

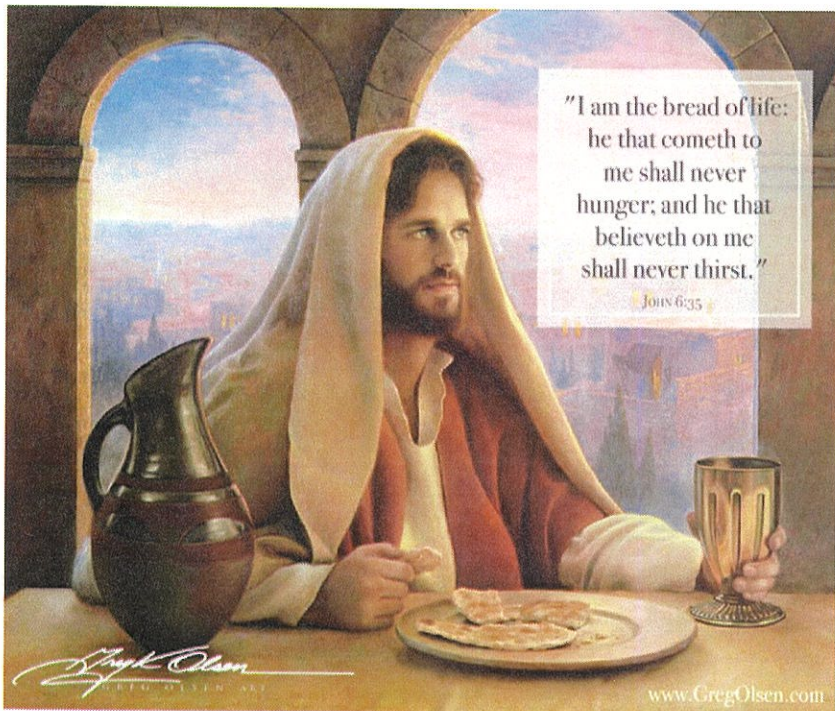
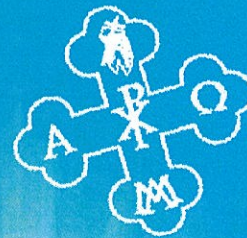
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Summer 2023 Retreat – *The Eucharistic Liturgy & Transformation*

From August 27 to September 2, 2023 eleven Resurrection Sisters made their annual retreat here at the Retirement Village. Four Sisters of the Living Word joined in the retreat.

Father Daniel Petsche, O.S.B. served as the director for the retreat.

Each day of the retreat Father Daniel Petsche focused on a different part of the Mass and explained the scriptural background and the spiritual power that part of the Mass has to transform our lives.

Father Daniel emphasized the important of preparing for something great to happen when we enter the door of the Church or Chapel. We are entering the sacred space where Jesus takes our bread and transforms it into His body and then He will offer His body to us to “take and eat” and be transformed. “I live now not I but Christ lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20)



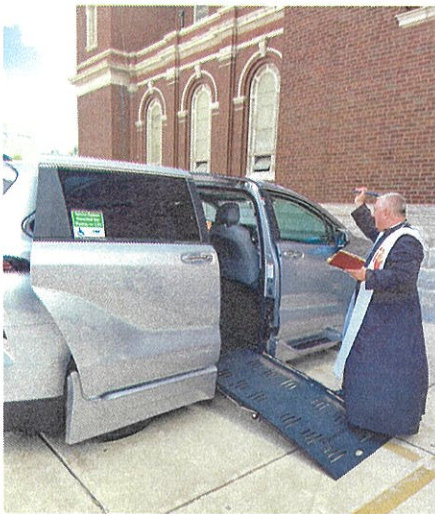
Father Daniel emphasized that If we sincerely believe in the Risen Christ’s presence in the Eucharist then our hearts will burn like the disciples who walked the road to Emmaus with Jesus. And, if our hearts burn. Then we will find ourselves impelled to share that fire with others, and we will begin to see the Risen Christ in the

face of others, hear His voice in the voice of others, and we will become partners with Christ in turning the hearts of others back to the God who loves them.



New Wheelchair And Scooter Accessible Van

At the end of August the Province purchased a Toyota Sienna van. This van is wheelchair and scooter accessible with a ramp for easy access. This new van allows Sister Maria Marta to transport Sisters to doctor offices, outpatient facilities etc. It will also provide opportunities for the Sisters to participate in recreational activities.



On September 9th Father Stanislaw Jankowski, C.R. blessed the new van.

On September 11th we had a pizza party and followed by a tour of the new van. The Sisters were amazed at how easy it is to get into the van and comfortable the seating is.

PROVINCE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

August 2nd – The Saint Joseph Local Community celebrated Sister Maria Marta’s feast day in the Activity Room. They had a delicious meal from Fried Rice Express. Sister Donna Marie joined in the celebration.

August 5 – Sister Gloria Marie celebrated her 60th Jubilee with her immediate family and closest friends. They had a beautiful celebration at “Old Warsaw” a buffet Polish Restaurant in the southwest suburbs. Sister Gloria had the opportunity to visit with family from California and Arizona. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful celebration of Sister’s commitment to Christ and to the Resurrection Community.

August 8th – Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna Marie visited the Chicago Botanic Gardens. Among their favorite spots were the English walled gardens, the tram ride through the gardens, and the Butterfly Exhibit.



