

Our Lady of the Angels Monastery

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration
of Hanceville, Alabama

Family Newsletter



Dear Family,

What a joy to know that we have in Mary such a loving Mother who watches over each of us with such tenderness, intercedes for us in all our needs and gently leads us to her Son! As Catholics, we honor our Lady during the month of May, the month of flowers. Each year on Mother's Day it is so delightful to watch all the young girls and boys in procession with their flowers, lovingly placing them before a statue of our Queen and Mother, as we sing to our "Queen of the angels, Queen of the May".

The mother, like our Lady, is the heart of the home, filling it with warmth and security for her children from the time they are conceived, take their first steps, on until they are grown and leave the home.

Many times in the midst of the daily grind and the pots and pans, it may be easy to forget that Motherhood is such an exalted vocation and an honorable profession, for it is the mother who plants and nurtures the first seeds of goodness in her children that will influence the whole course of their life. Mothers not only care for the physical needs of their children, but are the first ones to pass on the gift of our Faith, so that their children learn to know and love the wonderful God who has created and redeemed them. Children must learn at their mother's knee that Heaven is our home and life is but a pilgrimage to that Heavenly Kingdom. The poet William Wallace expressed this beautifully when he penned, "For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

We are grateful for our mothers who have passed on to us the knowledge of the Love of God and for all the sacrifices they have made and the love they have shown us through the years. We also want to thank all of our spiritual mothers who have helped us on our journey through life, especially our Mother Angelica, who is a mother to so many throughout the world. We know the power of prayer and sacrifice, and are grateful for the gift of spiritual maternity.

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul. The tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: To Be a Mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty



Solemnity of Corpus Christi
Please join us
as we honor
Our Eucharistic King!

June 7th at 5 PM

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Mother's Corner

"Our witness is not to be healthy, wealthy and wise, but to accept whatever Providence sends our way with joy of heart and peace of mind - in sickness or health, poverty or riches, success or failure. Our witness is to be truly free - free in mind, with no resentments to disturb us; free in heart with no attachment to hamper us; free in body, living in self-control; and free in spirit, ever seeking union with God."

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Mother Update - "...you in Me and I in you"

Since our last update Mother was doing fine until early Spring when she came down with a bad cold and cough. Our wonderful Dr. Hoover, who makes Monastery calls, came over immediately and gave her a shot and put her on antibiotics. Fr. Joseph came the next morning to anoint her. She improved greatly but as of this Newsletter deadline, she still has a cough. We hope that by the time you receive this Newsletter she will have recovered from the cold. Mother has pulled through so many crisis. As the doctors and nurses have always said, "She is amazing."

Mother's life never did follow the normal route and with God working in her it was always amazing, to say the least. When she was active, Jesus and Mother did miraculous things with little or nothing. Now as I look at her lying in bed, I often wonder how she can endure this cross day in and day out. But I know it is because Jesus is living in her, and they are one: "you in Me and I in you." It is His strength, His grace, His Presence sustaining her. And we are all blessed by her sacrifice and obedience to God's Will in her life.

Mother celebrated her 92nd birthday April 20th. Thank you for your many cards, flowers, and gifts.



Behind the Wall

With much joy we welcomed Sara Schlies from West Virginia, who entered as a postulant on December 8th. When a young lady answers the call of Our Lord and says "Yes" to His "Come, follow Me", she begins a lifelong journey of faith and joy in the house of the Lord.

Mother Angelica spoke often to us about becoming holy by living in the Present Moment. Because union with God comes about by striving to unite our will to His, we must see every moment of our lives as a sort of "communion with Divine Love." God's Love is given to us in the Present Moment, in the here and now. By seeing His Divine Providence in all that happens to us and conforming our will to His with all the love and generosity we are capable, we attain holiness of life.

De Caussade wrote, "We must leave the past to the great mercy of God, the future to His loving providence, and give all the present to His love by fidelity to His grace."

Sr. Agnes enjoying God's creation

Sr. Regina hard at work

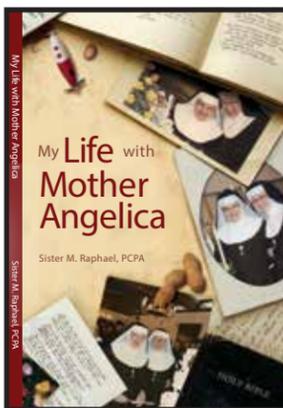


Recreating in the garden

A little St. Patrick's Day fun!

My Life with 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 living with Mother Angelica. **Available to purchase in mid-May.**



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Sacred Heart Novena

Thursday, June 4 -
Friday, June 12

O Lord Jesus Christ, to Thy Most Sacred Heart, I confide these intentions...Only look upon me, then do what Thy Heart inspires. Amen.

Please join us and send in your petitions!



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