



NEWSLETTER OF THE HANDMAIDS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

✠ **With hearts and hands and voices...** ✠

Everyone loves to receive mail, especially a personal message, and if it's written by hand it is all the more treasured. During this special time of year when people around the world reach out to their loved ones to send an expression of how much they mean to them, we want to tell you how grateful we are for you!

With all the advances in technology it's becoming more and more rare to receive a handwritten card or letter. (We, too, use computers, as you can see!) An example of the delight that such a gift can bring arrived in late September from some Missionaries of Charity in Egypt who we spiritually adopted many years ago. Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, S.J. encouraged us to support these good Sisters in their generous and loving service to the poor in Egypt and surrounding regions, which we were (*and are*) very happy to do. The interesting thing is their letter was sent to where we used to live 30 years ago, and where a new Community resides, and yet still made it to our current home in Tennessee!

It was a great example of how Jesus keeps us united through prayer and a reminder of the joy we can give to others when we reach out and send a little note. Don't let the fact that many years have passed deter you. Let Jesus deliver your message and take care of the timing. Often what we think is late, is a perfect day for the one receiving it. Above all, know that Jesus himself is the most loving "handwritten letter" we could

ever receive, as our Founder, Father Gerald, so beautifully expressed:

What a pleasure we experience when we get a phone call or a letter. But the One who loves us best is nearer than any phone or post office. The One who loves our dear ones best - God - is close to them and close to us...What is every Communion but a white envelope containing a message from the Heart of Christ: "See, I place all my love in this envelope, and with my own Blood, not once in a lifetime but every morning, I write you a message: I love you with all my Heart."

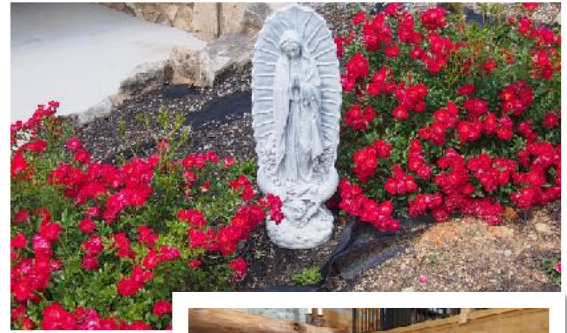
May everything we do and say, show Jesus how we love Him in return! We hope you enjoy our little update as we celebrate His Birth, and wish you and yours a most blessed and wonderful new year!



## Now thank we all our God!



This last year was filled with many special blessings. We have so much to be grateful for, including the arrival of our Sisters from Lake Villa, IL, the Deaconate Ordination of our Communications Director, Deacon Scott Maentz, and the Golden Jubilee of Sister Rose Anne of Jesus!



Welcoming the Lake Villains to their new home in East TN!



50 Years of a vows as a Handmaid of the Precious Blood! The flourishing roses around our Lady are a symbol of Sister's life and loving care for souls.

Rev. Mother Marietta vested Deacon Scott with his dalmatic and stole.



Bishop Stika captures the moment with a selfie. He also sang "You are my Sunshine" to Sister Rose Anne of Jesus, something she will never forget!



Last time we showed you our regular chaplains: Fr. Resen, Fr. Antonio, and Fr. Dowling. Here are two more wonderful priests who have kindly offered Mass for us here at our Monastery. Above is Fr. Andres Cano with his parents, visiting from Columbia, and below is Fr. Adam Kane.



Deacon Scott and his wife Christine - joyful servants of Christ and the poor



One of the ways we convey our news is through the creative hands and heart of our Sister cartoonist, affectionately known as "Sister Regina". She gives a unique look into the daily adventures of our cloistered, contemplative life. Recently she had the honor of being asked to offer her talents to help a priest promote his new book: Fr. Donald Callaway's inspiring reflection on the Rosary!





Our dear friends  
Jimmy &  
Valerie Dee



with countless gifts of love

A small sampling of the incredible generosity of those who have responded to our needs through the Amazon & Walmart wish lists. God bless you for everything that you have done for us!



We are all in this together and we could never thank God enough for the wonderful friends, helpers and guides He sends into our lives. We love you, one and all!

A Recreation night of singing some of favorite hymns.

It was amazing to see the difference after the wood was cleaned, treated and stained



Praying the rosary and prayers for our deceased loved ones with Fr. Tim Sullivan, CSP, on the Feast of the Holy Souls



Having our wooden homes cleaned and repainted was a good reminder of our need for daily conversion and renewal.



A favorite look-out that keeps its beauty and serenity all year round



Comic relief provided by our four legged furry feline!

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR**  
*from your Handmaids*



Know that we keep you daily in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for your goodness to us and especially for all your prayers! May the grace and peace of the Infant Jesus fill your hearts, and may we all imitate and grow in the love He came to give!