

# A NEW VISION

## Newsletter & Chronicle



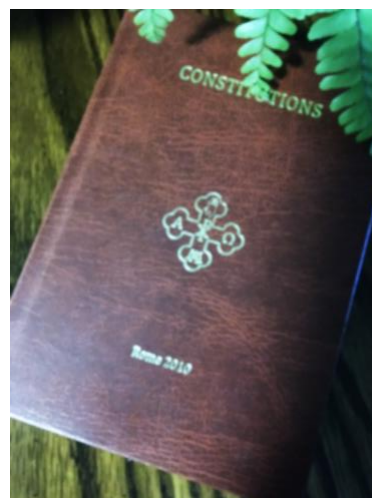
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE

July-August, 2021

## July 17<sup>th</sup> - Celebrating the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Approval of the Constitution Forever

On July 17, 1923 Pope Pius the XI granted final approval to our Congregation under the title of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and granted approval of our Constitutions.

In 1895, twenty-eight years before the final approval of the Constitutions, Blessed Celine, reflecting on the importance of the Constitutions of 1895, stated: *Frequently reflecting upon these Constitutions, the sisters shall remember that the bare letter of the law means nothing if it is not animated by an interior spirit.* She also expressed a wish that; *all might understand, feel, desire, act and be the one body, vivified by one spirit – the true Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Our Constitutions are a road map that guide us in living out faithfully and lovingly our vowed commitment to Christ and transform us into the image of the Risen Christ. In other words, our Constitutions keep us focused and steady us on our journey.

What Saint Ignatius of Loyola wrote about the Jesuits and their relationship to their Constitutions applies to us as well:

*These Constitutions contain our Society's sinews, our orders supporting walls, the bonds that fasten and weld this whole body together to be a dwelling for the heavenly Spirit and the grace of God, which is the real life of any religious order. Here we shall find the pattern we are to imitate, the way we are to pursue, the light we are to follow, the perfection towards which we are to aspire. Here we shall find the mirror in which to inspect our own lives. Beholding in the Constitutions the finished portrait of all virtue and*

*perfection, each of us should do his best to present a living expression of it in his own holy manner of life.*

On July 17<sup>th</sup> let us all remember to celebrate and thank God for the gift of our Constitutions.

*Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki, C.R.*

## Painting of the Risen Jesus and Mary Magdalene



The painting we treasured for years of the Risen Jesus and Mary Magdalene was far too large for us to keep when we moved from the Provincial Home. But, what could we do to honor this painting that for years reminded us of our call as Resurrection Sisters to “go tell” the message of the Resurrection? Sister Stephanie has a friend, Anne Shea, who is the Board President at Illinois Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. Anne is also an alumna of Resurrection College Prep High School so she was familiar with the painting. We approached Anne

to see if she could help us find an appropriate home for this magnificent painting.

Anne checked on a number of places and then to our great joy told us that it would be hung in Cardinal Cupich’s office!

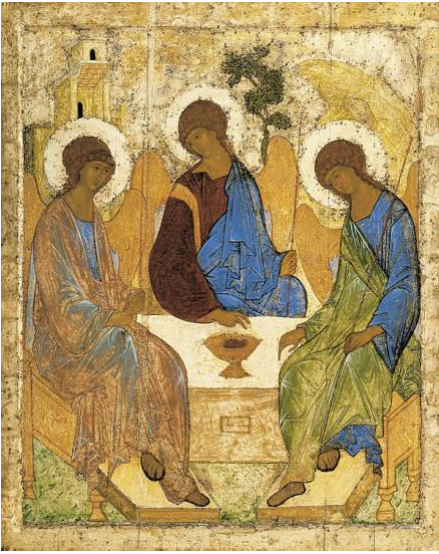
Anne had a plaque made to hang next to the painting and it reads:

*Noli Me Tangere, from the school of Coreggio (circa 16<sup>th</sup> century), is a Gift from the Sisters of the Resurrection to the Archdiocese of Chicago. It has hung in their Provincial House for over 70 years.*

*Among those who admired the painting were Cardinal Stritch, Cardinal Bernardin, and Cardinal George. Also, formal pictures of Sisters entering Novitiate or Pronouncing Vows were traditionally taken in front of this picture.*

*The Sisters of the Resurrection hold Mary Magdalene in special esteem. After His Resurrection, Jesus entrusted her with his message to “Go tell my disciples.” Mary Magdalene reminds all women of their call to discipleship and their role in Evangelization. June 2021*

## Icons and Other Favorites: by Sr. Kathryn Wojcik, C.R.



This icon by Andrei Rublev's is of The Trinity (ca. 1411/1425-27). The imagery has its roots in depicting the three men/angels who visited Abraham and Sarah, as found in Genesis 18, which gives the icon another title of The Hospitality of Abraham.

