

# The Parish Visitor



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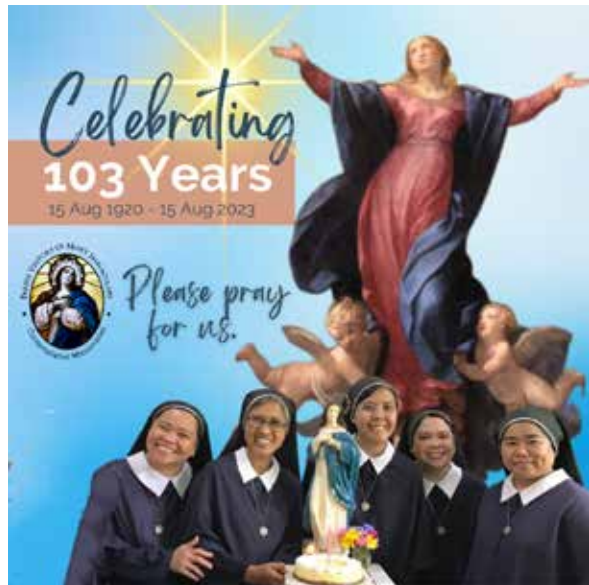
A LOOK BACK AT 2023



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There is a song whose refrain is, “For all that has been, I thank You, Lord, this day, and I pray that I may answer yes to all You say.” These words echo the theme of our 2023 Jubilarians, “In all things, give thanks.”

It has been an eventful year in all our missions, and not all events made it to the pages of “The Parish Visitor.” In this issue, we hope to share some of the stories of God’s grace so you can join us in giving thanks. Our Sisters in the Philippines posted the photo below on their Facebook page.



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## Remember the marvels the Lord has done (Psalm 105:5)



By Mother Maria Catherine, PVMi

It is the custom of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate to spend the last day of the year in a retreat atmosphere, looking back over the year to “remember the marvels the Lord has done.” Mother Mary Teresa tells us, “It seems very appropriate on the last day of the year to make an earnest examination of conscience on the duties of the Religious Life and for the many opportunities presented for apostolic work.”

In this issue, we remember our many opportunities to praise and thank God for His countless graces and blessings throughout the year!

On the World Day of Consecrated Life, Father David Rider, pastor of Sacred Heart — Saint Patrick Church, gave us a conference on how to deepen our personal friendship with Jesus, our Spouse. One of the ways, Father said, was the “practice of the Presence of God.”

What is this practice, and what does it have to do with remembering? We all know that God is always present — everywhere! However, do we stop to remind ourselves that the Most Blessed Trinity dwells within each one of the baptized, as long as we are in the state of grace (without mortal sin)?

The Blessed Trinity dwells within each of us: Jesus lives in your heart and soul. Therefore, there is not a time when you cannot speak with Him, listen to Him speak to you, or deepen your personal friendship with Him. He cares for you and me and wants to hear all the details of your day, your hopes, dreams, desires, joys, and sorrows. There is never a time when He gets tired of listening to you, never a time when He tunes you out, never

a time when He is too busy to answer your questions or your prayers!

Let's face it: how often when we are going through "stuff" — and "difficult stuff" at that — are we tempted to think: "God doesn't care about me or this situation?" "He isn't listening" — "I'm not that important to Him." Yet, if we take the time to review, we will see He was always there!

I decided that for this New Year, I would shred all my Prayer Journals. However, I wanted to read them before I did such a drastic thing! While reading and reflecting, I realized that all the times I complained to God: "You never answer my prayers," — I saw, in my own handwriting, the words: "Thank you, God, for answering this prayer!" So, I again thanked Him and grew in trust.

If we live the practice of the Presence of God, each moment can be a moment of grace and gratitude. When we come to the end of the year, previewing with Him all that has happened in the past year, we will already possess a grateful heart for the "marvels that God has done for us." (Ps. 105)

In Psalm 105, King David writes:

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
tell of all His wonderful works.  
Glory in His holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Seek the Lord and His strength;  
seek His presence continually.  
Remember the wonderful works He has done,  
His miracles and the judgments He has uttered,  
O offspring of His servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

The Psalm then recounts all the wondrous things God had done for the Israelites throughout their sojourn in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. It reveals His faithfulness to His covenant and His love for His people. In other words, in remembering His Presence with them throughout their history, the Israelites grew in gratitude, love, joy, and praise for the God Who was with them always!

