


# THE ROSARY PILGRIM

MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

*Dominican Nuns of Summit, New Jersey*

SUMMER II

2022

A photograph of a nun in a black habit and white dress, seen from the side, tending to a garden. She is reaching out to touch a stem of a plant. The garden is filled with various flowers, including purple irises, white dahlias, and red flowers. The background is a soft-focus garden scene.

*As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.*

-Isaiah 61:11

Lots has been happening this summer, and not just in our gardens! In this newsletter, we share with you some of what the Lord has “brought forth” over the past few months, including the exciting news of an upcoming solemn profession! May God bless and keep all of you close to himself, and draw you ever nearer to our heavenly homeland. —THE DOMINICAN NUNS

## FAREWELL FOR NOW, SISTER MARY CATHARINE!



In June, Sister Mary Catharine traveled to Corpus Christi Monastery in the Bronx, New York, where she will serve for the next three years in the role of prioress. While typically the prioress of a monastery is elected from among the sisters of the monastery, our Constitutions permit monasteries to elect a nun from another monastery in a process known as postulation (from the Latin word *postulare*, to ask). The postulated nun becomes a member of the new monastery for the duration of her term of office (3 years), then returns to her home monastery.

Before Sister Mary Catharine left for the Bronx, we prepared to say goodbye with a farewell party. The evening both began and ended with songs written in honor of Sr. Mary Catharine, with lots of hilarity mixed in! In between, amidst enjoying ice cream, cookies, and other treats, we played a fun game where each sister was blindfolded and had to tape a paper nun to a map of New York drawn on a chalkboard, aiming to land on the Bronx monastery.

It was a time of both joy and of sadness as we celebrated what Sister has meant to us as a part of our community and the mission of service God has in store for her, and tried not to think too much about how we will miss her over the next three years. She will remain close in our hearts and in our prayers as she joins our sisters in the Bronx.

If you're wondering what Sister has around her neck in the pictures, it's just a piece of blue ribbon for a bit of extra fun and festivity!

## UPCOMING SOLEMN PROFESSION

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we share with you the upcoming solemn profession of Sr. MARIA JOHANNA OF OUR LADY OF GRACE, O.P. on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6th, 2022. The rite of solemn profession takes place within the celebration of the Mass, which will be livestreamed on our website, [www.summitdominicans.org/blog](http://www.summitdominicans.org/blog), beginning at 10:30am.

Please keep Sr. Maria Johanna in your prayers as she prepares to make this total consecration of herself to God.



## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!



We had beautiful clear, sunny weather to celebrate the 4th of July this year. The morning opened with an intense game of kickball followed by some more leisurely activities including cornhole. Friends generously donated the fixings for a cookout which we enjoyed at our traditional “picnic” dinner out on the cloister. At evening recreation, we have a sing-along to various patriotic and American folk songs, closing out the day by singing the National Anthem while the two youngest sisters in religion hold the American flag. God bless our country!

## WHAT’S GROWING IN THE GARDENS?



*Getting ready to plant beans*



*Huge cabbages!*



*Snap peas — our earliest crop, which we started harvesting in June*



*The tomatoes aren't ripe just yet*



## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

June 19th, the Solemnity of Corpus Christ, marked the beginning of a three-year Eucharistic Revival planned by the US Bishops' Conference. We marked the opening of this revival by inviting the faithful to attend our evening Vespers in our chapel where Our Lord is perpetually exposed, concluding Vespers with a special benediction. We continue to keep the Revival in our prayers, praying for a great renewal in faith and love for our Eucharistic Lord, and we invite you to take steps to increase your own devotion to the Eucharist: consider signing up for a weekly holy hour at a local adoration chapel, attending daily Mass more frequently, or making time to stop by your parish church to pray before the tabernacle.

*"Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen."*

~ ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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