

From the Foot of the Cross



The Passionist Nuns of Saint Joseph Monastery in the Diocese of Owensboro KY

Summer 2010



"The Five Flowers of Tarquinia"

On April 27, 1910, five weary and sea sick Passionist Nuns began a new chapter in our history as they set foot in the United States of America. It was the vigil of the feast of St. Paul of the Cross, our holy founder. Their mission was to found the first monastery of Passionist Nuns in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. These heroic Nuns (pictured above) would never again visit the monastery from which they came, the monastery founded by St. Paul of the Cross himself in what is now Tarquinia, Italy. Sacrificing even their own native land was just another part of their total gift of self to the Crucified One to whom they belonged.

Known as the "Five Flowers of Tarquinia," these "Spouses of the Crucified" excelled in natural and supernatural gifts. The challenge before them was great, but the will of God was clear, and like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, they said their total "yes", their "Fiat" to what God was asking of them. After suffering sea sickness throughout their voyage, the founding Nuns developed disembarkment syndrome, hardly able to stand on dry land. Then they had to wait in line for long

hours and endure lengthy interrogation in order to be cleared at customs and immigration control.

These sufferings, and many others known only to their Divine Spouse, were immediately rewarded by God's gift of new vocations. Three American postulants entered in July 1910 and a year later ten more young women came. The Nuns were able to begin receiving guests in a separate retreat house by July 1911.

In 1926, the community was able to begin making new foundations. Over the next century, eight other monasteries of Passionist Nuns branched forth from the tree of the cross planted by the founding group in Pittsburgh: Scranton, PA, (now Clarks Summit), Owensboro (now Whitesville) KY, Erlanger, KY, St. Louis, MO, Japan, England, Philippines, and Korea.

To represent our Whitesville monastery at the centennial celebration in Pittsburgh, Mother Catherine Marie sent Sister John Mary and Oblate Affiliate Christie Swanson. The pages that follow will give you a small glimpse of their experiences, steeped in Passionist history and spirituality.

Passionist Nuns Celebrating 100 Years



Representatives of six of the daughter houses and granddaughter houses were able to accept the gracious invitation of Mother Joyce of Pittsburgh to attend the centennial Mass on July 11th.

"So this is the town God has deputed the Passionist Nuns of Pittsburgh to pray for!" Such were Christie's thoughts as we entered the city. Arriving Friday evening after an intense drive through torrential rain and road construction, Christie and I were enthusiastically greeted with hugs from the Pittsburgh Sisters as well as those from Japan and Korea. The rest of the Nuns coming for the celebration were due to arrive the next day. As you can see from these photos, it was a great joy to meet so many of our Nuns from the USA and abroad.

A MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S LOVE

The Pittsburgh Nuns had not wanted a big celebration and they weren't going to tell anyone. It was just going to be the Passionist Nuns, some friends, relatives and Passionist religious from nearby Saint Paul's Monastery, yet the word got out. They wanted it small but God wanted it big! He wanted to show His love and appreciation for a

hundred years of faithfulness. Christie and I were amazed as things unfolded in preparation for the anniversary Mass on Sunday, July 11th. Everything was being donated: food, flowers, bottled water, catered meals, large cakes, even a butterfly garden! On Sunday the guests filled the chapel and there was overflow seating outdoors.

Our Lord even provided the perfect weather, a real concern since they have no air conditioning. Whereas the temperature had been close to 100 degrees, it plummeted 30 degrees the day we arrived and remained in the 70's and 80's the whole weekend. One woman in poor health, recently hospitalized, wanted to be at the celebration so badly, and when she insisted on coming, the Sisters expressed their concern. "No," she said, "I have to be there. Even if I die, I have to be there." This is an example of the outpouring of love and gratitude to God for the foundation of the Passionist Nuns in the United States 100 years ago.



