

Marian Sisters

Ex Corde Ecclesiae



of Santa Rosa

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Laudetur Jesus Christus! Salve Regina!

As our local county begins the careful task of reopening its Churches, businesses and schools, the Marian Sisters have occasion to look back and ponder these many weeks of physical and social limitations. We are keenly aware that this time has been one of painful sacramental restrictions for many of you. We assure you that you and your intentions have been brought before our Eucharistic King daily as the Marian Sisters offer our intercessory prayer for you, through Mary.

The convent is a place of ordered routine. We rise early, pray together, attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, eat breakfast and then we are off to our various apostolic adventures or - in the case of those Sisters in early formation - we prayerfully apply ourselves to study and domestic work. Like so many households, our peaceful flow met an unexpected rupture. There was no way around it: we were told we must all “shelter in place” for an unspecified amount of time.



Initially stunned, it took the community a couple of days to absorb the shock of such a sudden change. However, I have come to learn that the Sisters and the people they serve are undaunted. In short order, the community apostolates were moved from the school and Chancery halls, where we unite with Jesus the preacher, to our convent home in the likeness of the prayerful house of Nazareth. To our schedule, we added daily hours of Eucharistic Adoration and assigned areas where the Sisters could teach and hold meetings via Zoom. Our parlor turned into an office where the Sisters serving at the Chancery could continue the mission of our local Church. There was time for home improvement as well. It was not uncommon to see a Sister swap out a grading pen or laptop for a hammer and paintbrush to help around the convent grounds. In a word, our life and apostolates barely missed a beat!

Ad Jesum per Mariam



For the Marian Sisters, our life of loving consecration to Christ and service to His Church continues despite the current and future uncertainties. In May we celebrated the First Profession of Vows of Sr. Philomena Marie, with our junior Sisters renewing their Vows a day later. On May 31, our three postulants were clothed as novices and received their new “Sister Names” and Marian titles. A class of three or four candidates prepares to join our community August 6.

In such times of world turbulence and suffering, our numbers continue to grow, assuring us that our mission of intercessory prayer and loving service to the Church is greatly needed and nurtured by God’s Providence and in the many ways you, our dear friends, continue to support us.

Know of our constant prayers for you and your loved ones. As our Churches reopen, let us renew our fervent Faith in Jesus, present among us in the Holy Eucharist, and may we return to the reception of the Sacraments with newfound ardor.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Reverend Mother Teresa Christe MSSR