However, this icon also brings us into the presence of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, the First Person of the Trinity, on the left; Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, in the middle; and, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, on the right. In gazing upon this icon, try to imagine yourself in this scene— what does the air feel like? What are the smells? What do you hear? How does it feel to be in the presence of these three

unexpected guests? How do you experience the interaction of the three unexpected guests?

## Province and Local Communities Chronicle

### OPEN MEETING - May 14<sup>th</sup>

Sister Donna Marie held an open meeting with all the Sisters in the Terrace Room. An update was given on the plans to close out the Hermitage Charitable Trust within the next 3 to 5 years. Activities planned for the rest of May and the month of June were discussed. Time was spent reflecting on various segments of the Constitutions. The importance of community life was discussed and examples were shared of how Sisters have been taking responsibility to create community experiences for each other. Sisters also shared how they are reaching out to residents who need someone to talk to, or need encouragement.

### SOLIDARITY BRIDGE - May 24<sup>th</sup>

Ann Rhomberg, the Executive Director of Solidarity Bridge visited with the Sisters in the Terrace Room. Ann told the Sisters about the medical mission trips the organization makes to Bolivia and Paraguay to help provide surgery for the poor and to teach Bolivian doctors advanced surgical procedures.

Ann thanked the Sisters for their financial support through the Hermitage Charitable Trust

### **OPEN MEETING – May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Sister Donna Marie held an open meeting with all the Sisters in the Terrace Room on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the Sisters of the plans the new owners of the Provincial Home have for purchasing the last five acres of property owned by the Sisters. This piece of land is surrounded by the high school, Amazing Grace, Ascension Living Resurrection Village and Everell Avenue.

If the sale of this last piece of property goes through, the potential owners plan to build 51 private homes. The potential owners have filed with the City of Chicago for their plans to be reviewed and approved.

### **SISTER JULIANNE’S BIRTHDAY – May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Because of COVID restrictions, visitation at Resurrection Life Center has been limited by appointment only. For Sister Julianne’s Birthday, Sister Donna Marie visited Sister and gave her a white orchid from all the Sisters of the Province. Later in the day Sister Julianne’s nieces and Sister Florence visited Sister and had more flowers and balloons for Sister.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION – May 31<sup>st</sup>**

The entire Province came together at noon time to celebrate on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The celebration started with the Jubilarians from 2020 and 2021 honoring Mary, the Queen of May, with the presentation of two dozen roses.

Afterwards there was a picnic lunch and a game of bunco with prizes.

### **SOLIDARITY BRIDGE RETREAT – June 9<sup>th</sup>**

On June 9<sup>th</sup> Sister Donna Marie helped moderate the annual retreat for the Solidarity staff. The theme of the retreat was “The Graces and Challenges of Living and Serving During a Pandemic.”

### **JUNE 6 THROUGH 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sister Hedwig, Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Kathleen made their annual retreat at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin. The retreat center is on the shores of Lake Michigan and provided a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere.

## **MORNING PRAYER, COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST - June 14<sup>th</sup>**

June 14<sup>th</sup> we started having Lauds in common two Mondays per month. After Lauds we have Communion and then Sister Donna hosts a continental breakfast with coffee and recreation.

## **June 18<sup>th</sup> FUNERAL OF FATHER GARY HOGAN, CR**

Sister Rosemary, Sister Christine Maria and Sister Donna Marie attended the wake and funeral of Father Gary Hogan, C.R. When we first arrived at Saint Hedwig's Church we were able to speak with many of the priests. The priests shared their fond memories of Father Gary and also shared how impressed they were with his calmness and readiness to come to the end of his journey and meet the Risen Christ for whom he joyously and faithfully lived his life.

## **June 19<sup>th</sup> VISIT TO SR. JULIANNE FOR HER FEASTDAY**

Sister Carolyn Sniegowski and Sister Donna to visit Sister Julianne for her feastday. They took a bouquet of roses as a feastday gift from all the Sisters.

