we continue to delve into the Bishops' pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, we read their reflection on the task of doing justice. Here the Bishops write, "We are meant to love God with our whole being, which then overflows into love for our neighbor. 'Whoever loves God must love his brother.' (1Jn. 4:21)" This ability to love with the whole being goes to the root of who we are created to be by God. It is in our very nature to communicate the blessing of love to those

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# Zoom Retreat for Discerning Women



**Call to Pray with ... Francis and Clare**

You are invited to a Franciscan Zoom Retreat to assist with discerning a call to Franciscan Prayer and Life.  
Dates: August 14-15-16  
Who: young women ages 20-32 with discerning hearts.  
Schedule: Conference each evening @ 6:30 PM  
Individual appointments with director daily when you are available  
By immersing ourselves into the prayer of Saints Francis and Clare, we will unfold how God is working in our lives in this twenty-first century.

**Expectations:**  
+at least one half to one hour of prayer in addition to the conference and individual appointment  
+attendance at each conference  
+willingness to view posted materials as time permits

To register:  
<https://fscce-calledtobe.org/vocation-retreat-registration/>

*Manitowoc, Wisconsin*—“Called to Pray with Francis and Clare” launched at 6:30 PM on Friday, August 13, 2020. It was the first Zoom retreat offered by Sister Anne Marie Lom. The second retreat began Friday, September 11. Prior to the launch, Sister Christine Stoller and Sister Carol Ann Gambsky gave Zoom lessons and practiced with Sister Anne Marie. Sister Carol Ann even came to the first session in case “the jitters” set in. Sister Cecilia Joy Kugel reviewed and checked that all was well in scheduling.

## JUST Gospel!

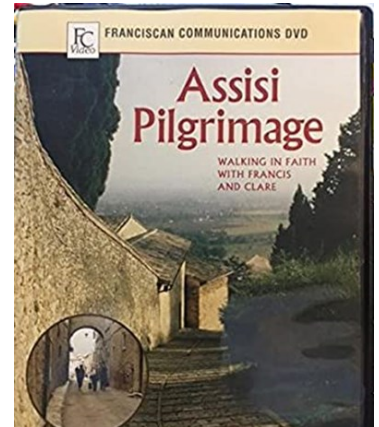
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around us. If we can accomplish this without exception, then we will have given a great gift to society.

This month will be a time to pray for all members of the laity, but also to contemplate our own God-given role as women in the Church. Let us not seek for what is not ours, but rather give thanks for the privilege of serving, of nurturing and let us carry out these tasks with love. The Legendary Ingramettes are a singing group that shares traditional spirituals and Gospel songs. In reflecting on their own upbringing in dignified poverty they say, “You will never be judged for what you don’t do with what you don’t have, but rather what you do with what you have.” Let us bring all that we have done with what we have before the Lord this month.

There was a conference each evening at 6:30 PM and then individual Spiritual Direction sessions during the following days.

The first conference was “Go Repair My Church” from the DVD Assisi Pilgrimage, *Walking in Faith with Francis and Clare*. Discussion questions were provided to begin the individual sessions held on Saturday. Sister met with each retreatant via Zoom for about 45 minutes.



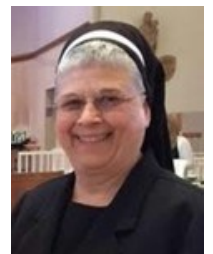
The second conference was “Ritual Walk of St. Clare of Assisi” from the same DVD. Again questions were provided as a springboard for the individual sessions on Sunday.

The retreatants were asked for topics for the last conference on Sunday. The topics suggested were, “A Typical Day in the Life of a Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity”, how did the Franciscan Movement influence the entire Church, What are the Various Orders of Franciscans, and “Top Suggestions for Discernment”. The prepared handouts were presented via “screen sharing” on Zoom and then emailed to the participants. Thus far the young women have tuned in from Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, Maryland, and Colorado. They shared with each other on their own time as well as after the presentations.

Our Community Webpage proved invaluable since links could be sent to the retreatants to view presentations featured there. The young women eagerly look forward to a virtual tour of the Motherhouse which is in process. Visiting the Motherhouse is a very important part of their discernment process. The visitation protocols are in place for women to actually visit.

Future Zoom retreats on Francis and Clare are scheduled for October 16-18 and November 20-22.

*Note: It is interesting to note that most of the production of the Assisi Pilgrimage DVD was coordinated by Greg Freidman OFM who has provided several retreats for our Community in recent years.*



Sister Anne Marie Lom, Retreat Director

## School Began In-Person in Cambridge

Cambridge, Ohio—School began at St. Benedict's on September 1, 2020 with in-person classes. The Sisters are shown in action in their respective roles.