*Affiliate **Christie Swanson** and **Sr. John Mary** during their pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Passionist Nuns in North America.*



***Sr. Gemma** (Japan), **Sr. Mary Ann**, **Sr. Maria** and **Mother Joyce** (all of Pittsburgh)*



Mother Mary Grace (Korea) cooks bacon with chop sticks while **Sr. John Mary (Whitesville KY)**, **Sr. Gemma Maria (Pittsburgh)** and **Mother Joyce** watch with amazement



Sr. Gemma Maria (Pittsburgh)



Sr. Mary Therese (Pittsburgh)



Sr. Mary Grace (Pittsburgh) and **Mother Maria Socorro (Philippines)**
Congratulations to Sr. Mary Grace on the occasion of her Perpetual Profession August 15!



Sr. Dolores (Korea) and **Sr. Marguerite Marie (Philippines)**



Sr. Marguerite Marie (Philippines) and **Sr. Teresita (Clarks Summit, PA)**

*Forging
 Bonds for
 the Next
 100 Years*



Mother Vincent Marie and Sr. Gemma
(both of Japan)



Sr. Maria Grace (Erlanger KY) **Sr. John Mary (Whitesville KY)**,
Mother Mary Grace (Korea) and **Mother Margaret Mary (Erlanger KY)**



Sr. Mary Elizabeth (Pittsburgh)



Sr. Paul Marie and Sr. Mary Sarto (both of Pittsburgh)

REMEMBERING HIS PASCHAL MYSTERY—THE ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday July 11th, the great day had finally come. Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and the retired auxiliary bishop, Most Rev. William J. Winter, were joined by diocesan and religious priests, including many Passionists, in a glorious celebration of the Mass of Thanksgiving. Friends and relatives packed the chapel and overflowed outside. This culmination of 100 years of holy Masses was simultaneously the beginning of the next 100 years in which the Passionist Nuns would participate deeply in the Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated down the ages through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

An exquisite touch of artistry was provided at the Mass by the beautiful meditative harp music played by Sr. Mary Elizabeth's niece, Katie Sutton, who had been preparing for five years to play for the Sisters!



A few of the Passionist priests who joined the Sisters for a catered meal after the Mass. Back left **Fr. Paul Vaeth**, **Fr. Bill Davin**, **Fr. Robin Ryan**, **Fr. Robert Joerger** (Provincial of Saint Paul of the Cross Province) and **Fr. Timothy Fitzgerald**



DEVOTION TO THE PASSION IN UNION WITH MARY

The next day we honored the Queen of the Passionist Congregation by having the votive Office and Mass of Our Mother of Sorrows. Holy Mass began with a tremendous surprise, as the celebrant presented to us the mission crucifix used in 1738 by our Holy Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, during his first retreat to Mother Mary Crucified's Benedictine community, 33 years before she became the co-foundress of the Passionist Nuns. After receiving the apostolic blessing, each Nun came forward and venerated this most precious relic loaned to us by our Nuns in Tarquinia, Italy, the motherhouse of all Passionist Nuns' monasteries. Being in the presence of the crucifix was like being in the presence of our Founder and Mother Mary Crucified - a very powerful and inexpressible moment.

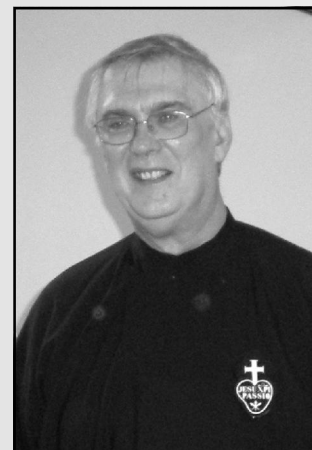
Later Fr. Jerome Vereb, CP touched our hearts by taking us, with Our Lady, into a deeper appreciation of our Passionist charism. He challenged us to embrace generously our lives of silence, solitude, communal and contemplative prayer, spiritual reading and self-forgetfulness, so that we, like Our Lady of Sorrows, may bring people to the sacred side of Christ, to encounter love. This is what we are here for! To bring everyone to this Sacred Font of Mercy and Love.

Father Jerome Vereb, C.P. told the Nuns: "I'm here today as a witness to history." His love for the Passionist Congregation and its history was evident in the words of wisdom he shared with us. Having served in Rome for 25 years, Father Jerome is an early ecumenist with a simultaneous flair for Passionist history.

