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# Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Family Newsletter

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration  
of Hanceville, Alabama  
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Dear Family,

Have you ever imagined what this world would be like without children? A little child's presence radiates an atmosphere of joy, warmth, simplicity and love to all around. We cannot but smile when we watch a child with its eyes open wide, filled with wonder and delight! Sadly, we live in a culture where the child is seen more as a burden than a gift. Yet, the most wonderful gift ever given to mankind came in the form of a child. God Himself took the road of childhood. He came in littleness and weakness, taking on the dependency of childhood when He could have come to us as an adult. The Eternal Word came to save us by making Himself a little one, irresistibly lovable, because He wanted to be loved, not feared. He comes not to destroy us but to heal us, to save us from our sins and bring us back to His Father's House.



Our monastery chapel is dedicated to the Divine Child Jesus, so with great joy we celebrate the Solemnity of the Divino Niño Jesús every first Sunday of September (which is the ninth first Sunday of the year). It all started when Mother Angelica was in Bogota, Colombia in 1996. Father Juan Pablo Rodriguez brought her to the Sanctuary of the Divine Child Jesus to attend Mass. After Mass, Fr. Pablo took her into a small Shrine which housed the miraculous statue of the Child Jesus. Reverend Mother had to stand at the side of the statue because there was no room to stand in front of it. As she stood there praying and looking up at the sweet face of the statue, suddenly Jesus came alive, turned His head towards her and said to her with the voice of a young boy, "Build Me a Temple, and I will help those who help you." She was mesmerized. Never had she seen such beautiful eyes! She began to cry, but said nothing. After coming home from the trip, Mother Angelica shared her story with the nuns.

Mother placed two different statues of the Child Jesus here at the Shrine. The side Altar of the Divine Child Jesus with his arms raised is the Child Jesus interceding for all of us. The one outside in the piazza is the Divine Child Jesus inviting us to accept His Love, His Heart, and to carry with us and within us the Childhood of Jesus. For the Lord said, "Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

As we celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of the Divine Child, may we all receive the grace to become more childlike. May He grant us the grace to see life as a gift, to trust in His Love for us and to have joyful hearts full of awe at His goodness!



Please Join us  
for Divino Niño Celebration,  
Saturday, September 6th!

Holy Mass, Adoration, Talks, Tours,  
Mariachi Band, Candle-Light  
Procession

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## Mother's Corner

(Excerpt from Mother's letter to her mother when she entered the monastery.)

*"My own dearest Mother, When you receive this letter, I will be in Cleveland. I have entered the Adoration Monastery. You know it better as St. Paul's Shrine. A cloister, my mother, is a heaven on earth. There will I tell Him with every breath that I take that I love Him. There will I make reparation for all the cold hearts in the world. Something happened to me after my cure. What it was I don't know. I fell completely in love with Our Lord. To live in the world for the past 19 months has been very difficult. I love you very much, and I have not forgotten what you have done for me. I ask your blessing that I may reach the heights I desire. I love you very much. Always Yours, Rita xxxx."*

### Mother Update - Living Sacrifice

Mother's condition remains the same. Her day begins very early with a breakfast of Panetone toast and a banana. She more than makes up for the loss of sleep by napping after each meal. We feel blessed when she wakes up and with a twinkle in her eye gives us one of her beautiful smiles.

August 15th will be the 70th anniversary of her entrance into Religious Life. Mother took her vocation seriously and never looked back. Over the years as she worked to overcome her faults and grow in holiness and union with Jesus, she endeavored to pass that love and zeal on to others: first to her sisters and then to the world, culminating in the television network she founded.

But that wasn't the end. These past years, she has become more conformed to her Eucharistic Bridegroom, living the same silent, hidden life of Jesus in the Tabernacle. She is a Victim-Host with Jesus. Surely her "living sacrifice" is helping to bring many souls to Jesus. God has a reason for keeping her here....

## Our Lady of the Rosary Novena

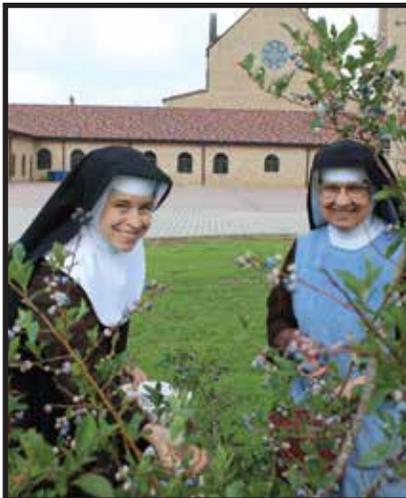


September 29- October 7

*Powerful vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour mercy, even though the hour of God's justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men. As we kneel before you in prayer, obtain for us our request...Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us. Amen.*

*Please join us and send in your petitions!*

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Sr. Michael and Sr. John Paul picking berries. Sr. Veronica and Sr. Judith with their bananas.

## From Behind the Wall...

The berry bushes in the cloister garden were very fruitful this year. If we couldn't find Mother Vicar in the monastery, we finally caught on that we should check the great outdoors. One afternoon, one of the sisters finally found her outside picking berries, her hands all scratched from the bushes. Sister said with concern, "Your hands are all scratched." But a very content Sr. Michael replied, "Sister, it's all for the cause," which was her way of saying that a few scratches were well worth the enjoyment of a delicious raspberry cobbler!

During recreation, two sisters were discussing the correct way to peel a banana. Sr. Judith said, "Monkeys always squeeze the tip open, hold the stem and then peel." As Sr. Veronica began to demonstrate with her own banana, she began exclaiming, "Monkeys are so smart. See, the stem makes a great handle!" Before the words were out of her mouth, her whole banana awkwardly toppled over onto the table, leaving her holding the slippery banana peel. All I could say was, "So much for the monkey expertise!"

Before special feast days, our little choir works hard to learn the music, as everyone wants to sing well for Jesus. One busy day, I asked the sisters if they felt they really needed music practice that night. Sr. Gabriel, our sister from Vietnam, sweetly piped up with, "Why don't we just 'wink it?'" I answered, "You mean you want to just 'wing it?'" "Yes, just wink it!" she said as she gave me a big wink!

After living religious life for 50 years, Sr. Regina enjoys reminiscing about the past and sharing little words of wisdom with all the sisters. She gave everyone a chuckle one day by informing us: "If you live long enough, you'll get OLD!"

Dear Family, thank you for your loving support and encouragement. If you are interested in knowing more about our monastery, need information on vocations or have prayer requests for the nuns, please visit our new website at [www.olamnuns.com](http://www.olamnuns.com).

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