As you journey with us through this issue of the Parish Visitor, "remember the marvels the Lord has done" in your life in the past year and give Him praise; draw close to His Heart and share your gratitude in 2 ways: (1) Give Him Praise and Thanksgiving; (2) share with others the "marvels the Lord has done for you."

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.*

### **Apostolate at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

By Sr. Mary Luchia, PVMI



It is my great joy to be a daughter of Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, who founded the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate with the belief that the immortality of the soul was one of the reasons for its existence. She always said, "Make every soul count."

I have been ministering for five years in the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, PA. It has been a grace-filled and rich experience. The growing number of homebound parishioners has become a significant concern for our pastor, Fr. Dennis Gill.

Father Gill and I visit each building monthly to bring the residents the Sacraments with the assistance of the Legion of Mary. One woman looked so frail that both Father and I worried she might die soon, so he gave her the Anointing of the Sick. She passed away that night, and her family was grateful for the help we had given her to prepare for eternal life. Once, we encountered a woman who had just undergone major surgery. She eagerly asked for Confession and Anointing of the Sick and cried tears of joy upon receiving so many sacramental graces.

Another dear lady, who had been away from practicing her faith for many years, told me that my visits and praying the rosary with the Legion of Mary and other residents enabled her to return to Jesus and His Church.

# BRIEFINGS FROM THE BRONX

By Sister Mylene Rosemarie, PVMI

“What will this year be like?” is a common question that arises at the beginning of each year. It is easy to hope for big and exciting things to come one’s way. Yet, the smallest things are often the most meaningful — the ordinary things that come so quietly and unobtrusively but hold great depth and meaning. The year is frequently filled with these moments more than the great and exceptional ones. The one thing that these two very different types of moments have in common is that God’s Presence is always there and can sanctify even the tiniest of things. He more often works through the simple and ordinary to bring about the work of His redemption. As 2023 came and went for Holy Family Bronx Mission Convent, the Sisters experienced the “extraordinary” of the often ordinary things and hope that you also delight, as they did, in some of the special moments of 2023.

In early March, the Bronx Community found themselves both the beneficiaries and the presenters of the *26th Annual Lenten Soup Supper* at Holy Family Parish, Queens. One Sister gave a much-appreciated Lenten reflection, including graphics to illustrate her points. The event also allowed me to share about the Servant of God, Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, and the Parish Visitor Community with all the attendees.

For Easter, the Sister at Holy Family Parish, Queens, convinced the Easter Bunny to greet the children during the annual Easter Egg hunt after Easter Mass. He agreed he would come if she helped him fill and hide over 1,000 eggs, nearly all found in less than 15 minutes!



During the Easter Season, the Bronx Community enjoyed accompanying and assisting Mother Maria Catherine and another Sister from Marycrest as Mother taught 6th and 7th graders about what it is to be a saint through the life stories of our Foundress at two different parishes in New York. The young people were

more than surprised and delighted when three of the Sisters put on bunny ears and gave the youth rings to try to toss onto the ears as an ice-breaker at the beginning of the class.

As summer came around, Sister at Holy Family Parish, Queens, organized the annual Vacation Bible School. This year, it was literally “out of this world” as the kids joined a week of “Stellar VBS” among the stars. The turnout of kids and volunteers was the biggest yet.



The Sisters also had a little vacation day of their own, going to Scranton, Pennsylvania, to tour a historic coal mine.

With autumn entering the Bronx, the Community reintroduced a monthly Holy Hour for the laity at the Convent, followed by a time of fellowship. Due to COVID-19 and renovations, we suspended the Holy Hour for 2 ½ years. The Sisters are so happy to welcome their friends back and praise and adore Our Lord in the little Convent Chapel together.

Speaking of the Convent Chapel, we fulfilled our long desire to have stained-glass windows in the Chapel. Modern technology and generous benefactors transformed fifteen windows into

stunning images from the life of Jesus, Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and the Saints. The Sisters truly feel they are peering into Heaven from their pews.



