



Stella Maris

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of the Mother of God

Dear Family, Friends, and Benefactors,

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Reflecting on the past year, we see how truly blessed we have been. God, in His loving care for us, has provided us with generous benefactors. We wish to convey our sincerest and most heartfelt gratitude for all the donations, no matter how small. May God reward you abundantly!

We were happy to welcome two new postulants to our Congregation. Madison Walz (Wisconsin) entered November 1, the feast of All Saints. During this Christmas season on December 28, Sr. Mary Perpetua made her final profession of vows and received the simple gold ring marking her forever as a Spouse of Christ. Also, Ivy Miller (Ontario, Canada) was received as a postulant on the same day and her entry brought our numbers to forty-four.

As the number of Sisters continually increases, so does our need to make additional space at the Motherhouse. Providentially, a building manufacturing company in Iowa had a large pre-manufactured building (16 by 40 ft) that they discounted because the original purchaser backed out. We were able to purchase the building at an excellent price and have named it *Loreto* because, when delivered, it originally was placed in the middle of the gravel road in front of the convent before it was set in place on the convent property.

Wishing you a year filled with many graces and blessings!

With our prayers,

The Sisters of the Mother of God





Mary Immaculate Academy,
Seneca Wisconsin



Immaculate Conception Academy,
Sartell, Minnesota



Christmas at St. Benedict's Church,
Lacey's Spring, Alabama



Decorating for Christmas,
Mountain View, Arkansas



All Saints' Day Party at St. Therese Academy,
Lebanon, Ohio



Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine, Florida, the
oldest masonry fort in the continental U.S.



Our Lady of Victory Academy Christmas caroling,
Ontario, Canada



Christmas program at Sacred Heart Academy, Burlington, Colorado



Christmas Play, St. Joseph Academy, Harmony, Minnesota



The titular feast of Mother Cabrini Academy in Colorado



Shoveling snow at Our Lady of Victory Convent and Academy



Gathering Christmas trees in the Rocky Mountains



The postulants working hard to make apple cider



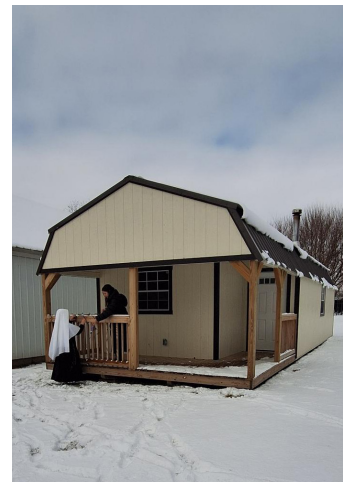
Our Lady of the Sun, El Mirage, Arizona



Our Lady of Grace Church, Seneca, Wisconsin



Funeral for Cecilia Fabaz at Our Lady of Fatima, Weeki Wachi, Florida



Our new little house, Loreto



New stenciling above the altar in our chapel: *Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis!*



Sr. Mary Perpetua's Final Vow ceremony



Ivy's postulant ceremony



Madison's postulant ceremony