Sister Helen Marie Paul is inventorying books in the library. Due to the Pandemic, the children do not have access to the library. Sister goes to their respective classrooms with her cart loaded with books.



Sister Carol Juckem is shown with some of the pre-school students. They are about to learn a song with gestures.



Sister Mariadele Jacobs is teaching primary religion and Parish School of Religion (PSR), Grade 2 class, on Sunday mornings. The theme this year is: "Jesus Is Our Teacher."



Sister June Smith is busy doing office work for the school. At this time, she is working on: Family Inventory, Script, Use of Technology, Medical History, Covid Risk Forms, and the Directory.

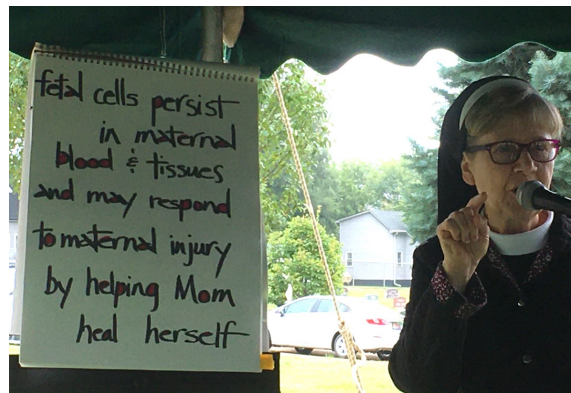
—Sister Sharon Paul

## National Day of Prayer for Aborted Babies

Omaha, Nebraska—On Saturday, September 12th, I was privileged to address members of *Nebraskans Embracing Life* as they gathered in front of the memorial statue in Omaha's St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery to remember the **61 million unborn babies** who have lost their lives since the legalization of abortion.

Those gathered also prayed for healing for the mothers who, tragically, often suffer from their abortion decision in a myriad of ways.

My contribution to the service was to demonstrate how examples of fetal research is making us more and more aware that the embryo/fetus/developing baby-in-the-womb is a *person* and, therefore, a subject of rights, beginning with the right to live. The research data suggest that all the while the mother is protecting and nourishing the baby *in utero* and beyond, the baby is protecting and aiding the mother, post-partum and



Sister Renée addresses Nebraskans Embracing Life.

beyond, via fetal stem cells—cells from the developing baby—that persist in the cells and tissue of the mother after giving birth. Fetal stem cells that could, long after delivery, perform their magic of (1) morphing into whatever maternal cells that are injured or degenerated; (2) rushing to the site of maternal injury, and (3) healing the mother of her perspective disease.

In sum this research highlights the reality that pregnancy is a two-person

mutual aid society. Mom helps baby; baby helps mom. You could say, then, that baby and mother form a phalanx (a line) where each, as a hoplite (a foot soldier), uses his/her "shield" to protect the exposed side of the other. (The phalanx or multiple lines of hoplites (foot soldiers) was a Greek invention defining Greek warfare from the 7th through the 4th centuries, BC). My interest was to help those attending this prayer service to key in on the moral implications of what I call the *hoplite phalanx effect* of pregnancy.

Judging by the response, I can attest that everyone present heartily agreed the research data generated by these studies are both "dramatic" and "stunning," and effectively dispel the myth that the baby's basic right to live could be trumped by the mother's putative right to privacy or to control her body.

—Sister Renée Mirkes

## Baptismal Consecration: The Life of Hope

At the beginning of his encyclical letter *Spees salvi* (*On Christian Hope*), Pope Benedict XVI observes that hope is such a fundamental category to Biblical faith that hope seems equivalent to faith. <sup>(par. 2)</sup> Such profound similarity might make it difficult to distinguish between the two. At the beginning of this article, we ask “what exactly does hope “add” to faith?”

In reflecting on our human relationships, we become aware that it is one thing to *establish* a relationship and quite another to *walk* in a relationship. At a human level, faith / fidelity is the virtue by which we establish human relationships, joining our lives to those others. However, if an established relationship is to flourish, we must actively *engage* that relationship day-in and day-out; we must *walk in* that relationship, come what may; we must “hang in there” with one another. At a human level, hope is precisely our human capacity to (and therefore the virtue by which we) “hang in there” with one another, *come what may*. Those last words help us intuit that hope exists especially when we experience our limitations (misunderstanding, betrayal, suffering in general). Because hope enables us to remain faithful to our relationships during times of suffering, hope can be seen as adding courage to our fidelity and shines especially when the odds are against us.