In January, one of the Sisters serving in Holy Family, Blessed Sacrament, and Saint John Vianney Parish, Bronx, joined the team of youth group leaders in starting up a youth group for the three-merged-Churches-parish. As the new year began (the school year of 2023), once a month, the “youth night” became a “Family Catechism Night.” The initial turnout was few, but the team was happily overwhelmed in Advent with the unexpected number of 40 people who eagerly came to make their own family Advent wreath to bring home! The other recent “Family Nights” have also received a happy reception. Service projects have become an instant favorite among the youth and their families. Going to a nearby Rehab and Extended Care Center to aid in decorating for Christmas brought 30 people, and helping clear out the Parish School for construction brought double the number of people and a beautiful unity among a more recently merged parish community.



In September, one of the Sisters from Holy Family, Blessed Sacrament, and Saint John Vianney Parish, Bronx, brought several Catechists and other Religious Education Team Members to the Archdiocese of New York FORUM Day for Catechists. Some particularly noted how the talks impacted them and enjoyed their time together.



October brought the blessing of Mother Maria Catherine's visit to the Bronx Convent. All the Sisters and Mother spent a day at Saint John's University, Queens, at a Vocation promotion event. Many students were not only happy to talk with the Sisters but also to give the Sisters their prayer intentions.

Of course, Fall is not the same without pumpkins. With the unexpected blessing of having four additional Sisters at the Bronx Convent for a short time (making eight Sisters total), they all decided to go pumpkin picking... in the backyard! Scattered fall leaves and little pumpkins strewn about was the perfect setting, as each Sister searched about to find "just the right pumpkin."



The Sister at Holy Family Parish, Queens, coordinated their annual Requiem Mass on All Souls Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) for all the parishioners who passed away that year. The family members of the deceased received a rose to place before the Altar and a novena candle to take home in memory of their loved one.



As Christmas approached, the Sisters of the Bronx Community enjoyed a little tradition of visiting the City to see the giant Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center and other Christmas decorations.

Christmas pageants put on by the children delighted families and parishioners at Holy Family Parish, Queens, and Holy Family, Blessed Sacrament, Saint John Vianney Parish, Bronx.



Volunteers helped everything go smoothly. The Sisters with the Religious Education Program at Holy Family, Blessed Sacrament, and Saint John Vianney Parish, Bronx, put on Christmas Parties to the students' joy.

Thus, the year 2023 concludes at Holy Family Bronx Mission Convent. The Sisters are grateful to God for the great and small gifts, finding His Paternal Hand guiding all things in love and wisdom. Being mere instruments in His work of saving souls, the Sisters can only say with humble awe, "Everything is a grace."

## Irish Interlude

Sister Margery Therese, Sister Theresa Marie, and Sister Alina Marie returned to Ireland for two months to serve in the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Armagh. Daily, they climbed the 63 steps leading to the Cathedral for Mass, along with many other steps, doing family visitation.

Sister Alina Marie and Sister Theresa Marie spoke to the Junior Presidium of the Legion of Mary and helped the Missionaries of Charity for two days of their summer camp since the volunteers they expected from Malta were delayed.

Legion of Mary meetings, talks at the Derrynoose Prayer Group, and Let's Talk about Faith interspersed their visitation. They were very impressed by the Companions of the Gospel, a group that meets every other Sunday for Lectio Divina and sharing, followed by tea, sandwiches, sausages, and spiritual conversation. They were able to recommend some of these groups to those who were seeking a deeper relationship with God.

Sister Margery Therese met a young man who recently lost his job, so had no electricity in his home. Sister prayed with him, sitting on the porch, and went on her way. Within a couple of days, as Sister was walking down the road, he drove by her and pulled over, jumping out of the car, excited that he had gotten a new job, and gave Sister a big thank you hug!

Mother Maria Catherine joined Sister Margery Therese in Ireland to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh. The homilist was Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City!



By Sister Linda  
Jean Marie, P.V.M.I.

In the Bible's book of Genesis, we read, "God made man in His image and likeness; male and female, He created them." As we look at a sonogram of a developing infant, we enter into the wonder of the child created to the image and likeness of our Maker. How good of God to engage the participation of husband and wife in this new creation! This sacred gift is the reason 40 Days for Life came into being.

