



Angel Whispers

Benedictine Sisters of Clear Creek

Fall 2015

“O all ye that pass by the way, attend, and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow!”(Lamentations 1:12)

Dear Family and Friends of the Clear Creek Sisters,

We just celebrated the Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, which followed the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. We are faced with the whole problem of evil. We frequently ask why bad things happen to good people and good things come to bad people. Why does a loving, merciful God allow this? Then we face what happened on Calvary. The Son of God made Man was treated like a criminal, tortured severely and then crucified – and Our Blessed Mother stood by watching and suffering the pain of seeing her beloved Son mocked, spit upon, ridiculed and then nailed to a cross like a common thief. What anguish she bore! So...we ask, “God, WHY do you allow this injustice?”

Now Christ is risen, suffers no more, and Our Lady’s anguish is over. Yet, the Passion of Christ continues in the members of His Mystical Body. We continue to see terrible evil inflicted upon good people, and bad people seem to get away literally with murder.

This is when we need to reflect on what Father Abbot, Dom Philip Anderson, O.S.B. remarked in his Homily at the Requiem Mass for Mark Costello:



“It could be said,’ wrote Pope Saint John Paul II, ‘that human history is marked from the very beginning by the limit God the Creator places upon evil.’ This idea of God having set a boundary to evil, the idea that, in fact, Divine Mercy is precisely that limit on evil, goes with another principle: God, who is almighty, could stop all evil should He so choose, but chooses rather, sometimes, to allow it. Why? For one purpose and one purpose only (He cannot ever want evil); so that a greater good might come out of this evil.”

Despite the assurance that God does bring a GREATER good out of any evil He allows, we weak mortals cannot help but ask, “How long, O Lord, how long?” How do we deal with the recent tragic death of Mark Costello?” Mark Costello, Labor Commissioner of Oklahoma and a close friend of Clear Creek, was recently stabbed to death by his own very mentally disturbed son. Is good going to come from that? What greater good will God bring from the shocking, illegal decision imposed on our “free” country (a country founded on the union of fifty sovereign states) by the Supreme Court on the so-called “same-sex” marriage?”

In this time of darkness we must strengthen our hope and faith in Christ’s words before His Ascension, “Behold, I will be with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.” Soon we will begin a Holy Year of Divine Mercy. How our world and our country are in great need of Divine Mercy!



A Clear Creek Monk celebrates the monthly Parish Mass in our Oratory, attended by dedicated servers from the local youth.

Clear Creek's Saint Bonosa Choir, directed by Mrs. Gerber, provides the music at Mass.



The Queen of Heaven has crushed the head of the serpent, and the serpent (the devil) is furious. He is lashing out and attempting to destroy the innocence of children, the sanctity of Christian marriage (of one man and one woman), the stability of families consisting of a father and a mother, and to wipe away all that is holy, as founded by God. In the face of all this evil, we need to realize that now more than ever is the time to cling to the promise Our Lady gave to Lucia in Fatima, *"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."* We need to obey Our Lady's exhortation to be faithful to the daily Rosary, to holy Mass and the Sacraments, to stand up for the teachings of our one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We need to remember too that with every sorrow will come the exaltation of the cross. To quote Father Abbot Anderson again: *"We know by Faith that in the end Divine Mercy will prevail; that the waters of evil will find their boundary; that the light will win. There is our path forward. After death there is the Resurrection of the Dead, that gentle and final revenge of God. After hatred there is love, the loving, healing revenge of Divine Mercy, the firm shoreline God places on the sea of evil."*

May we be stalwart soldiers in Our Lady's army against the serpent. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary strengthen us and protect us and impart on all of us Her Son's blessings.

Thank you for all your support. Please be assured of our prayers and sacrifices for you and all your intentions.

In Conspectu Angelorum,

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A visit with friends who came from afar to our Priory.

