

# Our Lady of the Angels Monastery

## Family Newsletter

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration  
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**Dear Family,**

Summer is here again, and we are enjoying the great outdoors! After a very cold winter, the flowers are now in bloom, and we are rejoicing in the beauty of God's creation as we take our daily walks in the monastery garden.

On June 22nd, we will be celebrating the great solemnity of Corpus Christi. As you all know, our Order is dedicated to adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist, so this is a great feast of joy for us! It is a day for all of us to recall the great Love the Heart of Jesus has for each of us personally, so much so, that He desires to give Himself to us to be our *Food for the journey*, that we may have the strength to live a life of love and virtue. *His desire is to be with the children of men*, so He remains with us in this Sacrament of Love, His living Presence in our midst. In every tabernacle of the world, the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus makes intercession for us and with a fatherly love waits for us to come visit Him and share with Him our desires, sufferings, and joys.

This solemnity of Corpus Christi would be a wonderful day to ask our Lord to deepen our knowledge and love for Him in this great Sacrament and to show our gratitude for this great Gift. If we only realized how much He loves us! Please express your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by joining us for our Corpus Christi procession at 5 p.m. here at the Shrine, or by joining a procession in your local parish.

*"How I loved the feasts! I especially loved the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God! I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred Monstrance..."* -St. Therese of Lisieux



**Please Join us  
as we  
Honor our  
Eucharistic  
King!**

June 22nd at 5 PM



*Sisters enjoying the beautiful weather!*







## Mother's Corner

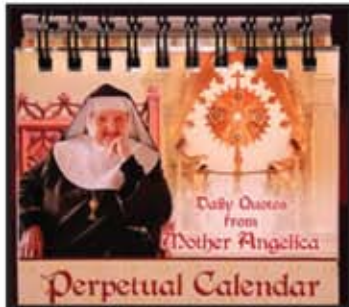
*"In our life as Contemplatives, we may never see the fruit of all the prayers and penance we do. It isn't easy at first, but after a while, as you dig deeper into your interior and Jesus comes along with light—it dawns on you, as it must, that the only thing the Eternal Father wants from you and from me is to become transformed into Love. Then, the Divine Image of His Son will be so clear in us that when He looks at us, He'll see no one but Jesus."*

### Mother Update - Between Heaven and Earth

Mother Angelica is still in good condition and just celebrated her 91st birthday on Easter Sunday. She is eating and drinking and when awake, she sometimes watches EWTN. Mother Angelica's life can best be described as being "between Heaven and earth." She often moves her lips in prayer or conversation with her eyes focused upward. Her spirit seems to be with God. Things of this world no longer interest her. Whatever is going on between her and her beloved Bridegroom is something we would love to see, but is her secret alone. Keep her in your prayers.

### Mother Angelica Perpetual Calendar

Inspirational quotes of Mother Angelica for each day of the year.



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## Sacred Heart Novena

Thursday, June 19 -  
Friday, June 27

*O Lord Jesus Christ, to Thy Most Sacred Heart, I confide these intentions...Only look upon me, then do what Thy Heart inspires. Amen.*

*Please join us and send in your petitions!*

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Sr. Regina working in the garden, and Sr. Judith with her cilantro plant!

## A Week in the Cloister

On Monday, our community celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a bit of Irish music as we ate supper. There was a bit of blarney as usual, but the Irish step dancing was sadly missing, as no one could remember the dance steps, until our Vietnamese sister, Sr. Gabriel, got up and did her rendition of the Irish jig!

On Tuesday morning, the sisters were in the adoration chapel enjoying a time of quiet prayer, when suddenly the contemplative atmosphere was disrupted by the deafening sound of drills, saws, and hammers, coming from the chapel loggia where workmen were repairing the marble floor! As the necessary cacophony rolled on, the sisters felt their prayer pass from delightful meditation to the prayer of *abandonment to Divine Providence!*

Exercise is so good for you! Anyway, that's what THEY say! The young sisters took off after supper to get some fresh air and play a game of basketball. With Sr. Veronica's first swift throw, the net ripped in two! And when Sr. Judith attempted to dribble the ball proficiently past her opponents, it somehow managed to collide with Sr. Veronica's nose. So, the next evening they tried a bit of volleyball, but everyone knew this game would be no better after sister's first shot hammered into the post and rebounded back at her. They had to take quite a few breaks to re-inflate the ball and contain their laughter!

Sr. Regina had pain in her foot for months and finally went to the doctor who told her that her foot was broken, so she is hobbling along the cloister corridors with a 5lb cast on her foot, trying not to knock her hip out of alignment. *Slow but sure*, she cheerfully goes about her duties, still finding time to show mercy to those in need. She will celebrate her Golden Jubilee on August 15th.

Sr. Judith was chosen to take care of the community's little cilantro plant. With what exuberance did she receive her charge! The first instructions she read said to "Water from the bottom." But far be it from Sr. Judith to turn her baby plant upside down! No, she soaked it from the top, figuring the water would eventually make its way down. She watered and trimmed it so regularly, that by the time Sr. Regina, our longtime gardener, saw the waterlogged plant, there were only three little wilting leaves still standing. She mercifully took it and transplanted it into a nice little pot and now we have hope for its future. The plant was named "Patience" and has popped up and looks great!

So much for the real news!

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus, on our journey and be our Companion on the way, to set our hearts on fire with lively faith, new hope and a burning love for Thee!*