



# Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus and Mary!

Beginning with May 13th, the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen has been very focused on the current Fatima Centennial. Actually, I guess you could say we have been focused on it since last summer when we made our pilgrimage to Fatima. In our public chapel here at St. Michael's, the shrine to Our Lady of Fatima has been bedecked with flowers throughout the past four months. Recently, lights have been added as well, fittingly as we approach the anniversary of the climactic miracle of Fatima. Plans for the elaborate celebration on October 13th are in full swing. The monthly Rosary marches have been well attended. Yet all this, important as it is, counts for little in the vast scheme of things. In the last issue of our newsletter, thoughts were presented regarding a renewed fervor in our living of the message of Fatima. After all, that is the crux of the matter. Our Lady gave us a Peace Plan from heaven. It was simple, though perhaps not always easy: Prayer, especially the daily Rosary, sacrifice — particularly in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners, modesty, amendment of life.

What does it mean to amend our lives? "If men do not cease offending God, another



On June 27th, Sr. Mary Bernadette celebrated her Golden Jubilee of religious profession, Sr. Helen Marie took final vows, Sr. Mary Andrea made her triennial profession, and Sr. Philomena Marie took first vows.

and worse war will break out in the next pontificate" Have men stopped offending God? Have we? Is our own conversion perhaps what we need to pray and sacrifice for?

In the vast panorama of our world, how many are there who even believe in God or see Him as an important factor in their lives? Immodesty and sensuality govern the lives of countless souls. Materialism holds numberless souls in its clutches. Selfishness poisons the hearts of many who seem to be good people. It seems a bleak horizon. What can we do?

Let us not be overwhelmed or discouraged in the face of so much evil. Remember that the devil said that three men with the zeal of St. John Vianney would destroy his kingdom. What is our zeal like? Do we pray the rosary fervently every day? Have we done all we can to uproot sin from our own lives? Do we pray and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners? Small as they may seem, these acts DO make a difference.

As I write the citizens of southeastern Texas are undergoing severe trials as the result of Hurricane Harvey. Thirty-seven people so far have lost their lives, thousands of homes destroyed, tens of thousands damaged, almost 30,000 square miles covered with 20-40 inches of rain in just seven days. Let us us consider this briefly from two angles. First, if we do not do penance on our own, God will send it to us, as He seems to be doing more and more frequently. Unfortunately, too few people see the growing number of natural disasters as warnings from God, partly because God is so far from their thought, and partly because they do not want to consider that they need a warning.

Second, look at the far reaching results that accrued from tiny drops of rain. We may consider each of our prayers and sacrifices as of little value. How can they make any



Sr. Mary Bernadette rededicates herself to Our Lady of Fatima, after 50 years of loving service.

headway against the vast landscape of evil that surrounds us? But if each person who has at heart the triumph of Christ and His Mother does every small act in his or her power towards the coming of that Kingdom, will not each of those tiny drops of water swell the flood of His Grace that will turn the tide? "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." "Have confidence, I have overcome the world."

In Jesus and Mary,  
The Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen



The Sisters' vow ceremony closed with the chanting of the *Te Deum*, the Church's hymn of thanksgiving.





Marymount, an old Dominican military academy in Tacoma, Washington, was the site of the Sisters' annual retreat.



The original chapel with two altars and beautiful murals on the ceiling were available for our use. One altar faces the Sisters' choir, the other the boys' chapel.



Marymount's manicured lawns and peaceful atmosphere were perfect for meditative strolls.



The Sisters listened attentively as Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI, our primary retreat master, and Fr. Michael Anaya, gave the retreat conferences. The Marian altar was used for Holy Mass each morning.



The Sisters chant Compline from the Divine Office in the Dominican choir stalls. How providential that the present owners, at the request of the Dominicans, left the chapel intact!



Meals were served in the same kitchen and dining room used by the academy students until the school closed in the 1970's.





The Sisters' vow ceremonies on June 27 began with the first Golden Jubilee ceremony of our Congregation. Sr. Mary Bernadette, with a heart filled with gratitude for the great gift of her vocation, renews her vows.



At the close of her cloistered novitiate year, Sr. Philomena Marie exchanges her white veil for a blue one.



Sr. Mary Andrea makes her Triennial Profession and receives her Brown Scapular .



"Arise to a new life in Christ." Sr. Helen Marie, who is making her perpetual profession, lies under the funeral pall for the duration of the Litany of the Saints, symbolizing her death to the world.



At perpetual profession, each Sister receives a gold ring, her daily reminder of her espousals to Christ.



As members of the same religious family, the Sisters join the various hymns and chants throughout the vows' ceremonies.



It is truly a great blessing to have our Father General, Bishop Mark Pivarunas, CMRI, preside at our Sisters' ceremonies.





The Sisters took a "family day" this summer to honor Sr. Mary Bernadette's Golden Jubilee, beginning with the recitation of the Rosary in the Lourdes grotto.



