

THE PARISH VISITOR

1925-2025



The Parish Visitor

The Parish Visitor is 100 years old! Its inaugural issue was published in March 1925.

In this issue you will read letters from those who received the publication, and Mother Mary Teresa's own description of what you will typically find in its pages.



We have reprinted part of an article published on the magazine's fiftieth anniversary and have included pictures of the changes made in the cover over the years.

There are articles from two of our Sisters in Nigeria, from our Sisters in Warren, PA and from our postulant in the Philippines.



We pay tribute to our late Holy Father Pope Francis and rejoice in the election of Pope Leo XIV to succeed him. May God grant him all the graces he will need to lead us closer to the Father's heart.

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A Tribute

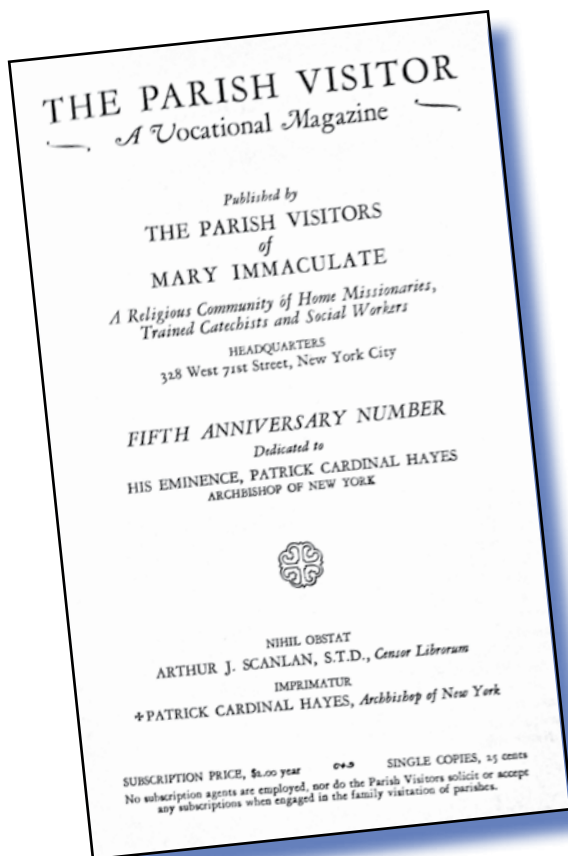
By Mother Maria Catherine, PVMi

Won't you celebrate with us? This March marked the 100th Anniversary of the Maiden publication of The Parish Visitor magazine! Servant of God, Mother Mary Teresa, first editor of the magazine, a woman of the times and a woman with a far-reaching vision, realized the wonderful tool a magazine would be to advance not only the knowledge of our fledgling Congregation, but provide wholesome reading to those who received it. Filled with articles, poetry, and book reviews, The Parish Visitor sought to draw all who read it into the heart and soul of the beauty of the contemplative-missionary spirit of the Congregation. For her, this was a Vocational Publication, with the hope that the stories and poetry would enkindle in the hearts of the young women who read it a fire of love for Jesus and His poor, neglected ones!



Mother Mary Teresa also was wonderful in drawing others to share in her mission. She encouraged both men and women authors to write for the magazine, sending them personal letters for each contribution, accepted or not accepted, along with a small stipend! In 1936, Mother Foundress entered our magazine and Community publications in the Vatican's Catholic Publication Symposium and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence!

Throughout the years following Mother's death, there have been a number of editors: Sister Rita Mairelenes, Sister Mary Loyola, a team of Sisters, Sister Mary Josita, George Morton and, now, Sister Mary Josita returned to the "editor's desk"! Each one has maintained fidelity to the original intent of our Foundress, using her/his talents to lead those who read the magazine to a greater love for Jesus, His Church, and His people.



*Title page of the first issue, March 1925,
when the Congregation was five years old.*

Recently, I was clearing out some files and came across letters written to us in praise of the magazine. I would like to share some of these letters with you. I should mention that our magazine finds its way into mailboxes in the USA, Canada, Rome, Ireland, Nigeria, Uganda, Australia, and many other countries; our Holy Father receives a copy, as well as many bishops, priests, parishes, individuals, and various Catholic organizations.

From a priest in Rome: "Dear George, You do a terrific job on the magazine of the Parish Visitors; it should do much to attract vocations to such a beautiful Christian ideal..."

From a priest in Arizona: "Dear Mr. Morton: I was so impressed with the article entitled "Thy Will be Done' ...that I would like to share it with my altar servers."

From a priest in Canada: "Dear Sisters: Just a note of thanks for your lovely magazine. I often use its articles for 'spiritual reading' at our weekly meeting of our praesidium of the Legion of Mary. May God's blessings, especially vocations, continue to surround you. Your combination of Eucharistic Prayer and Parish visits is excellent."

From a Cardinal in India: "His Eminence has received 'The Parish Visitor' which you kindly sent to him. ...He wishes it all success."

