



# Angel Whispers

Benedictine Sisters of Clear Creek

Winter 2012

*"Veni, veni Emmanuel...."*  
*("Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel....")*

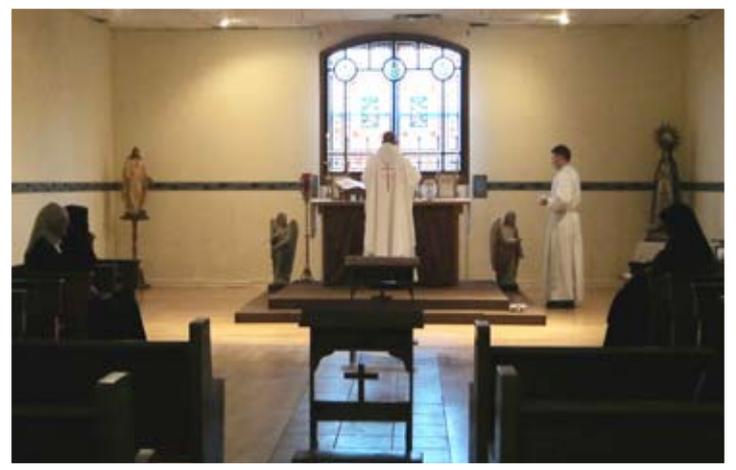
Dear Family and Friends of the Clear Creek Sisters,

We are now in the season of Advent – the beginning of the Liturgical Year – also the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Many families have the tradition of putting straw in the manger every time someone makes a sacrifice so that the Christ Child will have a comfortable bed on which to lie. Too often the temptation is to busy ourselves with worldly affairs, to shop "till we drop," to be so preoccupied that we lose sight of the true meaning of "CHRIST-mas." The daily lighting of the Advent candles and the special prayers of the Church during this time help us to keep our focus on what the time of Advent is supposed to be.

As many of you already know, we are now officially in the log cabin. There is no way we can adequately express our gratitude to the many volunteers who spent countless hours helping us with this Herculean task. The monks too helped us move many large pieces of furniture on trucks and flatbeds. In a matter of less than an hour they put together our library! We prayed to Our Lady to send us many angels, and She did – both visible and invisible ones! May God reward each one for his/her dedicated service.



*Advent wreath.*



*Fr. Abbot Anderson celebrates the first Mass in our Oratory.*

Just as Father Abbot, Dom Philip Anderson, OSB offered the last Mass in our former convent, so too he celebrated the first Mass in our "new" Oratory by the log cabin. You may recall that the first Oratory the monks used was formerly a horse barn. We have been given that for our Oratory. How fitting to be celebrating our first Christmas here – Bethlehem in Clear Creek!

Our dear friend, His Excellency, Bishop James D. Conley, invited us to attend his installation as Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska. Both the Solemn Vespers on November 19 and the Installation Mass on November 20, 2012 were memorable occasions.

We also extend our gratitude to Reverend Father Chad Rippberger who so kindly preached our annual retreat which has fired us up for the new liturgical year.



*Fr. Rippberger celebrates Mass in our Oratory during our annual retreat.*



Monks helping with our move.

**Please note our new address:**

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 planning to have an official Inauguration and Open House in May 2013. More specific information will be available once we finalize the actual date and time. We hope you will be able to be present to see our new home. After that day, we will finally be the cloistered nuns we have wanted to be for such a long time. We hope to live a more authentic contemplative life, to dedicate ourselves more wholly to a life of prayer and contemplation in silence and solitude.



More of the same but different!

As mentioned before, 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 table reading or inspired recordings.

Please know of our heartfelt gratitude for all your physical, material, moral and spiritual support. You and all your intentions remain in our daily prayers.

Have a very holy Advent!

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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Installation of Bishop Conley in Nebraska.