

Dearest Family and Friends,

Laudetur Jesus Christus et Maria! Et semper in aeternum!
Praised be Jesus and Mary! Now and forever!

The Marian Sisters extend to you our prayerful wishes for a most holy Advent and Christmas Season. We assure you of our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support. Since the distribution of our last newsletter, our religious family has grown to twelve members. Of course, with physical growth comes the need of more space for our sisters to pray and learn and serve. Through Our Lady's intercession, we have recently procured a facility suitable to our needs and we are preparing to move in the first week of December 2016. It is our hope that our new convent home will be a place where God is loved and served above all things for His glory and for the salvation of souls.

This newsletter features a number of aspects of our lives to inform you of our formation program and our various apostolates. Know that your prayers and contributions will make it possible for us to continue as laborers in God's harvest of souls.

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" ~ 2 Corinthians 9:11

Sincerely, in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Mother Teresa Christe



Religious are to have as their highest rule of life the following of Christ as proposed in the gospel and expressed in the constitutions of their institute. Contemplation of divine things and assiduous union with God in prayer is to be the first and foremost duty of all religious.

~ Code of Canon Law 662-63

Apostolate Locations

- ◇ Cardinal Newman High School
- ◇ St. Eugene's Catholic School
- ◇ St. Eugene Cathedral
- ◇ Diocese of Santa Rosa Chancery:
 - ~ Catholic Schools Office
 - ~ Tribunal Office
 - ~ Family Life Office

Diocesan Presence

The Sisters are actively ministering in Santa Rosa and go out from there to give retreats and talks throughout the Diocese. They have been "Mary's hands and heart" in Crescent City, Eureka, Ukiah, Ferndale, Lakeport, Sebastopol, Occidental, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Napa, Sonoma, Healdsburg, St. Helena, and Fort Bragg. We have enjoyed these occasions and we hope to have further opportunities to become involved in even more parish communities in the next year.

Variety of Apostolates

- ◇ Choir Director
- ◇ Music Instructor
- ◇ Tribunal Auditor
- ◇ Cathedral Sacristan
- ◇ Formation Directress
- ◇ High School Teacher
- ◇ Middle School Teacher
- ◇ Sodality Moderator
- ◇ Parish Office Assistant
- ◇ Marriage and Family Life Office
- ◇ Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools
- ◇ Perhaps the most vital apostolate is that of the Sisters in formation: ardent prayer and formation in being a Spouse of Christ

Formation Status

There are **eight** Sisters in the initial stages of formation. These Sisters are privileged to live the hidden life of Nazareth, a life of prayer and service joined with an intense study of the faith in preparation to joining their Spouse in His public life. Their studies include:

- ◇ Consecrated life
- ◇ Sacred Scripture
- ◇ Moral Theology
- ◇ Mariology
- ◇ Philosophy
- ◇ Church History
- ◇ Church Documents
- ◇ Human Formation

Please pray that our "Little Sisters" may become holy and faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ, and please consider financially supporting their formative years.

"Since the purpose of consecrated life is conformity to the Lord Jesus in his gift of self in a response of love, the Marian Sisters strive to develop this principal objective of formation: a path of gradual identification with the attitude of Christ towards the Father."

~ Constitutions of the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa

We are grateful for any support you can offer us. Beyond our experience of God's goodness in the generosity of others, we have learned a great deal in the process of acquiring our new convent home. There are a number of ways that you can financially support the Marian Sisters. Gratefully accepted are monetary donations, stocks, real estate, employer matching gifts, planned giving bequests.

Your donations will be used to help pay for our new convent and to help with the daily operating needs of the community. We also hope to build a permanent chapel in the near future.

Donations can be made at www.mariansisters.com. For questions about donating stocks, real estate or planned giving, please call 707-566-3344