



Stella Maris

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of the Mother of God

Dear Family, Friends, and Benefactors,

A Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all! We wish to express our sincerest gratitude for all the cards, gifts, and donations given to us! May God reward you and your families.

The pre-Christmas season had been very busy for all our convents as we prepared for one of the greatest feasts of the year. There were programs, caroling, bake sales, decorating, and many other things that had kept the Sisters from ever having a dull moment. At our Convent in Persia, Iowa, St. Lucy's Day brought us another calf. The novices have their work cut out for them as they are now milking four cows! With around 12 gallons of milk a day, the Sisters have to make cheese and butter two to three times a week to keep up with this never-ending supply.

A few of our Sisters traveled to Scotland to sing for a former boarder girl's wedding. While there, they were able to see some sights and meet Fr. Armour's parishioners in Scotland and Ireland. What a beautiful thing it is to be a part of the mission work that is being done to spread the true Faith in different countries throughout the world!

On April 6, Sr. Veronica Mairi (Scotland) will be renewing her vows for three years and Sr. Therese Marie (Arkansas) will be taking first vows. Sr. Maria Jacinta (Canada) and Sr. Maria Philomena (Virginia) will be celebrating their silver jubilee on July 1. On July 2, Sr. Maria Raphaelle (Minnesota) and Sr. Marie Bernadette (Iowa) will be taking final vows.

On the feast of the Epiphany, as we reflect on the coming Magi to Bethlehem by means of a star, we are happy to see a number of young women who have seen the star of their vocation and will soon join us.

With our prayers,
The Sisters of the Mother of God



Gabrielle Pavlik is received as a Postulant





Cutting trees for Christmas
Colorado Springs, Colorado



Trees for the church
Omaha, Nebraska



Decorating the tree at the convent
Persia, Iowa



An outing to see "A Christmas Carol"
Lebanon, Ohio



Sr. Mary Gertrude plays while the students sing
carols to the elderly- Omaha, Nebraska



Singing for Midnight Mass
Mountain View, Arkansas



The Holy House of Loreto Play
London, Ontario



Christmas Program
Seneca, Wisconsin



Decorating for Christmas
Seneca, Wisconsin



Teaching catechism to children in
the United Kingdom



Christmas Program
Harmony, Minnesota



Tarcisians of the Sacred Heart
Sartell, Minnesota



Christmas Program
Burlington, Colorado



Caroling to the elderly
El Mirage, Arizona



Visiting a shrine of Our Lady in St. Augustine, Florida



Visiting a cemetery in Denver, Colorado, during the month of the Poor Souls



The Sisters from the Arkansas and Alabama missions visit the Ave Maria Grotto in Culman, Alabama



Tintern Abbey, Ireland



Relics of St. Margaret of Scotland



William Wallace Monument in Scotland