In 1977, he was appointed secretary of the first historic commission to investigate John Henry Cardinal Newman's sanctity. Then in 1984, Father Jerome was appointed the official representative of Pope John Paul II at the Sesquicentennial anniversary of the Oxford Movement which took place at Oxford University in England.

Still recuperating from a recent heart transplant, Father continues his scholarly work. His most recent book, "Because He Was a German", is a history of the origins of the Secretariat for Christian Unity.

Currently, Father is preparing to publish the history of the arrival of the Passionist Nuns in the United States. This booklet will also be a commentary on our contemplative Passionist charism.

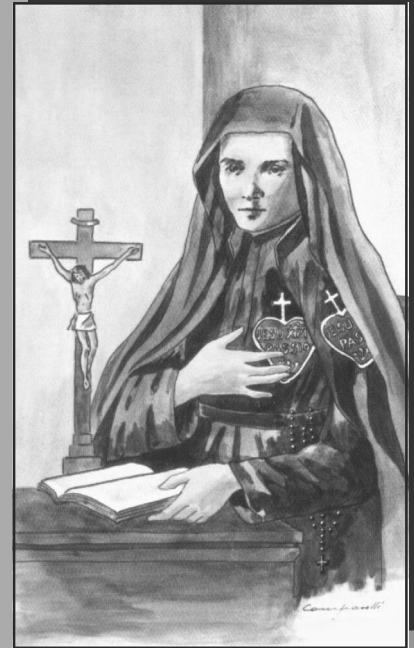


Mother Mary Crucified of Jesus (1713-1787) wrote of her first encounter with our Holy Founder: *"A few years after my profession in St. Lucy's convent of the Benedictine Order, almost 41 years ago, I became acquainted with Father Paul of the Cross on the occasion of his coming to preach the retreat to the Sisters of that community; and seeing that he was full of zeal and of the knowledge of God, and therefore perfectly qualified to be an able director, I commenced a correspondence with him."*

During 33 years of trials and disappointments, Mother Mary Crucified (who has been called the co-foundress of the Passionist Nuns together with St. Paul of the Cross) exercised heroic faith and trust that one day she would indeed become a Passionist.

Not until May 3, 1771—at nearly 58 years of age—did her great dream come true. She and 10 other companions, all prepared by the founder himself over many years, entered the newly built monastery in Corneto (now Tarquinia) to begin the life and mission of the Passionist Nuns.

Of the many letters of St. Paul of the Cross to Mother Mary Crucified only 31 remain. They are filled with the wisdom of the cross and the spirituality of profound abandonment to the will of God, and are included in the 3-volume collection of the letters of St. Paul of the Cross available from Passionist Publications: <http://crossplace.com/store/page18.html>



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Order a booklet about Mother Mary Crucified from Passionist Nuns, 1157 Donaldson Hwy, Erlanger KY 41018-1000
Online, read: www.passionistnuns.org/PassionistSaints/MMaryCrucified/index.htm



Close-up photo of St. Paul of the Cross' preaching crucifix



Mother Vincent Marie (Japan), Sr. Gemma (Japan) and Sr. Maria (Pittsburgh) hold the venerated crucifix.

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS MONASTERY

A high point during our stay was the visit we paid to the Church and Monastery of St. Paul of the Cross where we were warmly welcomed by the Rector, Fr. Gerald Laba, C.P., and his community. St. Paul's Monastery, founded in Pittsburgh in 1852, was the first monastery of Passionist men in the New World. The Church was consecrated directly to the Holy See. Blessed Pius IX gave the Passionists the banner used for the beatification of St. Paul of the Cross. This banner now hangs over the main door of the church.

The Passionists were in the forefront of the development of the lay retreat movement in the United States. It all began here at St. Paul's Monastery. Preaching retreats was dear to the heart of our holy founder, St. Paul of the Cross, and a privileged means of spreading the knowledge and love of Christ in His life, Passion and Death.