40 Days for Life is a campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigils in front of abortion clinics. It is held twice a year in the Fall and at the beginning of Lent. This worldwide movement aims to protect the physical and emotional health of the expectant mother and the life of her unborn child. Since its inception, over 20,000 babies have been given the gift of life; over two hundred abortion workers have become pro-life, and over one hundred abortion centers have closed.

Before each 40 Days for Life, participants gather in a local church facility where speakers address the sanctity of life and the goals of the 40 Days of Life Campaign.

Our prayers and efforts are not limited to these two forty-day periods. Throughout the year, individuals or parish groups sign up to be a prayerful presence outside abortion clinics.

Since 2019, I have participated by praying before local abortion clinics in Orange County, NY, where our Motherhouse is. I have witnessed the positive results when women seeking an abortion change their minds and choose life for their unborn child.

Several years ago, one of these women received help through a "Van Baby Shower" — a van filled with gifts that pro-lifers donated for the mother. Overwhelmed with gratitude, she spreads the pro-life message and stops by from time to time with her daughter to say hello to those praying.





# “You did it to Me.”

Mt. 25:40

By Sister Mary Josita, PVMFI

Sister Ann Marie Archer entered the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate from Brooklyn, NY, on October 1, 1966, exactly one year before I did. She was Sister Mary Thomasine, then named after St. Thomas Aquinas. She entered her eternal rest on January 20, 2024. Her earthly lifespan was 1945-2024. Relatively short, you might think, but what she accomplished between those two dates would fill pages.

Even before she became a Parish Visitor, Sister Ann Marie volunteered at Angel Guardian Home, a place for unwed mothers and their babies. Her heart was always drawn to those in need. Whenever she would recount the story of her vocation, Sister always mentioned not wanting to be a teacher or a nurse, so when she learned of the contemplative-missionary charism of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, she knew this was where God was calling her to live as a Spouse of Christ.

**GIVE DRINK** to the thirsty  
**FEED** the hungry  
**HEAL** the sick  
**BURY** the dead  
**CLOTHE** the naked  
**SHELTER** the homeless  
**VISIT** the imprisoned  
**INSTRUCT** the ignorant  
**COMFORT** the sorrowful  
**FORGIVE** all injuries  
**ADMONISH** the sinner  
**COUNSEL** the doubtful  
**BEAR** wrongs patiently  
**PRAY** for the living and the dead

Missioned in Scranton, PA, Bronx, and Marycrest, Sister was at various times a catechist, a door-to-door evangelizer, and a liaison between persons with social service needs and the groups or agencies that could care for them. She visited the sick, the homebound, and the imprisoned; she buried the dead. She helped

immigrants to integrate into the fabric of society in their new land. On one occasion, when a family of recently arrived Vietnamese came to Mass without shoes, the pastor directed Sister to get them shoes, socks, and whatever else they needed for the colder climate.

Sister Ann Marie was a formator for several Sisters for sixteen years, either as a postulant or juniorate director. Twice, she served as the local superior in our Bronx convent and for nearly eighteen years at Marycrest. Along the way, she was the infirmarian, cared for maintenance, and was the procurator, planning menus and purchasing the food. From 2012 to 2023, Sister Ann Marie was on the General Council.

Sister Ann Marie was artistic and had an eye for beauty. She loved preparing appealing table settings for the Sisters' feast day celebrations. But her greatest love was for Divine Beauty. She saw reflections of Him everywhere. Now she will see Him Face-to-face.

We chose the Gospel of the Final Judgment from Matthew 25:31-46 for her funeral. In his homily, Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, said, "She passed!"

*A Few Words about Wills*

*More than a mere legal document that will be accepted in a court of human law, a well-prepared will is a statement of faith hope and love. Family, charities and others in need benefit from this final act of material kindness.*

*The Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate consider it a privilege to be mentioned in yours. Thank you for this and all your other gifts and sacrifices. Our legal name is:*

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# Marycrest Moments



Because of an unexpected generous bequest, we were able to have our road repaved, a project we have long desired to accomplish.