While human hope *presupposes* faith / fidelity, hope “puts flesh” on the faith we say we have in one another; hope keeps faith rooted in the “ever-new” day-to-day. Another way of saying all this is to say that that hope projects us and our relationships toward the future.

At this writing, the difficulty with which we (of the U.S.A., in 2020) live human hope are powerfully present to my mind. We focus so much on “success,” “the win,” and “my way” that often this focus excludes consideration for (and fidelity to) our relationships. However, several everyday examples of human hope come to mind: athletes play to the end of the match, even after it has become clear that a win is not possible for their team; mothers and fathers of palsied children raise their children to be as self-sufficient as possible and rejoice in each success their child displays, no matter how “minor” the success, no matter how advanced the age of the child; spouses of disabled veterans

embrace the new life that the disability of their spouse will mean.

Spousal commitment provides one of the best examples of human faith and hope. In an act of faith, each one gives their word to give *themselves* to the other: “I take you [...] to be my husband / wife. I promise [...]”. Hope is expressed near the end of their vows when they indicate that their promise is being made for “all the days of my life.”

In the Gospels, Jesus’ poverty is the context for the hope he displays, even as an infant. As if the Incarnation were not enough of a poverty, Jesus consistently chooses to *deepen* his poverty. He is born to a poor couple; he chooses to be regarded as a common sinner at his Baptism; he refuses to “employ” (or “deploy”) his divinity to defend himself at the moment of his temptation in the desert, his anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, or in response to the mockery offered him at his crucifixion. He even surrenders to the poverty of seeming as if He has been abandoned by His Father, pouring out His heart to His Father in the sure hope that His Father *would show His fidelity*.

The hope that Jesus demonstrated at his crucifixion enabled Him to *live his crucifixion in the confidence of His Father’s fidelity*. THIS is the hope that has been planted into *our own human hope* at our Baptism. By gift of the Holy Spirit, Baptism has upgraded our human hope, fueling it with the very hope that Jesus lived in his poverty, most especially at his crucifixion. By gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to *experience and live out of Jesus’ own confidence in His Father as we face death*, whether the daily deaths that present themselves or our final, definitive death at the end of our lives.

Death and suffering are evil, and we naturally resist them. Jesus’ surrender to His Father in hope teaches us that the way to glory is not found in rebelling against our poverty and limitations, but in surrendering to them. If the Father can turn the death of Jesus into resurrection, just think what He will do with our death(s)! May we ask for the grace to live this confidence along with Saint Paul who proclaimed that “the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us!”<sup>Romans 8.18</sup>

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# Conversion—Need for Church Penitent

By Sister Mary Ann Spangers

*Sister Mary Ann Spangers addresses topic of conversion highlighting the need for Church penitent.*

Conversion for us, as a Church, needs to come in the form of penance. One of my former students summed up in a sentence what such a church would look like. Thanking me for being his teacher, he said: “You loved us, even when we disappointed you.” (I can add that my students love me, even when I disappoint them.)



*Sister Mary Ann with students prior to the pandemic.*

Is this not a call to conversion to be a penitent, to recognize that one fails, sins, disappoints and yet knows that despite it all, one is loved and forgiven? Is this not how we experience God’s love and forgiveness? The only real answer to the brokenness of the world is Jesus’ love, through us, his church. Yet when we as church fail to be authentic, to love and forgive each other, we, too, become broken. When those called to guide us in the church become the cause of sin, harm and evil, the brokenness leads to rejection, pain and distrust. Sometimes the damage seems beyond repair and reconciliation.

How do we identify ourselves as Church? What images do we use? The Second Vatican Council urged us to search for new images of the Church so that it could become what it was intended to be from the beginning. The question my students struggle with is, what is an authentic identity of the Church today? I believe that the only way the Church can be relevant is if it embraces the model of a penitent.

St. Francis of Assisi provides us with a historical example. He chose to live among the lepers of his time, to take on the stigma of being an outcast and to befriend the sinners, the wretched and the poor. He took on this

way of life as a penitent so that he might imitate Jesus, who shared our humanity and atoned for the sins of all through his living, dying and rising. Jesus accepted the sins and sufferings of others through death so that new life could



be born. This is the call of the penitent to conversion, to face sin, to reconcile and to rise above it with the grace God offers. The proposed model of the Church as penitent views the Church as human beings in relationship with God. This relationship is shared with all God’s creatures.

