

# Spring

HANDMAIDS OF THE  
PRECIOUS BLOOD

# News

2018

*He Is Risen!*



We enjoyed a beautiful Fall season with bold colors and abnormally warm weather followed by an unusual winter with some extreme cold (for East Tennessee) but were warmed by special visits. The first was a short mini retreat with Father Greg Cleveland, OMV in mid December.



In January, Bishop Stika and Cardinal Rigali joined us for Mass and dinner to celebrate Christmas. But we had to wait for the first day of Spring for snow!





# *Offerings and Improvements*



**Well spigot**



**Interior Dome of the Cathedral of the  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knoxville**

**Pesky  
Pests**



**Snake  
In  
A Box!**



**Digging  
New Water  
Line**



**Water  
Water  
Everywhere**

As workers labored to finish the new Knoxville Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we added our prayers and offered up any troubles we might experience in the way of our own maintenance and repairs at our Monastery. Indeed, we had many opportunities to “offer it up” as we suddenly faced water outages, a leaking well, electrical mysteries, industrial strength fumigation for cluster flies, running a new water line, and finding a snake (yes, a snake!) in our electric meter.

Perhaps God accepted our gift of little inconveniences, as the Cathedral was finished on time and is beautiful and gorgeous! What a blessing it is for Knoxville!



**Exterior of the Cathedral shortly before its  
Dedication on March 3rd, 2018**



# 42 Stations of the Cross



Stations on the lower porch of Cor Jesu.



Italian set added to Mass Chapel. Sisters praying Stations during Holy Week.

Centerpiece for outdoor Stations under construction



3 sets of 14 Stations = 42! Don't worry, we are **not** experimenting with the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Rather, we unpacked 2 sets from storage, refurbished them and installed them on our Cor Jesu deck and in our Mass Chapel. The last set is under construction for our grounds. It made Lent all the more poignant allowing communal stations in Chapel again.

## Historic Holy Week and Easter



Palm Sunday  
Benediction



Empty Tabernacle  
on Good Friday



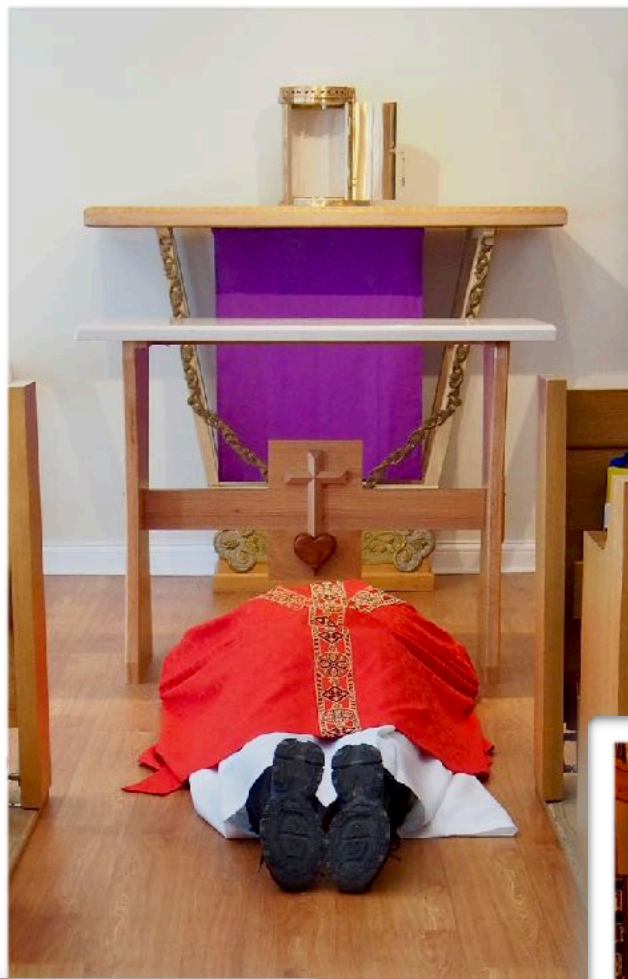
Thanks to the generosity of our Chaplains, we were able to have Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at "home" for the first time since our move to TN. In fact, its the first time since 1950 all Handmaids could



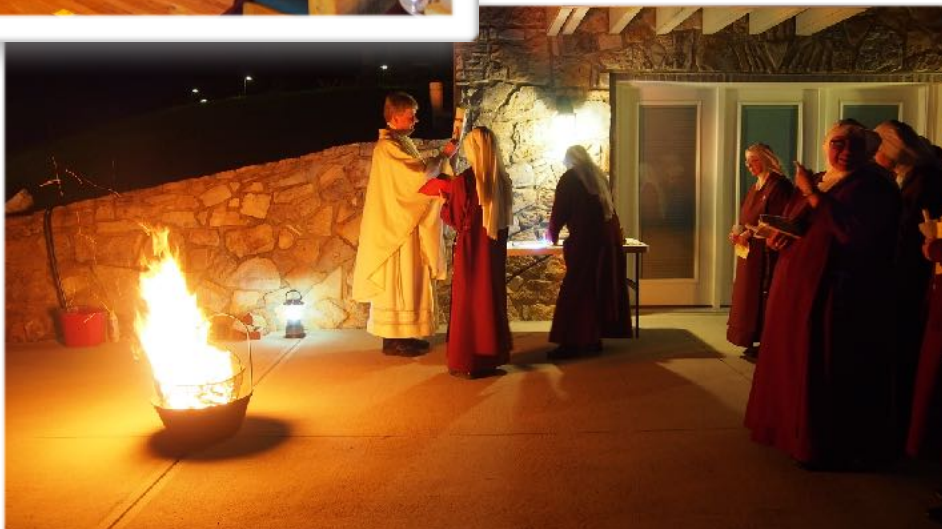


celebrate these high holy days together in one place.

This meant that one of our most solemn meals, the Agape Meal after Holy Thursday Mass, could actually happen on Holy Thursday. After Mass, Handmaids gathered in the Chapter room to hear a short reflection by Mother Marietta. "Have HOPE, live JOY - live our life in Christ, our lives in Christ *together* with one another such that others will be amazed to see, like the early Christians, "how they LOVE one another!"



The Agape, other than spoken prayers and hymns such as the Ubi Caritas, is eaten in silence. Recalling the Last Supper and Our Lord's gift of himself in the Eucharist, it is the only time when Handmaids take a small amount of wine which is served by the Mother Prioress and Sub-Prioress.



Our good old Easter kettle was also on hand to mark our first Vigil at Cor Jesu. We took the rubric about a "blazing fire" seriously and were grateful for the winds, while most robust, were steady from one direction. Father sang the Exultet wonderfully and all the work and preparation for the Triduum only served to add to our joy when we sang Alleluias again!