A Corpus Christi procession led us from the Chapel into the Motherhouse foyer, outside, and then back to the Chapel for Benediction. Father Paul Sullivan is carrying Jesus in the monstrance.

The new road made it easier for visitors to make their way to the Motherhouse, including one unexpected visitor to Mother's office door. (Yes, that is a young bear climbing up the steps!)



Missionaries of the Real Presence, Robert and Griffen, joined us for our annual retreat, given by Father Charles Connor.

A time-honored tradition during vacation is a trip to Wally's, a local ice cream shop. Sister Alina Marie's choice seems to be "berry" tasty.



## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Because of network issues, communication with our Sisters in Nigeria is difficult. We hope to be able to share pictures of Sister Mary Leticia's final vows in the next issue.

# Highlights from Ohio

By Sister Mary Beata, PVMI

## Catechist Retreat at Blessed Sacrament



Before beginning the catechetical year, Sr. Mary Beata offered a retreat for all the catechists. The retreat centered on remaining attached to Jesus, the true vine. There were some presentations, a prayer service, time for group sharing, and even some games.



*Sister Marie Michelle*



As a fun way to learn more about the saints, Sr. Mary Beata invited several CCD teachers, teens, and sisters to portray a particular saint and share their stories with the children who, with their class, went from station to station. At left is Sr. Alina Marie as St. Faustina.

Can you guess which saints are pictured here?



## Christmas activities

The Sisters helped our elementary school children with the annual Christmas pageant at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Our little ones practiced very hard to put on this representation of the birth of Jesus, which included a play and music performed by our children.





Our Evangelization team thought it would be a good project to bring back the old tradition of Christmas Caroling. After Mass, roughly 20 parishioners from our 3 Warren Parishes came together at Giant Eagle — a local grocery store — and sang Christmas Carols in front of the checkout lines. The people enjoyed it so much that the owner asked us to return next year.



### Youth Ministry Cookoff

As a fundraiser for the youth ministry program, Sr. Mary Beata and Fr. Cicero, the pastor of Blessed Sacrament, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishes, Warren, had a cookoff. Sister prepared a Korean Meal and Father an Italian Meal with our teens serving as sous chefs. It was a fantastic event that brought together all three parishes, attracting 180 parishioners — our chefs were surely busy!



*Sister Mary Beata won!*



## National Catholic Youth Conference

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an event that occurs every two years in Indianapolis. Sister Debra Marie and Sister Alina Marie accompanied the group of students from Trumbull County. It was a powerful event, with more than 12,000 teens participating and 30 bishops present.



## Chalk on the Walk at St. James



The Family Life Apostolate's Chalk on the Walk event at St. James gathered the children on the sidewalk outside the church after Mass to decorate the walk leading to Our Lady. Afterward, they enjoyed popsicles.

*Sister Marie Michelle adds her contribution to the sidewalk.*



*Sister Debra Marie and the children are all smiles.*

# NOTES FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Sister Maria Arlene, PVM I

## February 2023. Visitation of the General Superior



Finally, she's here! After a long wait due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother Maria Catherine and Sister Theresa Marie arrived in Lipa on February 3 for her Visitation of the Mission. Both Sisters have been to the Philippines, but it was their first time to see and stay in our convent in Lipa. What a joyous blessing to have our sisters stay with us for two weeks.



An additional blessing was they were joined by our "balik-bayan" community friend, Lorraine Kroposki.

Mother Maria Catherine's visit included an opportunity to meet some of our benefactors and thank them for their support in completing Phase 1 of our Formation House.



Mother Maria Catherine officially named our new Formation House: Immaculate Heart of Mary convent at the end of her Visitation.



## February 2023. Papal Nuncio in PVM I Lipa Mission

With Mother Maria Catherine's visit, we arranged for our Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles John Brown, to visit our Formation House in Lipa. Our very own Archbishop Gilbert Garcera of the Archdiocese of Lipa was gracious enough to assist our little community in preparing well for Archbishop Brown. Days before the Nuncio's visit, the Vicar General, Msgr. Ruben Dimaculangan came to the convent to ensure we followed all the proper protocols. Upon arrival in Lipa, our pastor, Fr. Pee wee Cabrera, escorted the Nuncio's vehicle from the highway to the winding roads leading to the little town of Sitio Makokak, Sto. Toribio



This informal visit began with the Holy Eucharist celebration, presided over by His Excellency with Msgr. Dimaculangan and Fr. Cabrera concelebrating.