This year also marks the 50th anniversary of our Congregation. Sr. Philomena Marie crowns Our Lady with roses.



A special meal to honor the occasion was accompanied by toasts given by three Sisters, one to represent the younger, the middle and the older generations of our Congregation.



At the golden jubilee, the green leaves on the final vow crown are replaced with those of gold.



After the recitation of the Glorious mysteries, Sr. Mary Bernadette crowns Our Lady with golden roses.



The celebration wouldn't be complete without a little music! The Sisters learned to sing a prayer familiar to them, "I am in Thy Hands, O Mary" for the occasion.





*The 4th of July Singing Nuns' concert and dessert social is one of the highlights of our summer.*



*School may be out for the summer, but that is no reason not to stop by and have a little chat with Sister.*



*American patriotism, a tour of the Mount, some refreshments, a little chat with Sister—there is so much to enjoy at our summer concerts!*



*Every summer the Sisters have the opportunity to attend the air-show at Fairchild Airforce Base in Spokane.*



*The Sisters weren't home on July 13th to join the downtown Rosary procession, so they improvised a shrine with wildflowers and prayed the 15 decades.*



*The Novitiate's calf, Thora, was cared for by the older Sisters while they were away on their outing.*





*During their catechism trip to Ohio, Sr. Maria Kazimiera and Sr. Mary Angela took the time to bring cheer to some housebound parishioners.*



*The Sisters joined Fr. Gabriel Lavery, CMRI and some parishioners on a mini pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, Ohio.*



*Sr. Marie Vianney leads the students of St. Dominic Savio Catechism Camp in an intense game requiring both knowledge of catechism and concentration. Four Sisters went to California to help with the camp.*



*The junior Sisters spent a few peaceful days enjoying the beauty of northern Washington at Brookside Acres. Their visit included a short trail ride.*



*Easy on the honey, Sister. During their outing to Tacoma, the junior Sisters enjoyed flavoring cheese during a class at River Valley Cheese, Issaquah, Washington.*



*Why, it's a wallaby! A complimentary tour of Fall City Wallaby Ranch turned out to be a most enjoyable educational adventure.*





Rev. Mother and Sr. Marie Janae kneel at the shrine of Our Lady of Candlemas in the San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas.



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a solar eclipse! Sporting some special eclipse glasses, the Sisters took a little time to watch one of nature's marvels.



Through little holes in the leaves, the shadow of the eclipse formed unique patterns on the sidewalk.



Several Sisters spent a few days visiting the missions in Montana. These teepees would have been a familiar site to the early missionaries.



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stone were most gracious in giving the Sisters a tour of St. Mary's Mission in Montana.



Thank you St. Anthony! Sr. Mary Angela found her habit crucifix after two years. Garden work is good for body, soul, and finding things!



On the first day of Camp St. Philomena, the girls and the Sisters prayed the Rosary by the outdoor crucifix at Mount St. Michael.



## Our New Mission in California

Please pray for the spiritual success of our new mission convent in Rosamond, California, where Sr. Mary Josephine and Sr. Mary Veronica will be teaching at Immaculate Heart of Mary School and helping at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish as well as at Queen of Angels Parish in Santa Clarita



## The Promises of the Holy Rosary

Since the Rosary is one of the most important aspects of the Fatima message, it is good to remind ourselves of its great power. Moreover, Sister Lucia, in a 1957 interview, said that Our Lady has given it a “new efficacy” in our times, so that “there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, ...that cannot be solved by the Rosary.”



*In 1946, a Franciscan priest in Austria was praying that his country might be freed from the Communists when he was inspired to found a Rosary crusade of reparation. Within a few years, 70,000 Austrians were keeping a constant Rosary vigil, and by May 13, 1955, the Communists agreed to leave Austria.*

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His

## Calendar

Sept.	16	Sr. Mary Andrea's feastday
	29	Feast of St. Michael: Titular feast of St. Michael's Convent Sr. Michael Marie's feastday
Oct.	3	Sr. Therese Marie's, Sr. Mary Teresita's and Sr. Theresa Doll's feastday (She just entered on Sept. 12!)
	7	Feast of the Most Holy Rosary
	11-15	Fatima Conference at Mount St. Michael
	13	100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima
Nov.	19	Sr. Mary Isabella's feastday Sr. Maria Providencia's feastday
Dec.	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mary Immaculata's feastday
	10	Sr. Mary Loretta's feastday
	9-11	Christmas Concerts
	22	Sr. Mary Cabrini's feastday
	25	Christmas Day Sr. Marie Emmanuel's feastday
	27	Sr. Mary Evangeline's feastday

justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

### Our Apostolate of Prayer



Are you or someone you love in need of special prayers? Send your intentions to the Sisters to be remembered in our daily prayers, Masses and good works.

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