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Deo Gratias Per Jesum In Sanctissimo Sacramento

On March 10, we celebrated the first anniversary of our arrival in the Diocese of Charlotte. It is with joyful thanksgiving that we look back on all the blessings we have been showered with these last 12 months. Every day there has been something we can recall with gratitude-- from every person we have met, all that has been provided for us, both spiritually and materially, and the many graces we have received as a Community.

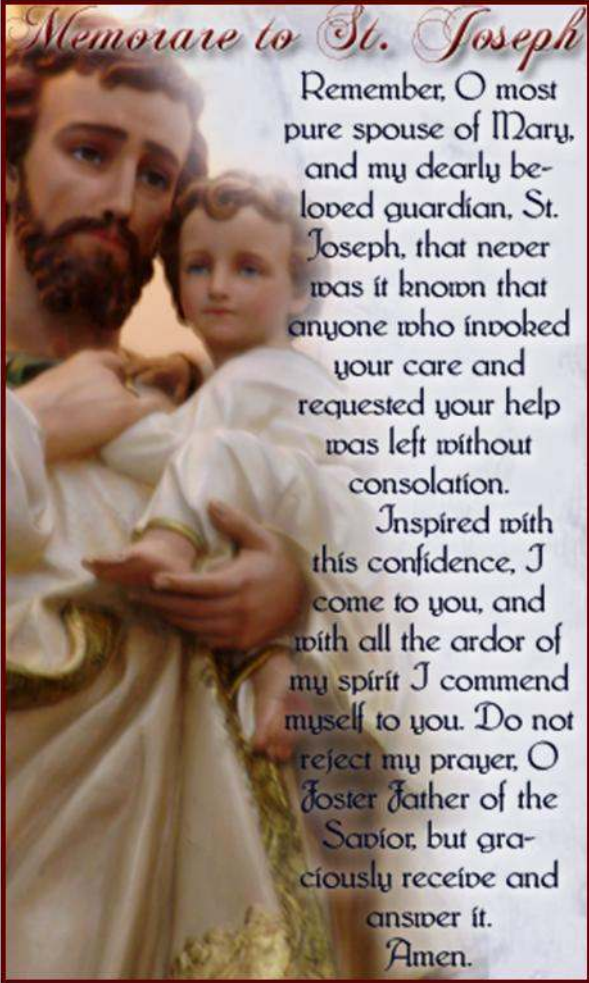
We have made an offer on the land we feel the Lord has chosen for our new monastery, and the bishop has seen and approved this particular piece of property. However, we are short of the amount we need in order to make the purchase. We would be grateful for your prayers and any help you can give. Please pray with us to St. Joseph that we may acquire the land on which we will establish a Eucharistic Throne for his foster Son.

Our home at St. Ann's could not be a more perfect spot for our beginnings here, but even as we cherish this time in our history, we do hope to be once again packing into moving vans when we establish our permanent location.

Once this step is taken, we will be ready to begin building! For years, we have been working with an architect, developing the plans for our future Monastery. We have already purchased beautiful furnishings for our public chapel where the faithful may come to find rest for their souls before Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

It is fitting that our anniversary should fall so close to the feast of our glorious patron, good St. Joseph. It is to him that we have always entrusted our plans to build a Monastery. One of the titles of St. Joseph is that of "Guardian of Virgins," and so we have always looked to him to protect and provide for us as he did Our Blessed Mother. We know that as he has provided so well for us thus far, he will continue to bring our long-awaited vision to reality.

Image of St. Joseph is from a stained glass window we already have for the monastery.



Memorare to St. Joseph
 Remember, O most pure spouse of Mary, and my dearly beloved guardian, St. Joseph, that never was it known that anyone who invoked your care and requested your help was left without consolation. Inspired with this confidence, I come to you, and with all the ardor of my spirit I commend myself to you. Do not reject my prayer, O Foster Father of the Savior, but graciously receive and answer it. Amen.

Prayer Requests

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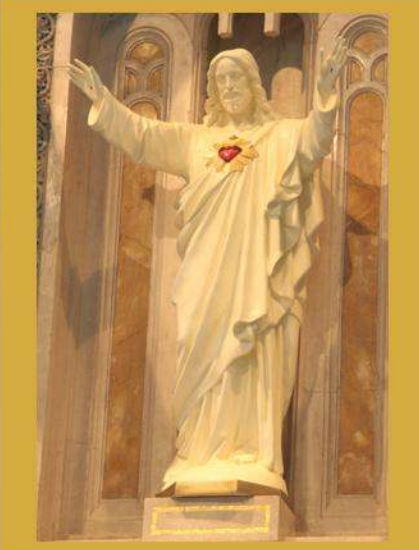
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“The purpose of religious vows is to scale the heights of love: a complete love, dedicated to Christ under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, and, through Christ, offered to the Father.”
- Pope John Paul II



Congratulations to Sr. Mary Gabriella on her First Profession!



*Solemnity of St. Joseph
March 19, 2011*



Sister received the Profession crucifix by which she is to show that she is totally given to Christ and dedicated to the service of the Church.



Eagle Scout Project



Michael Vari, his dad Joe, and his brother Nick take time for a picture after completing our fence in our new yard area. We are so grateful for the extra space!

Our First Winter in Charlotte



with the Nashville Dominicans who came to see us.



The Community of Charlotte has been so supportive of our desire to build our monastery - including the children! The Gallagher kids (above) emptied their piggy banks and presented us with their savings for the new monastery. Ginny & Mary Ohlhaut (at left) make and sell sacrifice beads to help us raise money.



Fr. Rossi brings some parishioners to learn more about Religious vocations.

Cloister Q & A

Q. Do you have a local priest assigned to the monastery or do the friars rotate to serve your liturgical needs?



A visit with Fr. Anthony, Br. Paul, & Br. Justin

A: Once we have our permanent monastery, we will also have an assigned chaplain. For now we are very blessed that several of the priests within the diocese take turns saying Mass for us and looking after our liturgical and spiritual needs. Our friars come up from Alabama sometimes to visit. We always look forward to those times together.



We are so grateful for Fr. Lawlor and the many good priests here in the diocese.

Send us your questions about our life and we will publish our answers in future issues of this newsletter.

Questions can be mailed to: 3452 Willow Oak Road Charlotte, NC 28209

Or emailed to: nuns@stjosephmonastery.com