Archbishop Brown blessed a shrine dedicated to St. Joseph and other religious articles as memorabilia of this visit. A simple dinner followed where one felt the humility and simplicity of Archbishop Brown enjoying light moments among PVMi sister-friends. He recalled how he worked with some of our Sisters in the Archdiocese of New York as a young priest at St Brendan's Parish in the Bronx. It was indeed a blessing to be visited by the personal representative of Pope Francis. Before he left, he gave us his blessing and asked for prayers for Pope Francis. Prayers promised, Archbishop Brown!

**March 2023.**

**New mission at Our Lady of Guadalupe**



Sr. Mary Emmadoña embarked on a new mission at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Makati City. She does door-to-door visitation and provides spiritual direction to the Legion of Mary group in the Shrine. Offering spiritual direction involves not only sharing wisdom from religious teachings but also actively listening to the concerns, questions, and experiences of others. She has also given formation classes to volunteer catechists and legionaries. Sister initiated the weekly Shrine Newsletter, which, thankfully, the reliable Social Media group took upon themselves to continue with Sister's guidance. Sister shared, "This profound and exciting mission allows me to connect with people from various walks of life. It is truly a humbling experience for me to be allowed to journey with another person and somehow, with God's grace, to touch the lives of some."

**September 2023.**

**Catechesis for Junior High School in Fatima Parish**

Sister Maria Rowena continued her assignment at OLFP or Our Lady of Fatima Parish. What was new for 2023 was that she started teaching at the public high school within the OLFP boundaries: the Highway Hills Integrated School or HHIS. Sister teaches six sections of 9th Grade, a total of 232 students. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the shortage of catechists in the Archdiocese, most of these students had their last catechesis when they were in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

With this to consider, Sister had to include the essential topics from 6th to 8th Grade in her lesson plan for the year. The principal, teachers, staff, and students are grateful to have a Sister in their School to help them know, love, and serve the Lord better.



*A sign of the community's devotion to our Blessed Mother and their openness to hear and experience God in their midst.)*

## October 1, 2023. We Want To See Jesus



The Sisters were invited to give a talk on the Formation Series — *Ibig Naming Makita si Hesus* (We Want To See Jesus) to two groups of devotees of the Black Nazarene from The Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Jesus Nazareno, popularly known as Quiapo Church last October 1, 2023. Sr. Mary Emmadoña, the main speaker, invited the attendees to delve into the scriptures, particularly Luke 2:22-40, to explore how one can truly see Jesus. Sr. Maria Leah and Sr. Maria Rowena assisted during the event.

The discussion centered around four essential principles drawn from Scripture:

- ◆ *Be Righteous:* The path to seeing Jesus starts with cultivating righteousness. Righteousness means saying “yes” to God and “no” to sin.
- ◆ *Have the Right Fear of the Lord:* A healthy and reverent fear of the Lord is foundational to spiritual growth. It involves recognizing who God is and who one is before Him and aligning one’s life with the teachings of Jesus.
- ◆ *Pray Always:* Constant communication with God is crucial to spiritual life. Developing a habit of



persistent and heartfelt prayer allows one to be more sensitive in seeing how God moves and reveals Himself at every moment.

- ◆ *Sacrifice:* Following the example set by Jesus, Sister challenged the attendees to embrace a life of sacrifice. Whether through selflessness, acts of kindness, or relinquishing personal desires for the greater good, sacrifice becomes a tangible expression of faith and obedience.

Towards the end of the gathering, four challenges were presented to the attendees:

- ◆ *Remain with the Lord:* A commitment to staying close to Jesus was emphasized despite life’s challenges. Through unwavering faith, individuals can strengthen their connection with the divine.



