

OBLATES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



As we move forward in implementing the directives the Church has asked all cloistered nuns to observe, we are also examining the Oblate program and discerning how the Lord is asking us to reinvigorate this apostolate and better incorporate the foundational purposes of this prayer association. Above all else we treasure and value your prayers and sacrifices for priests and remain continually edified in our own Handmaid vocations by your witness and fidelity. While our near term focus requires us to take a hiatus on accepting new candidates while we attend to changes stemming from Vultum Dei Quaerere and Cor Orans, your prayers are never more needed.

We are also planning for our upcoming Chapter in 2019, for which we ask your prayers and patience as this is quite an undertaking and will necessitate not producing new Oblate Instructions for the time being.

We are grateful for your intercessory prayer and all the sacrifices you are offering up for Christ in His Priest. God bless you!



Vultum Dei Quaerere is the Apostolic Constitution on aspects of the life of cloistered nuns. Cor Orans is an instruction spelling out in greater detail the changes the Holy See desires to see effective within the next year. In this light we have continued our outreach to other cloisters as well as canonists to better ensure we will fulfill the

Vatican's expectations according to the mind of the Church. Rev. Mother and the Subprioress are grateful to have been able to visit the Passionist nuns in Whitesville, KY. (Pictured with Mother John Mary, C.P. and Sister Mary Veronica, C.P.) We also are indebted to canon lawyers Sister Lynn, O.S.U. and Sister Nancy, S.P. for their insights and expertise in a recent summer visit. (Pictured with our Council members)



Blessed Christmas!



Handmaids of the Precious Blood
Winter 2018

All your needs and intentions will be remembered in our Christmas Novena of Masses at Cor Jesu Monastery December 25th 2018 through January 1st 2019. Please send us your prayer requests on the enclosed slip.



PRIEST GARDEN GROUNDBREAKING

One of our Chaplains, Father Resen, Handmaid Advisory Team (HAT) Members Ralph Herbert and Jennifer Goswitz, Knights of Columbus State Deputy Sir Knight Tracy Staller and District Deputy Sir Knight Jimmy Dee joined Mother Marietta and Sister Sarah Michael for the August 12th groundbreaking for the Initial Phase of the Mary, Mother of Priests, Garden that will be dedicated to Knights founder Father Michael McGivney.



The New Road



BEFORE



Mama Dumptruck, Daddy Dozer and their kids all lined up for a family photo



AFTER:
the deer LOVE the new grass!



We were blessed to have some special guests and visitors stop by at Cor Jesu Monastery. Lake Villa friends from Illinois, the Keller Family, were able to catch a glimpse of our East Tennessee surroundings while heading to a wedding in the spring. Likewise Father Matthew, LC and Father Paul, LC, during summer travel were able to celebrate Mass for us. Father Luis from Mexico shared some of his experiences from his seminary work in his home country and was grateful for our prayers. Dennis Bridges of Bridges Funeral Home, who has been so generous and helpful to us, was able to have the main headstone sign in the cemetery completed along with most of the grass markers. Sister Elizabeth, our first Handmaid, will have her marker cut into the brickwork just under the rim of the chalice.



The Fall 2018 issue of the IRL Magazine “Religious Life” featured the Handmaids reprinting an updated article from Aletea’s John Burger on our creative solutions to maintain papal enclosure while sharing our apostolate for priests on social media through our Communications Director, Deacon Scott Maentz. They also covered our mission of prayer and sacrifice for priests in the Handmaid charism.

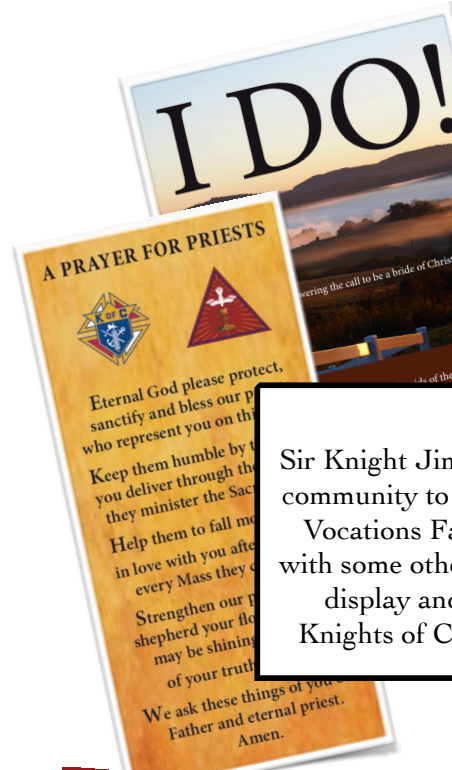


There are no adequate words to encapsulate what some have called, “The Summer of Shame” and there shouldn’t be. This crisis is ongoing and cannot be relegated to a time or place. It hasn’t ended. Rather, the Church struggles to supernaturally embrace a new era of greatly needed reform: in short, an era in need of the Saints we should all be striving to become.

There are many good bishops and priests out there fighting for their flock and laying their lives down to protect and defend them but who are also wounded from the scandal and fallout. In this light, the TN Knights of Columbus pledged to pray special Advent and Lent Novenas for priests to support and encourage them.



Another chance to practice extending the cloister into the world without ever leaving it was the advent in our kitchen of “Cloistered Coleslaw” and “Monastic Macaroni”...about fifty pounds (300 servings)! Prepared here, it was served at the local Knoxville fundraiser sponsored by the Knights to get refurbished body armor for police officers.



Sir Knight Jimmy Dee was our generous “stand in” allowing our cloistered community to have a physical presence for the first time at the Steubenville Vocations Fair in October. Even “Sister Regina” got to go and hang out with some other nun dolls! He also assisted with preparing a new vocations display and materials furthering our partnership with the Tennessee Knights of Columbus in our mission to pray and sacrifice for our priests.

