



Feast of St. Clare 2014

*"Totally love Him, Who gave Himself
totally for your love." – St. Clare*



Dear Friends and Family,

On April 26th, Sister Vickie's Solemn Profession of Vows was held at St. Clement Church here in Cincinnati. Many of her family and friends came from near and far to celebrate with us. You can find a link to the YouTube slideshow of the Solemn Profession Mass at our website www.poorclarescincinnati.org. Many thanks to our Franciscan family and our benefactors for making this celebration such a blessed occasion.



Sr. Vickie with her Father
Vernon before Mass



Solemn Profession of Vows Mass on April 26, 2014
St. Clement Church, Cincinnati, Ohio



Sr. Vickie's family and friends join in the celebration of her
Solemn Profession of Vows into the Order of St. Clare

As contemplatives, we commit ourselves first and foremost to a life of prayer. This year Franciscan scholar Sister Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ guided our Pentecost Retreat. We learned about the gifts of the Holy Spirit while looking through the lens of our Franciscan charism and the writings of St. Bonaventure. Sister Mary Beth shared with us St. Bonaventure's conferences on the Holy Spirit and, on the last day, how the gifts of the Holy Spirit correspond to the "Our Father". We pray in gratitude for Sister Mary Beth and all who keep our Franciscan Intellectual Tradition alive and thriving.

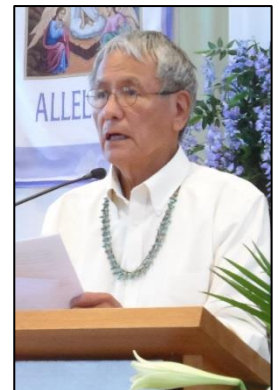
<u>The "Our Father"</u>	<u>Gifts of the Spirit</u>
Hallowed be thy Name...	Fear/Awe of God
Your Kingdom come...	Piety
Your will be done...	Knowledge
Give us this day...	Fortitude
Forgive us our trespasses. . .	Counsel
Lead us not into temptation...	Understanding
Deliver us from evil...	Wisdom



Sr. Vickie makes her Vows to the Abbess, Sr. Anna Marie
with her Sisters and the Community gathered as witnesses



Sr. Vickie receives her Solemn
Profession ring from Sr. Anna Marie



David Charlie leads the
Intercessory Prayers at Mass



This past Winter, the deer visited us outside the Chapel almost every day at Evening Prayer. This Spring, two baby deer found their way into the Courtyard! The Sisters moved them closer to the woods where mama deer eventually found them. To see additional photos and updates on our life here at the Monastery, you can find our Facebook link on our website: www.poorclarescincinnati.org. We are very blessed to be surrounded by God's holy creatures and all of Creation!



Our Community with Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ

On April 10th, Sister Pia celebrated her 8th anniversary of coming to the United States. She spent her anniversary at the Federal Building in Cincinnati taking her Citizenship exam. We celebrated that evening when she returned home after passing the exam, and on April 25th, Sister Pia and some of our Sisters made their way to the Federal Courthouse so she could take her Oath of Citizenship! Thanks to all who helped us during this process.



On **June 24th** we marked the beginning of a year of Jubilee. In June of 2015 we will celebrate **25 years** of our Founding here in Cincinnati, Ohio! As we start this Jubilee year, we bring to mind these words of St. Clare: *“We must consider the immense gifts which God has bestowed upon us.”*

YOU are one of these immense **“GIFTS,”** and we are thankful for your caring, for your friendship and for your loving support of us and our Poor Clare Way of Life. We continue to keep you in prayer, especially during this year's Novena. May you be blessed in a special way each day!

Your Poor Clare Sisters, *Anna Marie, Ann, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita, Vickie*

Novena to St. Clare: O Glorious St. Clare, God has given you the power of working miracles and the favor of answering the prayers of all who invoke your assistance. We ask you to obtain for us from Jesus the help we so fervently and hopefully desire. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

I/we will attend the Feast Day Mass on August 11, 2014, Monday, 10:00 AM at the Monastery of St. Clare, Cincinnati, Ohio

Yes _____ No _____ Number _____

Please remember the following intentions during the Novena before the Feast of St. Clare:

Please send a card announcing this memorial or honorary gift, without mentioning the gift amount to:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Gift in Memory of: _____ Gift in honor of _____

Occasion: _____

E-mail: poorclareprayers@gmail.com

(Anniversary, Birthday, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.)

Website: www.poorclarescincinnati.org

I support the Cincinnati Poor Clares in their ministries of prayer and evangelization.

I/we join you in prayer and/or enclose this tax exempt gift.

Please consider putting the Cincinnati Poor Clares in your will or other planned giving arrangements.

Your goodness will allow us to continue our ministries of prayer and evangelization.

I have remembered the Cincinnati Poor Clares in my will or in other planned giving documents.

I would like information sent to me about how to remember the Cincinnati Poor Clares in my will and/or other planned giving arrangements.

All planned giving information is kept confidential.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____