St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Church and Retreat Center



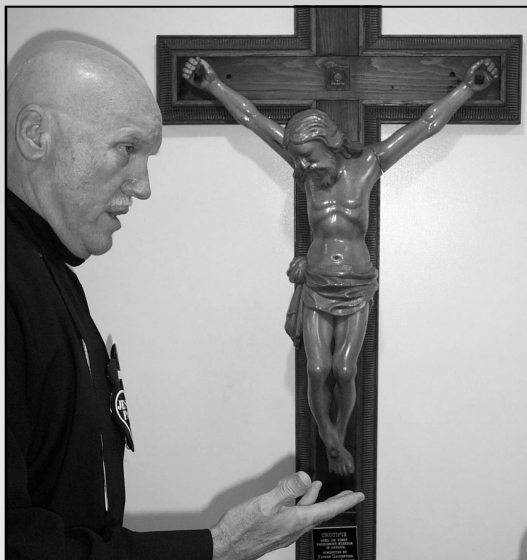
Sisters touch their rosaries to the tomb of Servant of God, **Fr. Theodore Foley, CP**

The Passionist men of the Eastern Province were instrumental in bringing the Passionist Nuns to Pittsburgh in 1910. For these one hundred years the Passionists have supported our Nuns both spiritually and temporally. Our visit to St. Paul's Monastery reminded us of this deep familial bond and awakened the gratitude we owe them for our Passionist presence in this country.

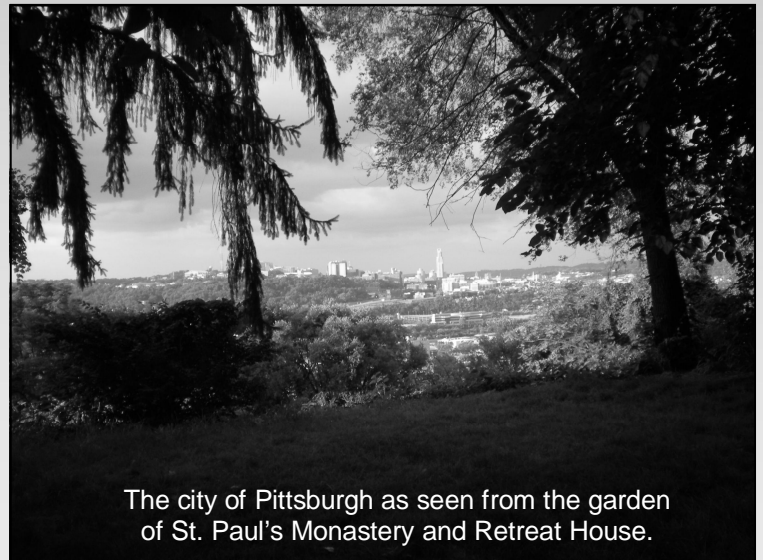
Upon our arrival Fr. Gerald led us through a prayer service before the tomb of the Servant of God, Father Theodore Foley, C.P. We then partook of a delicious banquet, followed by an historical tour which led to an upper deck with a breathtaking view of the Pittsburgh skyline.



Fr. Gerald Laba, C.P. holds a display of an actual Passion Sign worn by St. Paul of the Cross and preserved at the monastery. God bless and reward you, Fr. Gerald, and all those who worked behind the scenes to make our visit to the first Passionist monastery of men in the US a memorable visit!



Vice Rector **Fr. Donald Ware, CP** explains the significance of this crucifix to the Nuns. This Crucifix was used on the first Passionist Mission in America in the Cathedral of Pittsburgh in April 1856.



The city of Pittsburgh as seen from the garden of St. Paul's Monastery and Retreat House.

WITH HEARTS FULL OF GRATITUDE

The next morning we took our leave with hearts full of gratitude to God, to the Pittsburgh community, and to Mother Catherine Marie for making this experience possible. This once-in-a-lifetime experience was an amazing, grace-filled opportunity to meet and share our joy in the Passion of Christ with our Sisters from throughout the world. Yet, the parting was bittersweet as we knew we might not see one another again in this lifetime. May God be praised for 100 years of Passionist cloistered living in the United States. And may He send us many holy and healthy candidates to continue our contemplative Passionist mission with Mary at the foot of the cross for the next 100 years!

