

Our Lady of the Angels Monastery

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration
of Hanceville, Alabama

Family Newsletter

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Dear Family,

We all sometimes feel the need to get away from our busy daily schedules and find a place to recharge our spiritual batteries. Even the apostles were told by our Lord after ministering to the crowds, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest awhile." This Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament continues to provide a place of spiritual renewal for the many pilgrims who come seeking God in an atmosphere of silence and beauty. It is an oasis of peace, and a place of prayer and reconciliation for many souls. In the spirit of our Holy Father Francis, we welcome all in love, as Catholics seek to grow in their love for the Eucharist and many others seek a quiet place to pray, often leaving with a greater knowledge of and respect for the Catholic faith. The pilgrims who visit may attend Holy Mass, silently join the Nuns as they pray the Liturgy of the Hours throughout the day, receive the Sacrament of Confession, take a tour of the John Paul II Eucharistic Center, attend a healing service, visit the Lourdes Grotto, or spend time in private adoration.



As more people come to know about this Shrine, the number of yearly visitors and pilgrims are increasing, and we are having difficulty accommodating multiple groups at once. After much prayer and discernment, we have decided to make an addition to our existing castle to adequately provide for the growing need. As our events and conferences at the Shrine increase (i.e. Clergy conferences, Pilgrim Groups, Divino Niño Day) these new facilities will help us to better provide for the spiritual needs of all. This planned addition will include a conference room and dining area which will seat over 200 people, new offices, and an area for the Gift Shop of El Niño. We broke ground in July and are hoping to complete the addition in about nine months. We would be most grateful if you could send a donation to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. We need your help to continue our mission to provide for the many pilgrims who come here seeking a place of inspiration, comfort, and peace.

Could you please help us with our Castle project?



Divino Niño Celebration

"Confidence in the Father's Love"

Saturday, September 5th

Mass, talks, confession, Eucharistic healing service and procession, Mariachi Band, and activities for the kids

Please visit our website for the schedule:
www.olamshrine.com



A celebration for the whole family!



Mother's Corner

"Saints are ordinary people, who love Jesus, try to be like Him, are faithful to the duties of their state in life, sacrifice themselves for their neighbor and keep their hearts and minds free of this world. No one is exempt from the call to holiness. Men, women and children have climbed the ladder of life and reached high degrees of sanctity. These holy Christians have come from every conceivable state and vocation."

Mother Update - "Ecce Ancilla Domini"

Mother Angelica continues to stay well after having recovered from the cold she had last Spring. Soon she will mark another milestone in her life. August 15th will be the 71st anniversary of her entrance into religious life - the day she gave herself to Jesus.

Among the messages Mother received for her Feast Day last March was this beautiful one from a Superior in one of our Monasteries: "Your 'Ecce Ancilla Domini' is now spoken with your whole being - silently, faithfully and lovingly. Thank you for your example."

Often during Mass, Mother raises her arms up as though offering herself along with Jesus in His Sacrifice. Before Mother entered the Monastery, she made the DeMontfort Consecration of herself to Jesus, through Our Lady, giving herself "entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life..."

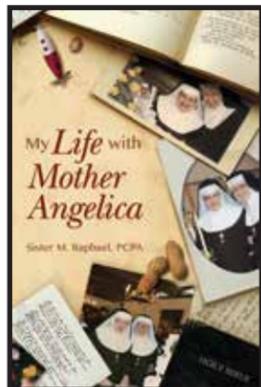
With Our Lady she continues to surrender: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Your Word."

A Must Read for all those who love Mother Angelica

From the first time Sr. M. Raphael met Mother Angelica at Sancta Clara Monastery to the beginning days of EWTN, Sr. M. Raphael shares her first-hand accounts of life with Mother Angelica.

Gift Shop of El Niño

www.nunsgiftshop.com or
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To listen to Sr. Agnes' book interview with Doug Keck, please visit:

<http://www.nunsgiftshop.com/product/LIFE.html>

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena

September 29 - October 7

Powerful vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour of mercy, even though the hour of God's justices 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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Join us on October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for a 7 PM healing service and candlelight procession at the Lourdes Grotto.



Sr. Maria Josefina's Investment

On May 1st, as we celebrated St. Joseph the Worker, our community gained a new novice! Our postulant, Sr. Judith Garcia, received the holy Habit. She wrote of this special day:

"With such indescribable joy I received my holy habit and my religious name Sister Maria Josefina of the Divine Child Jesus. Like any bride anticipating to meet her bridegroom at the altar, my heart was racing and my stomach was filled with butterflies before the ceremony. I was nervous because I had to sing a solo for the first time, but Our Lord took care of it very quickly. All my nerves and butterflies simply vanished. My heart was overwhelmed with so much joy that I forgot about everything and everyone present. I could sense Jesus' tender gaze upon me. I felt like the prophecy from Isaiah was once again fulfilled when he said:

*'I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul;
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
And wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
Like a bride bedecked with her jewels.'* (Isaiah 61:10)

What an honor it is to be called to this holy vocation; to be only for Jesus. With outstretched arms I was invested with the holy habit and was girded with the Franciscan cord to my waist. Like a child being dressed by its mother, the heavenly Father was giving me new graces and clothing me like His only beloved daughter through the hands of Mother Vicar. How appropriate it was to have the crown of thorns laid on my head-for with Love comes the Cross. The love of God makes it all worth it. So with joy and God's divine grace, I am willing to follow Him as I am now preparing for vows and with a willing heart I give myself unreservedly to His Most Sacred Heart and Holy Will."

