

On Pentecost Sunday (June 12, 2011) our religious Congregation will open its 11th General Chapter. This event is held only once every eight years and includes delegates from our 22 convents around the world. They will elect our Generalate who will govern our Congregation for the next eight years and will examine the condition of our Congregation to discern where God is leading it. This event affects the entire Church for the more faithfully we live our vocation the more we will be witnesses of Christ on earth. Our superior Sister Mary Catherine, and her councilor Sister Mary Christia, will be representing our community at the Chapter

We ask you to pray with us during this very special time.

**Lord Jesus, our Eucharistic King,
I come before you and join my prayer
with those of the Holy Spirit Adoration
Sisters around the world during this
time of their General Chapter.**

**May your Holy Spirit be with them and
guide and enlighten them in all their
undertakings and decisions.**

**Hear our united prayer, Lord Jesus,
for your glory and for the good of holy
Church.**

**I make this prayer, through the
intercession of your loving mother
Mary, and in your all powerful name.
Amen.**

Father Arnold's June Devotion

Every year we celebrate our "June Novena" or nine days of evening Masses with guest priests. It was begun by Bishop McNicholas (who also started the Legion of 1,000 Adorers) in the 1950's. It reflects the spirituality of our founder, St. Arnold Janssen. He had a great devotion and tender love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. For him, these were not two separate devotions but rather they complemented and enriched each other. The Holy Spirit formed the Heart of Christ when he overshadowed Mary in the Annunciation, and from the Cross Jesus sent forth the Holy Spirit in the piercing of his most Sacred Heart. It was these two devotions that led Fr. Arnold to found his three missionary congregations: the Society of the Divine Word, the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, and the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters.

*Lord Jesus,
send us the grace of the Holy Spirit
from the fullness of your
loving Heart!*

-St. Arnold Janssen

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In 1967, a seven-year-old boy asked to serve at our daily Mass. As a newly-ordained priest, he celebrated his second Mass with us. Now as a Bishop, **Most Reverend Edward Rice** celebrated his second Mass as a Bishop with us on January 14. It was a joyous occasion for us but as Bishop Rice reminded us, "Now, Sisters, you must pray for me more than ever!"



Bishop Rice's beautiful Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Richard Stika of Knoxville, TN; our chaplain, Reverend Dennis Logue, S.V.D; and Reverend James Theby. We all enjoyed visiting with them afterwards.



Did You Know?

~On June 7th Mount Grace Convent and Chapel turn 83!

Happy Birthday!

~Our community has 24 Sisters from all over the world: the United States, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Germany, the Netherlands, and Brazil.

With the recent release of *Verbum Domini*, we thought it most appropriate to have scripture classes. This year we are fortunate to have **Father Jay Harrington, O.P.** giving us classes on the Letters of Saint Paul. May the zeal of Saint Paul influence us all.

The feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort brought his Eminence **Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke** for Mass and breakfast with us. We were pleased to see his work in Rome has not caused him to lose his sense of humor.

