



Stella Maris

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of the Mother of God

Dear Family, Friends, and Benefactors,

The Sisters have been wondering where the summer has gone! It seems like only yesterday that the Sisters all came together for their annual retreat at the end of May. Following the retreat, the Sisters have been busy with catechisms, girls' camps and other summer projects in their various schools.

In Persia, there is never a dull moment. With the acquisition of two new milking cows, the Sisters have been making cheese and butter several days a week to keep up with the constant supply of milk from our now four milking cows. With over 60 priests, seminarians, Sisters, and boarder students to feed this coming fall, this will help greatly. Our garden has been also doing quite well; we just finished processing 70 gallons of corn from a nearby farmer.

In July, Sr. Maria Jacinta (Canada) and Sr. Maria Philomena (Virginia) celebrated their silver jubilee, and Sr. Maria Raphaelle (Minnesota) and Sr. Marie Bernadette (Iowa) made their final profession of vows. Congratulations to them and their families on these two significant occasions!

On August 15, Sr. Paulina Marie will be making her triennial profession of vows; Sr. Maria Avila will be making her first profession; Gabrielle Pavlik will enter her novitiate by making her promises of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Thank you to all who helped sponsor girls for our girls' camp and helped in any other way to make it a success! With over 150 girls to coordinate, we appreciate every help, especially any prayers sent our way.

With our prayers,
The Sisters of the Mother of God





First Communion in Ontario, Canada



School program in Burlington, CO



Summer catechism in Denver, CO



School program in Hazel Green, AL



National Shrine of St. Philomena, WI



Alumni and students of Immaculate Conception Academy at their 25th Anniversary, Sartell, MN



Our Lady of the Sun Girls' Camp
El Mirage, AZ



Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy
Archery Team, Colorado Springs, CO



Summer Catechism at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Sulphur Springs, OH



Corpus Christi procession at St. Theresa Church, O'Neill, NE



God's abundant blessings keep us quite busy!



Repainting the deck at our Convent in Persia, IA



25th Anniversary of Sr. Maria Jacinta and Sr. Maria Philomena



May Shrine Lebanon, Ohio



Outdoor Mass Persia, IA



St. Bridget's Kirk, a 12th Century Church in Scotland
(Below)

Catechism in Scotland; the children enjoyed learning about the saints and making saint shrines (Left and Above)



Choir Practice in Scotland (Left)

Ben Lomond near Loch Lohmond (Right)



Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City



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