As a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity, embracing the life of a penitent is my reality. It is how I am able to teach my Lasallian Cristo Rey students. I am able to walk with them in need of God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. I teach theology about a Church that is in disarray. Honesty with teenagers is the only thing that works. It is their honesty about who they are and who they hope to be that gives me hope. We are the Church, we are a human faith community, but God is with us. We fall and sin and get up because of God’s love through and in each other. It is in this that we embrace the life of penitents and experience conversion of heart.

## Pray for Our Deceased Sisters



SISTER VIRGINE VAN THULL

Born: February 21, 1933  
Died at Holy Family  
Memorial Medical Center  
September 21, 2020

Religious Profession of Vows  
August 15, 1956



SISTER IMELDA ANN DICKRELL

Born: January 3, 1924  
Died at Holy Family Convent  
September 24, 2020

Religious Profession of Vows  
August 15, 1941



## Cleaning Up (continued from p. 1)



*Sister Caritas worked in the college archives room with help from Sisters Ritarose and Mary Gabriel.*



*Sister Mariella meticulously gathered and inventoried the college's permanent art collection sorting it from art pieces of lesser value. Sister Carol Seidl finishing up in the print shop.*



*Sisters Marlene and Jane cleaning offices in the education department.*



*Binders anyone!*



*Sisters Theresa and Natalie cleaning the Resident Assistant's office.*

## Conservatory Open for Classes August 31



*Sister Carol waiting for students to arrive.*

Sister Carol Ann Gambsky and others put in long hours cleaning out, organizing and setting up rooms in preparation for beginning lessons. Stanislava Varshavski and Sisters Jolynn, Antonice, Lorna, Mary Carol, Verna, Nancy, and Paulyn from Saint Francis Convent were of great help.



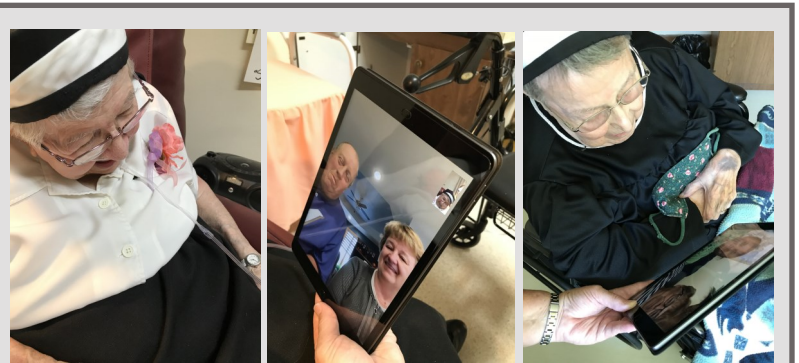
Sister Carol Ann and the new violin teacher, Heidi Barker, sorted and organized violins. Sisters Marcus, Antonice, and Verna were very involved in this project which lasted several days.



*Sister Mary Carol working with one of her piano students.*



*Sister Jolynn is busy sorting through cupboards and boxes.*



The Sisters in St. Rita Health Center are enjoying visits with some of their family members via Face Time. Photos l to r: Sister Mary Charles Hlinak celebrated her birthday with a visit with her brother and his wife. Sister Bernadone Fagan visiting with some of their family members recently.

# Forty Days for Life

*St. Louis, Missouri*—Forty Days for Life (to pray and sacrifice for an end to abortion and the closing of abortion clinics) begins on Wednesday, September 23 and ends on Sunday, November 1.

In St. Louis, the Coalition for Life arranges for parishes to have two or more volunteers every hour from seven in the morning until seven in the evening. Those who come to pray outside Planned Parenthood are welcome to come to Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent to pray in our chapel, use the restroom or enjoy a drink or snack in our hospitality room. Those entering the convent need to wear a mask, socially distance, and have their temperature taken at the door this year.

The workers and clients at Planned Parenthood in St. Louis have decreased. Now they only use one parking lot com-



*Sisters Delores Vogt and Sue Ann Hall chat with a Coalition volunteer outside Planned Parenthood.*

*File photo of the 2019—40 Days for Life event.*

pare to two parking lots they used the first two years our Sisters were at Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent.

The Coalition for Life has arranged for people to pray at the secretly built abortion clinic in Fairview Heights, Illinois. The Missouri Coalition leaders have worked hard to train sidewalk counselors at Fairview Heights. Some of the Missouri women are traveling about a half hour across the Mississippi River to the abortion clinic in Fairview Heights..

The abortion restrictions are much more lenient or nonexistent in Illinois.

Please join us in prayer so that every child may have life and celebrate their birthday.

*—Sister Delores Vogt*