Fr. Theodore Foley - Passionist Priest & Confessor



Fr. Theodore Foley, C.P.
1917-1974

Father Theodore Foley was an American Passionist priest whose cause for canonization has been officially opened by the Holy See. Born in 1913 in Springfield, Massachusetts, he died in Rome in 1974 while serving the Passionist Congregation as superior general. Besides participating in the sessions of Vatican II, and leading his worldwide community through the difficult years following the council, Fr. Theodore was a confessor to Pope Paul VI, Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, to religious men and women as well as to many others. It is said that he excelled as a Christ-like confessor.

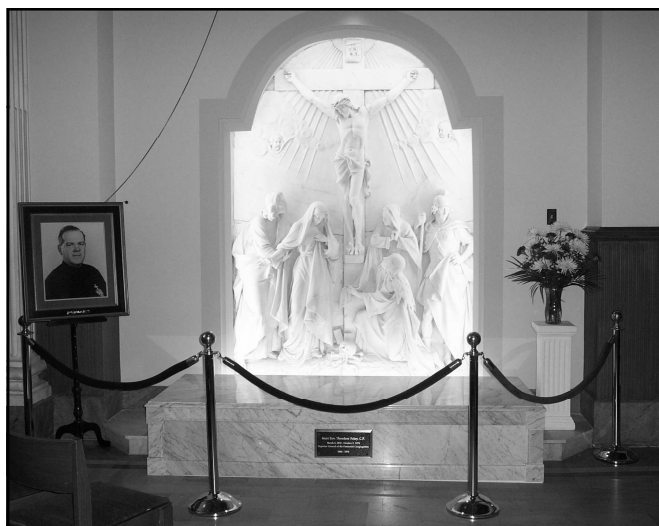
He also excelled in patient understanding and fraternal kindness as he assisted the Passionist Nuns throughout the world in the revision of our Rule. Fr. Theodore only lived to see what is called the "transitional" text of our Rules, while his successor, Bishop Paul M. Boyle, C.P. and Fr. Fabiano Giorgini, C.P. carried the revision work through to a successful conclusion.

Many of Fr. Theodore's precious letters are preserved in our monastery archives. Here is an excerpt from a January 1969 letter: "Your life of prayer and penance is more needed now than ever. The Church is passing through a terrible storm. The aggiornamento is not only the breathing of the Holy Spirit. The powers of evil are operating very insidiously and at times destructively. The faith of many priests, especially young ones, has been shaken. Do not be disturbed by this but see it as a call to live your beautiful contemplative life with renewed fervor and deeper love."

Looking back, it seems to us he was a martyr of patience and charity, filled with prayerful trust in God. In August 1974, two months before he died in office, he spoke these words to the priests and brothers of Holy Cross Province here in the U.S.: "The hour has arrived in our congregation...to turn inward and focus our attention on what for us is the primary, imperishable value in our religious life—the relationship that each one has to the Passion of Christ."

Fr. Theodore's own relationship with Our Lord in His Passion was soon to come to fulfillment. Hospitalized in Rome, Fr. Theodore suddenly grew worse on the evening of October 9, 1974. Although Father was serene during the anointing, his breathing became labored shortly after. He began praying aloud: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul." When the attending nurse said, "I'll do the praying; you rest. Jesus, Mary and Joseph...." Before she finished, Our Lord took His good servant home to the Father's house.

Please join us in praying that Fr. Theodore will be beatified soon, that priests be encouraged to be holy confessors, that men and women religious be strengthened in their vocations and that our laity be inspired to cultivate a high standard of holiness in their own way of life.



Father Theodore's tomb at St. Paul's Monastery, Pittsburgh, PA. The Passionist Nuns who attended the 100th anniversary celebration were privileged to visit this shrine.

