



Angel Whispers

Benedictine Sisters of Clear Creek

Fall 2012

*"Benedicite, glacies et nives, Domino!"
("Ice and snow, bless the Lord!")
(Canticle of the Three Young Men)*

Dear Family and Friends of the Clear Creek Sisters,

It's not really snowing, nor are we having ice storms, but the weather has definitely cooled down considerably. We think the scorching summer heat is finally behind us. Deo gratias!

As we indicated in our last newsletter, we will be moving to the big log house in November. Our new address, effective November 10, 2012 is:

Benedictine Sisters of Clear Creek
Queen of Angels Priory
5813 W. St. Martha's Lane
Hulbert, OK 74441
Tel: 918-772-2170 (the same as the present one)

We are so thankful for the many hours of help we have already received these past weeks. The Wheeler girls have dedicated Fridays of the past months to assist us in packing books, dishes, etc. We are also grateful for the helpers who have come to move heavy boxes and other "muscle-men" jobs from the present convent to the basement and green house in the new location. We appreciate all those who will be coming to assist in the near future. Our Lady is sending us countless visible "angels" from all over in our time of need. They are all in our prayers each day.



Sisters chatting with Fontgombault visitors.



Friends interested in becoming oblates.

In the midst of all the hubbub we were blessed with the presence of the new abbot of Fontgombault, the Right Reverend Dom Jean Pateau, O.S.B. and his companion, Reverend Dom Georges Bourel, O.S.B. (a most accomplished organist and a very talented iconographer). Our Father Abbot, Dom Philip Anderson, O.S.B. brought them both to our convent for a most delightful parlor. Subsequently both Father Abbot Pateau and Father Bourel celebrated Holy Mass for us in our convent oratory on different days.

We were also privileged to have an "old" friend from the Missionaries of the Poor of the Third World visit us in the convent. Father Vincent came and brought with him Father Salvatore. It is always such a joy to hear of their growth and their wonderful apostolate among the very poor and abandoned in Cuzco, South America.

On the feast of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary we joyfully witnessed the ordinations of Brother Jose Maria Lagos, O.S.B to the sacred priesthood, and of Brothers Felkner and Norton to the diaconate. Receiving Father Lagos' first blessing and being present for his First Mass were all added blessings.

Despite these many happy occurrences we are able to maintain our life of prayer and silence. Now that we are officially a Public Association of the Faithful, we need to devote ourselves more completely to our call to be Benedictine contemplative nuns. In this vein we would like to share some thoughts on the subject. The following is from a conference given to us by our very beloved late Father Francois De Feydeau, O.S.B., when he was still among us.

"Come away by yourselves to a lonely place..."

(Mk. 6:31) Numerous are those who have heard this call and have followed Christ, withdrawing into solitude to worship the Father there.

It was by this inspiration of the Spirit that some were led to establish institutions dedicated to contemplation alone, among which convents of nuns occupy a position of great distinction.

With vigilant and maternal care the Church has always watched over virgins consecrated to God, considered by St. Cyprian as "a more illustrious part of Christ's flock," and it is particularly on this account that she has defended their separation from the affairs of the world by issuing a considerable number of regulations regarding papal enclosure....

Withdrawal from the world for the sake of leading a more intense life of prayer in solitude is nothing other than a very particular way of living and expressing the paschal mystery of Christ, which is death ordained toward resurrection.....

It is therefore both legitimate and necessary that some of Christ's followers, those upon whom this particular grace has been conferred by the Holy Spirit, should give expression to this contemplative character of the Church by actually withdrawing into solitude to lead this particular type of life, in order that "through constant prayer and ready penance they give themselves to God alone." ("Perfectae Caritatis")



Father Abbot Anderson saying the Last Gospel at the last Mass at our old convent.



The future Queen of Angels Priory.

It is this call to dedicate ourselves more wholly to a life of prayer and contemplation in silence and solitude that we anticipate our life in our new location. While in the past we have had a much more "open" convent, in the future we hope to live a more authentic contemplative life. Hence, we will emulate our brother monks more closely in limiting guests to the convent. In the spirit of St. Benedict we will always welcome guests, but not into the cloister. We will joyfully greet them in the parlors. Discerners and women guests will stay in the Guest rooms; and they will be invited to share our meals in the refectory where they can be nourished physically as well as spiritually by listening to either table reading or inspired recordings

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us. We are ever grateful to you for your prayers, your encouragement and for your moral and material support. Rest assured we offer you and all your intentions to God through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated for you once a month in our oratory. Happy Thanksgiving!

In Conspectu Angelorum,

Sr. Annuntiata

Sister Annuntiata, Prioress

We are a community of contemplative women, who live according to the Rule of St. Benedict, as Benedictine Sisters of Clear Creek Abbey. We are a Public Association of the Faithful in the diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our vocation is to consecrate ourselves to God alone, by means of constant prayer and joyful penance, in solitude and silence, all for the greater glory of God and for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of our brother monks and all priests.

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