Sister was not able to speak but she followed us with her eyes. After the Sisters prayed with her and were leaving the room Sister Julianne looked directly at Sister Carolyn, her long time friend, and gave her the biggest smile. It was very clear that she recognized Sister Carolyn and was extremely pleased that she was visiting her.

## **June 21<sup>st</sup> VISIT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF AMITA**

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Keith Parrott, President and CEO of AMITA Health, Scott Teffeteller, President and CEO, AMITA Health Resurrection Medical Center, John Halstead, Chief Mission Integration AMITA HEALTH, and Melissa Shane, Associate Vice President, AMITA Foundation visited with all the Sisters in the Terrace Room. The purpose of their visit was to thank the Sisters for the health care legacy they left for the community and to tell about the new projects they are planning for at Resurrection. One of the most significant projects is the relocation and building of a brand new, state of the art Emergency Department. They also brought pizzas as a treat.

## **June 22<sup>nd</sup> COFFEE, TEA AND SAINTLY WOMEN**

The Book Club, *Coffee, Tea and Saintly Women* held its first meeting.

Members of the club include Sister Stephanie, Sister Kathryn, Sister Kathleen, Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna Marie. The book being read right now is, "**Women of Hope: Doctors of the Church.**" At this first meeting the chapter on Saint Teresa of Avila was discussed. There were many new and interesting things learned about this great saint's life. The next woman doctor to be discussed later in July is Catherine of Siena.

## **JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> JOINT MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL SUPERIORS**

On June 26<sup>th</sup> the Provincial Council and the Superiors of the local communities had an all day meeting at Villa Celine in Delevan Wisconsin. The day started with morning prayer, private reflection, and breakfast. After breakfast the two leadership groups had a joint meeting. Main topics covered were:

- House Chapters and review of House Regulations
- Revised Ongoing Formation Program
- Next Summer's General Chapter and preparation on local and province levels

After lunch the Provincial Council had their monthly meeting while the superiors enjoyed the beautiful surroundings.

## **June 27<sup>th</sup> VISITORS FROM NEBRASKA**

Sister Kathryn's sister-in-law, niece and grand-niece came from Nebraska to visit with Sister Kathryn. They spent the week with Sister Kathryn and they also had a chance to enjoy the City.

## **JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> SISTER CHRISTINE MARIA STARTED VOLUNTEERING AT AMAZING GRACE**

On July first Sister Christine Maria started volunteering at Amazing Grace. Once a week Sister Christine Maria leads the residents at Amazing Grace in praying the Rosary. She also joins the residents for lunch and conversation.

## **TRIP TO THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS – July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Gloria Marie, Sister Dominic and Sister Donna Marie visited the Chicago Botanic Gardens. The visit started out with a 45 minute tram with guided tour of the gardens. The most impressive part of the tour was seeing the natural prairie. When Illinois was first settled the state was a beautiful prairie that changed colors with each season. The guide also pointed out trees and plants that the indigenous people used for treating various specific illnesses.

## **JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> – VESPERS & PICNIC**

As a Province we celebrated Independence Day on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Sister Carolyn Marie prepared a lovely Vesper Service after which we had a traditional hot dog and hamburger picnic. This was followed by a slide presentation focused on the formation and pre-school programs in Tanzania.

Sister Stephanie narrated the presentation and Sister Donna prepared the slides. Then we played bunco and everyone won a prize.

## **JULY 6 – VISIT BY LOYOLA SCHOOL OF NURSING**

On July 6<sup>th</sup> Doctor Lorna Finnegan, Dean of the Loyola Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing and Danielle Hilgers, Vice President of Development visited us to thank the Sisters for establishing two endowed scholarships for nursing students. One is a general scholarship and the other is for students in the Arupe Program which assists the underprivileged with a college education.

Dr. Kostovich who is in charge of the simulation lab and virtual training programs at the school of nursing, joined us on Zoom and gave us a virtual tour of the simulation labs and explained the various educational programs. The school even has a program for their Junior Year Nursing Students to travel to Lourdes and have experience volunteering in the baths.

