

Stella Maris

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of the Mother of God

Dear Family, Friends, and Benefactors,

The Sisters would like to wish all of you a very blessed Easter season. This past week, all of our Sisters were gathered together for the First Vows and Final Vows ceremonies. On Easter Monday, April 18, 4 of our Novice Sisters took their First Vows for one year: Sr. Margaret Mary (OH), Sr. Stephanie Marie (OH), Sr. Evangeline Marie (IA), and Sr. Mary Imelda (MN). The following day, Easter Tuesday, Sr. Mary Martina (MN), Sr. Noel Marie (MI), and Sr. Maria Antonia (IA) made their Final Profession of Vows.

On March 12, two of our postulants, Esther Armour (Glasgow, Scotland), and Camila Lopez-Assad (Guadalajara, Mexico), took the white veil of a Novice, and received their new religious names: Sr. Veronica Mairi and Sr. Paulina Marie. Sr. Mary Perpetua (IL) made her triennial profession.

In February, our yellow Lab, Angelo, passed away from a large tumor. The Bishop got us a new puppy from Rock Valley, IA, so we named him Rocky. He is now 4 months old.

During this final quarter of the school year, the Sisters are preparing report cards and graduation ceremonies. We look forward to the summer vacation with our annual three-day retreat in June.

This summer's Girls' Camp will be July 11-16. Please contact us to sign up or to sponsor a girl in need. 402-290-5478.

Please keep our Sisters in your prayers.

With our prayers, The Sisters of the Mother of God







Hiking in Colorado Springs

St. Patrick's Day Program in Phoenix, AZ $\,$

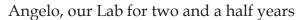




Candle light Rosary on Our Lady of Lourdes, Sartell, MN

Colorado Field Trip







Rocky, our new puppy



St. Patrick's Day Program in Denver, Colorado



Palm Sunday in Lebanon, OH



Preparing the Altar of Repose in Harmony, MN



Gathering wood in Burlington, CO



Church Choir in Seneca, Wisconsin (above)

Cutting the hair of the New Novices before the reception of the habit and the white veil (right)





First Vows Ceremony - Easter Monday Final Vows Ceremony . Easter Tuesday





Receiving the black veil on their First Profession of vows



Before making their Final Profession the Sisters are covered with the Pall



Making Final Profession before the Blessed Sacrament



Receiving the gold ring as a sign and pledge of their alliance with their Heavenly Spouse