Report favors received through Fr. Theodore's intercession to:

Fr. Dominic Papa, C.P.
Vice Postulator
Passionist Monastery
P.O. Box 3100024
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Fr. Theodore and Bishop Quentin Olwell, C.P. entering the council hall during the sessions of Vatican II

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Online biography of Fr. Theodore: <http://cpcompassion.org/83/foley/.htm>
Paperback biography at: <http://crossplace.com/store/product134.html>

Blessed Dominic, C.P. and John Henry Newman



John Henry Cardinal Newman
1801-1890

Many of our readers are no doubt familiar with the writings of John Henry Cardinal Newman, the former Anglican theologian and Oxford professor who became a Catholic in 1845. Providentially in this our time, Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Cardinal Newman, raising him to the honors of the altar.

What makes Newman's beatification particularly important for Passionists is that our own Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God had a profound influence on Newman and was the one privileged to receive him into the Catholic Church.

Newman himself had said of the Catholics: "If they want to convert England, let them go barefooted into our manufacturing towns—let them preach to the people like St. Francis Xavier—let them be pelted and trampled on, and I will own that they can do what we cannot."

God answered by sending Blessed Dominic Barberi, who has been called "the shepherd of the second spring". This humble yet brilliant man, came barefooted. He preached to the poor, he was pelted and trampled upon. He was called "the stuttering Papist," "Friar Demonio," and other abusive names. Even children shouted obscenities at him, pelting him with rocks, or pulling at his habit when he walked by.

Dominic wrote at the time: "My God, for what distress and sorrow You have reserved me! I spent so many years before coming to this Island preparing myself at all times for suffering. And now it seems to me that if I had ever foreseen all that awaited me, I should never have had the courage to step aboard ship!"

Dominic's conviction that he was called to England began early in life as we learn from his diary: "Toward the end of [1813]...I was on my knees before God ...praying and beseeching Him to provide for the necessities of His Church, when I heard an interior voice (which only those who hear can understand) in actual words which did not leave a shadow of doubt as to its being from God. The voice told me I was destined to announce the truths of the Gospel and to bring stray sheep back to the way of salvation....As I felt I could not doubt that the communication came from God, I could not doubt for an instant that it would be fulfilled."

The next year, he again wrote in his diary: "One day [in 1814],,,I went for a few minutes into the church to pray before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and while I was on my knees, the thought occurred to me—how was the prophecy of last year to be fulfilled? Was I to go as a lay Brother to preach, and to whom was I to go? ... While I was thus racking my brains, I understood ... that I was not to remain a lay Brother, but was to study, and that...I was to labor...in the northwest of Europe and especially in England...."

Thus convinced that he had received a mission from God to evangelize England, Dominic began a long crusade of prayer for England. He begged others also to pray. The Passionist superior general sent him forth at last in 1841. Dominic first established the Congregation of the Passion in Belgium and from there, in England. He was to labor there only about 8 years before his death.

The crowning of his years of prayer, labor and suffering came when on Oct. 9, 1845, he received John Henry Newman and others into the Catholic Church. Dominic was to live only four more years. On Friday, Aug 27, 1849, he suffered a heart attack enroute to another Passionist monastery. Fearing Cholera, the passengers of his train demanded that he be put off at once. Through the compassion of a physician he was helped into a room as his excruciating pain increased. Throughout the ordeal, Dominic kept whispering, "Thy will be done!" At 3 p.m. that Friday afternoon, Dominic breathed his last. He was 58 years of age.

Later, Newman wrote of Blessed Dominic: "Father Dominic was a marvelous missionary and preacher, filled with zeal. He had a great part in my own conversion and that of others. His very look had about it something holy. When his form came within sight, I was moved to the depths in the strangest way. The gaiety and affability of his manner in the midst of all his sanctity was in itself a holy sermon. No wonder then that I became his convert and his penitent. He was a great lover of England."



Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God, C.P.
with a shadow of Our Lady of
Walsingham in the background.
Feastday: August 26

FOR MORE INFORMATION

View a interview of Kevin O'Brien as Bl. Dominic Barberi on *The Journey Home* online, go to:
http://thepassionists.org/whats_new/2010/05/17/an-interview-with-blessed-dominic-barberi/
View a dramatization of the life of Bl. Dominic go to: www.thewordinc.org

A Retreat at the Monastery

"It's hard to describe to my friends"



Be
Still
and
See
That
I
Am
God



Private retreats directed by **Gail Pitt**

"Just a note to thank you for all your beautiful work and prayers for the men's retreat. It was an awesome weekend. They loved being at your home. Tell all who helped, 'Thank you'. The men would like to schedule a retreat every February. May God bless you all for your love and dedication to building up the Kingdom of God." LB

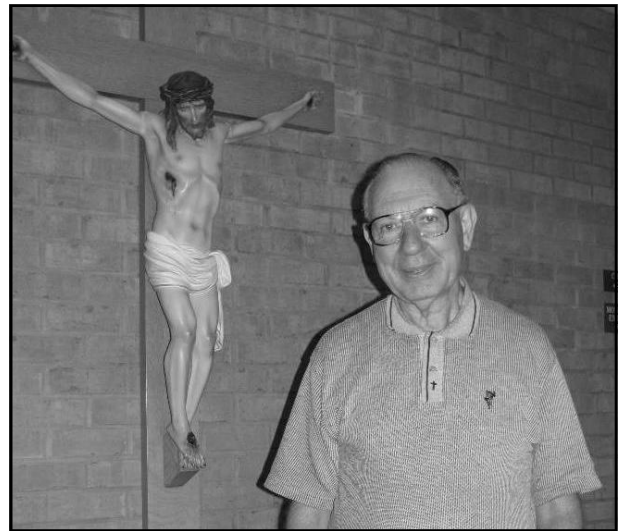
"Wow! What a wonderful place! Thank you so much for welcoming me and putting my mind at ease. I was a tad nervous because I have never been on a retreat or to a monastery. Finally, I can just pray and 'be still'. I had some things going to worry about while I was here, but I couldn't. I was too much at peace! I know so many people that need this very thing. I am blessed to have been brought here.

"My room was great and I loved the window facing the woods. Thank you so much for the wonderful meals as well! And thank you for praying for me! I will come back again and I will let my friends know that they should visit as well." C

"Well, it has been a week since my retreat and I'm still at peace. I've told myself to slow down a little and be calmer. The retreat helped me do that. I loved having all those hours to talk to the Lord. The Stations of the Cross path is one of my favorites. I also like the Calvary Heights path. It is so steep, and the crucifix is breathtaking." DD



Women of Grace Recollection Day led by **Msgr. Bernard Powers**



Brother James Heeb, SVD making a solitude retreat

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Help Us Form Candidates for the Next Century!

God continues to call young women to cloistered contemplative life, but if young women don't know the Passionist Nuns exist how can they know we are even a vocational choice? We have been working on several initiatives to get the word out about Passionist life; for instance a vocation commercial that has been aired on EWTN. As you know, these initiatives cost money.

Currently, we are improving our screening process and formation program. We also encounter a number of young women who cannot enter our life because of a

large college debt. We are in need of sponsors for such women, as well as a sufficient endowment to help provide for the future of our community. Would you prayerfully consider remembering us in your will, or making a cash donation to our endowment fund? We also need volunteers to distribute our vocation brochures and encourage young women to consider a Passionist vocation! Please don't forget those monthly donations! All is so deeply appreciated as we continue our mission in the Church! God bless you!



Jaclyn is discerning a vocational call to our community



Liz has been accepted to the aspirancy program!



Sr. Mary Andrea working on the monastery grounds



No sour-face saints permitted!

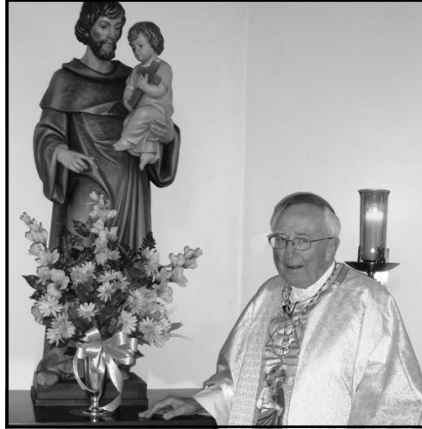
A Visit from our Nuns in the Philippines

Two of our Sisters from the Philippines traveled to Whitesville for a short visit after the Pittsburgh celebration. Here **Mother Mary Socorro** and **Sister Marguerite Marie** sing a sacred hymn from the Philippine culture. It was a true joy to visit with them, to pray with them and to hear about Passionist life in the Philippines. We look forward to some collaboration with their community in the areas of formation and liturgy, and we would welcome this same opportunity with any of our other Passionist Nuns.