- ✦ *Be Content with What You Have:* Cultivating contentment is a powerful spiritual practice. Attendees were urged to appreciate and find joy in their current circumstances, trusting that their needs would be met through faith.
- ✦ *Share the Faith:* The importance of spreading the teachings of Jesus was highlighted. Attendees were challenged to be ambassadors of faith, sharing the Gospel's transformative power with those around them.
- ✦ *Be Light for Others:* In a world often filled with darkness, attendees were encouraged to be beacons of light, embodying the love and compassion exemplified by Jesus. Through their actions, they could inspire and uplift those in need.

The challenges presented serve as a roadmap for those seeking to see Jesus and actively live out His teachings in their daily lives.

### October 16, 2023 Fraternal Visitation of Bishop Nes

October 16, Most Rev. Honesto F. Ongtioco, DD, Bishop of Cubao, visited our Philippine mission convent in Quezon City. Rev. Fr. Edwin Peter Dionisio, OFM, Vicar for the Religious, and Sr. Ma Veronica Gungon, SJBP, were also present during the visitation. The visit of Bishop Nes (as he is fondly called) aimed to know how we are doing, find out how we survived the pandemic, inquire if there are problems and difficulties we encountered in the diocese, ask how the diocese can help us, and explore ways in which our Congregation can help in the diocese. Each Sister openly expressed her thoughts and enjoyed the joyful dialogue with Bishop Nes, who had us in stitches because of his hilarious and amusing stories. As Bishop Nes concluded his visit, he thanked our community for our fidelity to our religious life and gave us a beautiful blessing. We also expressed our appreciation to Bishop Nes and the Diocese of Cubao for the support and trust they give us. Fortunately, we could also wish Bishop Nes a happy birthday and give him a lovely little cake for his birthday the following day.



## Pray for Us — We Pray for You.



- January 10 Sr. Mary Evelyn Penimber, 1993  
 10 Sr. Patricia Ann Moore, 1982  
 11 Sr. Laura Anne Brouillet, 1993  
 12 Sr. Mary Loyola Cooney, 2004  
 13 Sr. Mary Emily Crosby, 1958  
 17 Sr. Marian Corinne Langan, 2015  
 20 Sr. Ann Marie Archer, 2024  
 23 Sr. Mary Jane Quinn, 1981  
 26 Sr. Mary Euphrasia O'Connor, 1976  
 26 Sr. Mary Edna Granahan, 1980  
 29 Sr. Mary Leona Markano, 2002  
 30 Sr. Henrietta Maire French, 1999
- February 1 Sr. Jean Marie Feeney, 1930  
 1 Sr. Mary Lois Eiseman, 1994  
 4 Sr. Maryalice Aubrey, 1982  
 6 Sr. Mary Joseph McLees, 1953  
 10 Sr. Eileen Marie Laird, 2024  
 11 Sr. Mary Veronique Chambers, 1967  
 12 Sr. Mary Dorothy Reynolds, 1964  
 13 Sr. Norbert Marie Molitor, 2013  
 15 Sr. Mary Catherine Kerwin, 1959  
 19 Sr. Agnes Cecilia Ford, 2020  
 20 Sr. Mary Lucretia Benthey, 1984  
 21 Sr. Alice Sweeney, 1991  
 23 Sr. Mary Cepha Euell, 2020  
 25 Sr. Mary Martina Stoerzinger, 2004  
 26 Sr. Mary Elizabeth McCarthy, 1990
- March 3 Sr. Marie Cecile Godreau, 2020  
 5 Sr. Mary Irene Fitzpatrick, 1988  
 7 Sr. Mary Ethel Cahill, 1951  
 7 Sr. Mary Therese Clark, 1973  
 8 Sr. Mary Valery Geppner, 1990  
 9 Sr. Mary Louise Coffey, 1987  
 9 Sr. Mary Martine Dotzler, 1996  
 10 Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, 1954  
 12 Sr. Eleanor Dillon, 1990  
 14 Sr. Mary Helene Schumacher, 1982  
 15 Sr. Mary Aurelia Titra, 1965  
 19 Sr. Mary Rosanne Grinnell, 1999  
 22 Sr. Mary Pauline Lenherr, 1990  
 23 Sr. Mary Regis Haskell, 1985  
 24 Sr. Mary Perpetua Herrick, 1992  
 28 Sr. Alice Genevieve Showalter, 1988





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