### **FEATURE ARTICLE: CONSIDERING FRATELLI TUTTI**

**By Sister Carolyn Marie Minert, C.R.**

In May and June, Sisters Stephanie, Kathryn and Carolyn Marie participated in Zoom conferences on Pope Francis' most recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, sponsored by the Franciscan Action Network(FAN). The impetus for the document was a meeting between Pope Francis and the Egyptian Muslim scholar and peace maker Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, in Abu Dhabi, in February of 2019. The result of that meeting was a document signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam, which declared:

“In the name of God, who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love and peace;

In the name of innocent human life that God has forbidden to kill, affirming that whoever kills a person is like one who kills the whole of humanity, and that whoever saves a person is like one who saves the whole of humanity;

In the name of the poor, the destitute, the marginalized and those most in need, whom God has commanded us to help as a duty required of all persons, especially the wealthy and those of means;

In the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their countries; in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice; in the name of the weak, those who live in fear, prisoners of war and those tortured in any part of the world, without distinction;

In the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace and the possibility of living together, becoming victims of destruction, calamity and war;

In the name of human fraternity, that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal;

In the name of this fraternity torn apart by policies of extremism and division, by systems of unrestrained profit or by hateful ideological tendencies that manipulate the actions and the future of men and women;

In the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings, creating them free and setting them apart by this gift;

In the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

In the name of all persons of goodwill present in every part of the world;

In the name of God and of everything stated thus far, [we] declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard”.

Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, Abu Dhabi (4 Feb, 2019)

While the document itself provides much food for thought, prayer and action, Pope Francis uses the Encyclical to develop some of the themes raised there from a Christian perspective. The parable of the Good Samaritan is presented as a lens through which each of these themes can be examined as we are invited to put ourselves in the place of each of the characters in the parable in responding to current questions of social justice.

The four conferences sponsored by FAN each addressed a major aspect treated by the document, namely Culture and Society, Racism, Economics, Governance and Politics. Catholic university professors, columnists and activists in these areas offered commentary that clarified material presented in the document and connected it to current issues.

It became apparent that throughout the document, traditional Catholic social justice teaching is affirmed – from St Thomas Aquinas to Pope Benedict XVI – and brought forward to address contemporary issues. The core values presented are: Care for creation, Recognition of the ‘universal destination of all goods’ (care for the common good), and Care for the poor. These values have been presented to us ‘early and often’ in our Catholic journey. While there is much within the document to inspire, challenge and/or move us to action, Pope Francis would have us return again to the parable of the Good Samaritan.” An injured man lay on the roadside. The people walking by him did not heed their interior summons to act as neighbors; they were



concerned with their duties, their social status, their professional position within society. They considered themselves important for the society of the time and, were anxious to play their proper part. The man on the roadside, bruised and abandoned, was a distraction, an interruption from all that; in any event, he was hardly important. He was a “nobody”, undistinguished, irrelevant to their plans for the future. The Good Samaritan transcended these narrow classifications....[H]e was simply a foreigner without a place in society. Free of every label and position, he was able to interrupt his journey, change his plans, and unexpectedly come to the aid of an injured person who needed his help.” Paragraph 101

“...As religious leaders, we are called to be true ‘people of dialogue’, to cooperate in building peace not as intermediaries but as authentic mediators. Intermediaries seek to give everyone a discount, ultimately in order to gain something for themselves. The mediator, on the other hand, is one who retains nothing for himself, but rather spends himself generously until he is consumed, knowing that the only gain is peace. Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls.” Paragraph 284

The document concludes with a couple of special prayers. I share this one as representative of the spirit of *Fratelli Tutti*:

AN ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN PRAYER

O God, Trinity of love,  
 From the profound communion of your divine life,  
 Pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.  
 Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,  
 In his family of Nazareth,  
 and in the early Christian community.  
 Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,  
 Discovering Christ in each human being,  
 Recognizing him crucified  
 In the sufferings of the abandoned  
 And forgotten of our world,  
 And risen in each brother or sister  
 Who makes a new start.  
 Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
 Reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
 So that we may discover anew  
 That all are important and all are necessary,  
 Different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.



*Everyone has a gift for something, even if it is the gift of being a good friend.  
~ Marian Anderson*

## JULY AND AUGUST FEASTDAYS & BIRTHDAYS

### **Feastdays**

Sister Maria Goretti, C.R.	July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Maria Marta, C.R.	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Dominic, C.R.	August 8 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Rosemary	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>

### **Birthdays**

Sister Hedwig	August 16 <sup>th</sup>
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