August 14th – Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna Marie visited the New Hope Community Pantry. We have supported the work of the Pantry for a number of years. The Pantry is dedicated to helping families in six of our neighboring zip codes. Since opening their doors in 2004 the Pantry has helped more than 32,000 families. We were able to see the large refrigerators that the Hermitage Charitable Trust was able to provide the Pantry a couple of years ago.

August 15th – All the Sisters of the Province gathered for Vespers in honor of the Assumption of Mary and the anniversary of our Profession of Vows. During Vespers we renewed our vows. After Vespers there was a variety of desserts and we sat and reminisced about our the day of our first vows and the day of our final vows.

August 17th – Sister Dominic and Sister Donna Marie visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in DesPlaines. Is was so impressive to see all the bouquets of flowers the pilgrims brought and laid around the shrine. We visited the beautiful Chapel of Mary and the beautiful display of the many Mexican Martyrs, many of whom are canonized saints.



August 18th – Superiors Meeting was held in the afternoon of August 18th.

August 20th - The Resurrection Local Community celebrated Sister Carolyn Sniegowski's 60th Anniversary since she professed her first vows. The Local Community started the day by praying morning prayer together and attending the 9 a.m. Mass together. In the evening there was a delicious supper, lovely gifts, and time for Sister Carolyn to share some of her favorite stories.



August 20th – The Emmaus Local Community celebrated Sister Rosemary and Sister Dominic's feast days with pizza and recreation.

August 26th – Resurrection Village hosted its annual Family Picnic. Many of the Sisters participated in the event, enjoying a variety of hot dogs, live Country Music, and purchasing homemade jellies, watching the Jessie White tumblers, and many other fun activities.

August 27th to September 2nd eleven Sisters participated in the retreat given by Father Daniel Petsche, O.S.B. Four Sisters of the Living Word joined us in the retreat.

September 4th The Saint Joseph local community spent Labor Day together Starting with a leisurely dinner together in the large dining room.

September 5th Sister Donna Marie had an open meeting with the Sisters. The Sisters were updated on many things including the agenda for the Fall 2023 Renewal which will be held in November, Sister Carolyn and Sister Donna making their annual retreat in Castleton in October, and Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna meeting with the leadership of the Saint Joseph Province in November.

September 10th – Sister Carolyn S. attended Misericordia's Annual Family Fest. Over 10,000 guests and volunteers supported the event.

September 10th – The Sisters of the Saint Joseph local community celebrated Sister Marilyn and Sister Paulette’s Birthday. While celebrating the Birthdays, Sister Mary Florence’s brother, his wife and two daughters made a surprise visit. They drove to Chicago from Minnesota. They had a wonderful visit.



September 9th and 10th – While at Lake Delavan for the weekend Sister Virginia Ann and Sister Donna Marie saw several wild turkeys walking on the property. They also visited Pearces’s Farm and enjoyed the beautiful sunflowers.



September 11th - Sister Dominic joined other residents from Resurrection Retirement Village to attend a Mass and reception with Bishop Paul Dempsey from Ireland. The event took place at the Irish American Heritage Center.

September 17th – Sister Donna Marie attended the Mass and reception honoring the 140th Anniversary of the opening of Maryville Academy. The Mass was in the Saint Joseph Chapel that is part of the Guadalupe Shrine. Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob presided at the Mass. Musicians from the Ortegon School of Music provided the music for the Mass.

September 18th - Sister Stephanie gave a one-hour presentation to the residents of the Retirement Center regarding the history of the retirement center and its growth. The residents enjoyed the presentation very much.



September 20th - Sister Mary Dominic joined other Retirement Center Residents ALRV

residents in a visit to Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles. Afterwards they went to lunch at “Brandy’s”.

September 23 – The Sisters in the Saint Joseph Local Community celebrated Sister Florence’s birthday. The celebration included lunch with delicious pizza, salad, and cake. Sister Virginia Ann was also invited to attend.

September 24th – The Fathers and Brothers of the Resurrection had their annual fundraiser to help support their seminarians and their retired priests and brothers. Sisters Carolyn, Carolyn Marie, Dominic, Donna Marie, Gloria Marie, Maria Goretti, and Virginia Ann attended the event. Sister Donna Marie was asked to give the opening prayer at the dinner. Sister Gloria Marie won one of the raffle prizes, a lovely television.



September 25th – Sister Donna Marie attended the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal in Rosemont. Cardinal Blasé Cupich gave the opening address on the Eucharist. Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa joined the conference via ZOOM and spoke on Evangelization. The afternoon sessions were dedicated to discipleship. The day ended with a beautiful Liturgy at which Cardinal Cupich served as the main celebrant and several other bishops and about thirty priests served as concelebrants.

September 30th – Sister Dominic joined other residents from the Retirement Center for a trip to the Irish American Heritage Center for “High Tea with Saint impersonating Saint Patrick.

September 30th – Sister Virginia Ann left for a week of vacation with her family in Minnesota.



Feast Days

October 7th Sister Mary Patricia

October 16th Sister Hedwig

November 4th Sister Carolyn

November 4th Sister Carolyn Marie

November 10th Sister Mary Leonette

December 4th Sister Mary Barbara

December 8th Sister Marilyn

December 25th Sister Gloria Marie

December 26th Sister Stephanie



Birthdays

November 4th. Sister Mary Patricia

November 21st Sister Carolyn Marie

December 8th Sister Dorota



*“To be grateful is to
Recognize the Love of God
In everything.”*

Thomas Merton