

# Marian Sisters

Ex Corde Ecclesiae



# of Santa Rosa

Spring 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Regina Coeli Jubila!  
Praised be Jesus Christ! Queen of Heaven, Rejoice!

Blessed Paschaltide from all your Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa! May the holy observances of the Lenten Season and the consequent celebration of Our Lord's glorious Resurrection renew your hearts and lives in a more generous living of our Baptismal promises!

Witnessing the awakenings of new life in nature all around us, this season of Spring brings with it the budding of new vocations by way of "next steps" in religious life. In May the Marian Sisters will clothe three new Novices, three Sisters will make first profession of Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, and three Sisters will renew their temporal Vows. It is a joy to witness each step as the Sisters mature from young religious to true spiritual mothers in their prayer lives and in their apostolates. Their spiritual motherhood is needed more than ever during the troubled times and unique sufferings of our world.

On July 1, Sr. Mary Emmanuel will make her perpetual profession of Vows, just as we begin preparations for our next postulant group to enter in early August 2023. At the origin of the religious consecration there is a call of God for which there is no explanation apart from the love which He bears for the person whom He calls. This love is absolutely gratuitous and unique. How much we consecrated religious rely on the good prayers of all of you, not only to begin our vocation well, but to lovingly and faithfully persevere through all the stages of this life unto a blessed eternity. "All for Jesus, All through Mary, All in imitation of thee, O Patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be our motto in life and in death! Amen."

During times of prayer, we ask Our Divine Lord for those graces we stand in need of as a religious family that will make us most pleasing to His Heart. We lovingly offer this intention through the intercession of Our Queen and Our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, for you, our supporters. Know that you are greatly appreciated. It is an honor and a joy to count you as our Marian Sisters' family. How much our lives are enriched by your prayers and financial support.

*Reverend Mother Teresa Christe MSSR*

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and the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa

*By virtue of their dedication lived in fullness and in joy, consecrated women are called in a very special way to be signs of God's tender love towards the human race and to be special witnesses to the mystery of the Church, Virgin, Bride and Mother. - Vita Consecrata*



## Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa 2023 Spring Letter

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# *A Reflection on Spiritual Motherhood*

## *by a Novice preparing for Vows*



The Sisters bring many talents and abilities to share into the apostolate but perhaps one of the most important things she brings is that which lies at the heart of her consecration and gift of self, the love of God. With her vows, a Sister gives her entire heart to Christ Jesus and through this mysterious bond, she has the great privilege of sharing God's own Love with His children. This is what it means to love as a religious, as a Spouse of Christ, to love with His own Love. When working with children and adults alike, it is not the Sister's words that make the biggest impact, but rather her living expression of God's infinite Love for each of them, who are individually so precious in His eyes. In this, we look to Mary, the Mother of Divine Love, who most

perfectly communicates to her children the unfathomable love of God for each and every soul. We strive to be her Heart and hands to all we encounter and to imitate her spiritual motherhood toward all of God's beloved children.

While a hidden reality, our spiritual motherhood forms a significant aspect of each Sister's life. Our spousal love with Jesus involves uniting our prayers and sacrifices with Him so that He can make this love fruitful, rich in spiritual children. There is so much hunger, so many needs, wounds, and sufferings that the Sister encounters and receives with her mother's heart. We attend to all of these in the most sure way, by lifting our eyes up to our Divine Spouse in trusting petition. The Sister longs to bring these souls to the healing care of Our Lord, knowing that only His grace can accomplish this. She realizes that the most important and effective way for her to help is by the hidden prayers and sacrifices which she offers in union with Jesus on the Cross. In this way, our prayer, our daily life, and our apostolate all converge harmoniously in our road of union with Jesus Christ. Through our Marian consecration, we entrust all these sacrifices and prayers into Our Lady's gentle hands, confident that she will distribute them best. On days when Sisters seem to encounter many little contradictions, it is our common expression to call it a "big fish day", meaning that there is some soul in need of extra graces. While we have renounced the joys of physical motherhood, God has returned a hundredfold in sharing His children with us and providing us a role in loving, nourishing, and helping bring them to Him.

*Our gift of self opens the heart to love and be loved by all those given us in community and ministry ...  
Like Mary, we become mothers, fruitful in spiritual children through our consecrated virginity.*

*- MJSR Constitutions*

## *Excitement in the Air: Final Profession*

Summer is always an exciting time for the Community – summer apostolates hither and yon, teachers prepping for the coming academic year, the annual BBQ, and all the many summer projects tackled around the Convent. But these, joyous as they are, do not hold a candle to the excitement caused by a perpetual profession in the Community.

Perpetual profession, the culmination of nearly seven years of prayer, study, formation, and service, is a sign of the unbreakable union of Christ and His Bride, the Church. In a profoundly ecclesial act, the Sister making perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience is consecrated to Christ forever. These vows constitute the essence of the Sister's religious life and lovingly compel her to live as Christ lived in areas which covers her whole life: possessions, affections, and autonomy. As His Bride, the perpetually professed Sister spends herself seeking and loving God, Who first loved us, and strives to live a life "hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3).



This summer's perpetual profession holds a special excitement for the Community (and the Diocese) as a native of Santa Rosa, Sr. Mary Emmanuel Lorbeer, will be making her vows on Saturday, July 1, at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. All are invited! The ceremony will be livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel for those unable to attend. Please pray for her, and for the Sisters preparing to receive the Holy Habit, and those making their First Profession of Vows.



*Save the Date*

# The BBQ is back!

July 16, 2023  
Napa, CA

A family-fun day and fundraiser for the Marian Sisters