H abemus E piscopum!

Joy filled our hearts as our chaplain announced the long-awaited news: we have a Bishop! We had been praying for 11 months for our Bishop-elect and now our prayers had been answered. On February 10, 2010, the **Most Rev. William F. Medley** was installed as the 4th Bishop of the Owensboro Diocese and on the solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25, 2010, Bishop Medley blessed our community with his presence. He offered a special Mass in our chapel and then visited with us during the sharing of a meal together.



Bishop Medley succeeds our beloved **Bishop John J. McRaith**. Our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, Bishop McRaith, for your kind attention to our monastic community over these many years. May God reward you!

Our continued prayers are with you, Bishop Medley, as you shepherd your flock, the Church of Western Kentucky. We are looking forward to our next visit!

A Triple B lessing

Thanks to the vocation director of the Owensboro Diocese, Fr. Andy Garner, the seminarians of our diocese gather each Christmas at our monastery for a retreat.

One evening of the retreat is always set aside for enjoying recreation with the seminarians. This encounter spurs us on in our prayerful support for these generous men who are striving to follow Christ's call, "Come follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

On May 29, 2010, three of our seminarians were ordained to the priesthood: left to right: **Fr. Brandon Williams**, **Fr. Uhem Enoch**, and **Fr. Steve Hohman**. We had prayed for Fr. Brandon since his childhood, when he attended Mass with his mother in our monastery chapel. For years as a Catholic school teacher, Fr. Steve had brought groups of students to visit our monastery. And Fr. Uhem was also well known to us through his retreats at the monastery. As cloistered religious called by the Church to be "Spiritual Mothers", it is our privilege and joy to pray for all the apostles, clergy, religious and lay, who labor in the vineyard of the Lord.



Photo courtesy Larena Lawson

R emembering Our B eloved Dead

Sister **Margaret Joseph Aull**, 87, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, KY and sister of our Sister Marie Michael, C.P., died December 7, 2009 in the hospital after a short illness. She was in her 69th year of religious life. She was known for her ready smile, her sense of adventure, her love of travel, and her deep prayerfulness.

She was born Margaret Ann Aull, one of 15 children to the late Michael Xavier and Mary Pauline Aull. Sister Margaret Joseph taught at Immaculate School (1967-68) and St. Pius Tenth School (1975-85) in Owensboro, KY and worked as a file clerk at Mercy Hospital from 1985-94. She also taught in Louisville, KY and New Mexico, and did tutoring and ministry to the sick in Madisonville, KY. She retired to the motherhouse in 2002, where she continued to minister as an information receptionist.

Sister Marie Michael and her brothers and sisters are deeply grateful to Sister Margaret Joseph for her loving and devoted care of their beloved Mother during her declining years. Their mother was called to her heavenly reward in 1996 in her 99th year. They are truly grateful also to Sr. Margaret Joseph's religious superiors for permitting her to do this.



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Dear Relatives, Friends and Benefactors,

We hope you've enjoyed this historic newsletter. After the Pittsburgh celebration, we had the joy of welcoming to our monastery Mother Maria Socorro and Sr. Marguerite Marie, of our monastery in the Philippines. Please keep all Passionist Nuns in your prayers that we may always preserve our beautiful contemplative way of life offered daily that Jesus may be more and more known and loved in His most holy life, Passion and Death. Thank you for the ways in which you help to make this ongoing miracle possible—through personal service, donations and your prayers. I close with a renewed promise of our prayers for you and yours.

- Mother Catherine Marie and all the Nuns