



## **CHRISTMAS 2015**



***Mary gave birth to her first born Son. She named him Emmanuel, God with us, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger for there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7***

Dear Family and Friends,

We had a wonderful celebration for the Feast of our Holy Mother St. Clare. Bishop Joseph Binzer, our Auxiliary, presided at the Mass. Also in attendance were some of our Friars and about sixty of our friends. After Mass, Bishop Joseph, the Friars, and our Friends joined the community in our Meeting Room where all enjoyed a light luncheon. It was delightful to be able to continue the breaking of the bread with a meal. The conversation and fellowship was a wonderful experience.

Bob Hartlaub, a dear friend from the beginning of our time in Cincinnati celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We were happy to be able to celebrate this high point with him and his daughter, Julie.

The Year of Consecrated Life will be coming to a close soon. You are INVITED to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life by coming to a Free Concert. The consecrated religious women and men of the Cincinnati Archdiocese have scheduled a concert in honor of the Year of Consecrated Life. Our Sisters Luisa and Vickie, along with more than 100 Consecrated women and men will be performing at St. Peter and Chains Cathedral in Downtown Cincinnati on January 17, 2016 at 3:00pm. The performance will last approximately one hour. After the performance you are invited to the Undercroft of the Cathedral for refreshments and conversation.

The Secretary of the Congregation for Religious Life has invited all Federation Presidents to come to Rome to participate in the closing of the Year for Consecrated Life. This event will take place in January 2016. Our Sr. Dianne is President of Mother Bentivoglio Federation and is invited to this celebration. Sr. Dianne and a member of her Federation Council will be the ones to represent our Federation at this event. The Federation Presidents will have an opportunity to meet with Pope Francis. There will be meetings and presentations in the week long gathering.

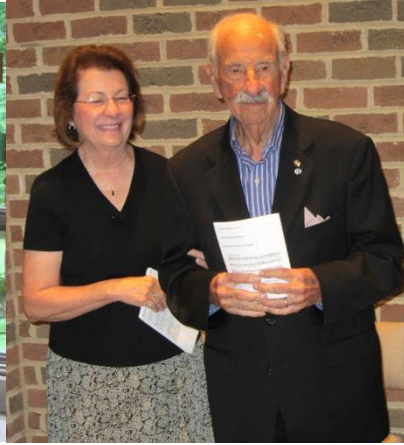
As you know Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our Monastery has been granted the privilege of being a Pilgrimage Site for this year by Archbishop Schnurr. We are so excited about being given this privilege. We will have a ritual for sealing the Door of Mercy and a ritual for unsealing the Mercy Door to which everyone will be invited. We will also be inviting you to come to the Monastery during this Holy Year for Mass, prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession, and Benediction. Attached to this Newsletter is a flyer containing the information for the times you are invited to come join us in this Holy Year celebration. You will be able to gain a Plenary Indulgence for coming to the Monastery and fulfilling the necessary requirements. We hope to see you sometime during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

***We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God's most precious Blessings!***

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



Bishop Joseph Binzer



Bob Hartlaub and Julie



Guests gather at the meeting room for light luncheon on the Feast of St. Clare



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