



# Visitors

*In early August, we had the joy of again having Fr. Michael Monshau, OP come to give us classes. His topic this time was on religious life. Father is currently a professor at the Angelicum in Rome.*



Our cloister garden was exceptionally beautiful this year. We would like to take you for a stroll through some of the trees and flower beds donated by some special friends and benefactors.



In thanking our friends, we cannot forget to gratefully acknowledge the diligent work and care provided by our employees.



*Fr. Melvin James, SVD, came for a visit and updated us on his work with Mother Antonia in the Tijuana Jail in Mexico. He is helping Mother establish a religious congregation for men: Servants of the Divine Word of the Eleventh Hour.*

*We had the pleasure of hearing from Fr. Michael Manning, SVD, about God's humor in the Bible. Father is the producer of the well-known Wordnet Productions.*



*Our community welcomed Archbishop Raymond Burke for Mass and breakfast on September 22. We enjoyed this reunion with our former Archbishop and dear friend.*



# Mount Grace Newsletter

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*You and your loved ones will be remembered in our Advent and Christmas Liturgies*

December 16-24,

December 26-January 3,

and

*in our Eucharistic Celebrations on Christmas Day.*

*In the Love of the Infant Child, Sister Mary Catherine and Sisters*



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# I Vow to You Holy Triune God...

On May 21 our two novices made their first profession of



vows: Sister Maria Epifania and Sister Mary Sophia. The night before their profession, Sister Maria Epifania and Sister Mary Sophia were invested with our rose-colored habit as a sign of our consecration to the Holy Spirit as his servants. They also received their religious names, symbolizing the unique call of the Lord for each Sister. The ceremony the next morning was very beautiful and solemn.

Monsignor Edward Rice, Vicar of Religious, was the main celebrant, accompanied by nine concelebrating priests and two deacons. During the ceremony, the celebrating Sisters received the veil, a symbol of their bridal relationship to Christ, and a copy of our Constitutions which lays



before the newly professed the new way of life they have vowed to lived. Finally they received their profession cross, which contains the “image of the grace-dispensing love of the Holy Spirit and of the crucified love of our Savior” (St. Arnold). It was a day of joy and deep gratitude as each Sister remembered her own first profession of vows and God’s fidelity to her. Sister Maria Epifania is from Puerto Rico. She moved to North Carolina after obtaining her doctorate in dentistry and there discerned her vocation. She found our community through the Internet and was instantly attracted to our founder, St. Arnold Janssen. Sister Mary Sophia came to us from Texas. While in college, she discerned her vocation with our community in Corpus Christi. A couple days in Corpus Christi proved too short for her as she had quickly fallen in love with our life and spirituality. May the Lord grant perseverance to our newly professed!



Sister Mary Catherine Sister Mary Gemma Sister Mary Christia

## There is a Time for Everything

As the Book of Ecclesiastes says “there is a time for everything.” This became a reality in late Spring when our Superior General announced the new appointments of Superiors and Consultors for our Congregation. On June 6 we gratefully received into our midst **Sister Mary Catherine**, our new superior from our Convent of Divine Love in Philadelphia where she has served as superior the past twelve years. This is the third time Sister has been assigned to St. Louis. The first time was when she entered Mount Grace as a young candidate. Sister is a native of Baltimore and likes to reminisce about the days when she, her parents, and four siblings would go crabbing in Chesapeake Bay. **Sister Mary Gemma**, known for her previous terms as superior at Mount Grace, remains with us as Sister Mary Catherine’s assistant and is in charge of our correspondence department. Born and raised in St. Louis, Sister has seen many changes in the community and in the expansion of our convent. She recalls the days when, as a child, she often visited Mount Grace with her mother. In the afternoon of June 5, **Sister Mary Christia** arrived from our Blessed Sacrament Convent in Corpus Christi, Texas where she had served as superior for the past four years. Sister is from Philadelphia and is no stranger to Mount Grace, having previously been assigned here on several other occasions. St. Louis reminds Sister of her hometown, a big city where the Catholic Church flourishes. Besides her assignment as 2nd Consultor, Sister responds to ringing doorbells and telephones as she cares for people’s prayer petitions and enrollment card requests.

Join us in praying for God’s blessing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our new Council Sisters.