A former parishioner: "Dear Sisters, Your recent issue of The Parish Visitor, was especially meaningful because I recognized Saint Francis of Rome neighborhood. My children attended CCD there and they always attended Mass there....I enjoyed the magazine and will send it to a friend in New Jersey, a dear friend and former parishioner of St. Francis of Rome. She was delighted when I phoned her about it. God bless all of you and your work!"

A seminarian from Africa: "I came into contact with your magazine "The Parish Visitor" which gave me an impression. I just want to say to you a word of gratitude for what you are to the people who need your love most. This really touched me."

A woman from New York: "I love to receive your magazine as it brings back happy memories when I lived in Albany and knew the Sisters at your Albany convent and attended morning Mass in their Chapel."

From an Archbishop in Yucatan, Mexico: "The Archbishop of Yucatan, sincerely thanks you for sending your magazine to him, which seems very interesting to him and to congratulate you from his heart."

From the Legion of Mary in Ireland: "Thank you for forwarding the booklet 'The Parish Visitor' to the Editor of Maria Legionis. I have passed on this booklet to the Editor which I believe he will find very interesting indeed."

From a Bishop in Pennsylvania: "I enjoy reading 'The Parish Visitor' and thought I should take the time to say so. The article and pictures from Nigeria must be encouraging to you all – a lesson in the mystery of Divine Providence."

From a Benedictine priest in Illinois: "As I went through this morning's mail, I noticed the small manila envelope with the P.V.M.I. return address. I looked at the hand addressed envelope and began to wonder if the dear Sister who did the addressing had any idea how treasured would be the contents! I imagine a community such as yours might wonder whether the mailing of the magazine has any impact. To begin, yes, the magazine gets placed in the reading area of the university ministry and when students 'sit around' they do pick it up. A few of our women have asked me about the PVMI, and it is then that I tell my story! It was way back in 1960, shortly after my final profession, that my now deceased confrere...and I were visiting my rather blind grandmother, who had never been baptized. She told us that she would ask for baptism when I was ordained! Well, we knew that she might not live to 1963, so Father baptized her. It was then that the PVMI took over! A very dedicated Sister from Demming Place did what we might call the "mystagogia" today! She visited every week and gave my grandmother catechetical instructions. She received Viaticum and was well prepared for death because of this dear Sister. Now you know 'the rest of the story' and why this university minister received The Parish Visitor with so much joy and gratitude. May God continue to bless your Sisters and your wonderful apostolic work."

From Mother Mary Francis, PCC, Abbess: "Dear Sisters, we read your little magazine with great interest and inspiration, keeping you in our prayers and also asking for yours..."

From a priest in Indiana; Dear Mr. Morton: permit me to thank you and to congratulate you on the Fall 2004 issue of 'The Parish Visitor.' The entire issue was very worthwhile. In particular, I thought Sister Mary Gemma's article, 'In God I Trust', was excellent. Also, Cardinal Spellman's message, 'America, Thank God!', is one we Americans need to hear again and again. In regard to the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate: I am very favorably impressed by their sensible spirituality and needed apostolate."

Finally, it gave us great joy when our friend, Beth Cokeley, wrote to let us know that it was through one of our Sister's visits to her home and having left a picture of the Sacred Heart, Beth began to pray and eventually she and her husband returned to the practice of their faith! They had moved from the city in which they had met Sister, always wondering who the Sister was. One day, on their way into their new parish Church, one of our magazines was in the vestibule. Beth picked it up and in it was a picture of the Sister who had visited her that day many years ago. Beth wrote a letter explaining how Sister's visit changed her life. A few years later, while working on the Cause for Canonization of our Foundress, Beth was one of our valiant assistants in gathering and xeroxing the materials needed to be sent to Rome!

We are grateful to all of you who receive our magazine and who pass it on to others! We are grateful to God for our Foundress, who gave us this medium of communication to reach where our visits could not reach!



The Parish Visitor Magazine

By Mother Mary Teresa in 1936



In 1925, when the Community had been but five years in existence, there appeared the first issue of *The Parish Visitor*, a Community magazine devoted purely to the vocational and missionary interests of the Institute. Within its pages, since that time, have appeared each month historical sketches, articles, short stories, poems, etc., all dealing with some phase of the life and work of the Sisters. In the years since its first appearance, *The Parish Visitor* has conveyed to many people throughout the country the glad tidings of the coming into existence of a young society of consecrated missionary Sisters, wholly devoted to the contemplative ideal as joined with missionary instruction for the outcast and forgotten souls in every parish. The printed herald of the Community has gone about quietly, in a friendly way, doing God's own blessed work in many hearts.

What The Parish Visitor Magazine Offers

A Live Magazine Full of Catholic Interest
The Official Message of the Missionary Publishers
A Variety of High-Class Mission Literature
Lessons in the Catholic Truths of Faith
Instructions in Family Welfare Work
Timely Articles on Catholic Action
Romantic tales of God's Heroes – the Saints
Historical Narratives of Persons and Events
Stories by the Foremost Catholic Writers
Beautiful and Inspiring Poems
An Attractive Junior Department
Choice Illustrations from the Masters

Mother Mary Teresa wrote personal letters to those who submitted articles for The Parish Visitor. This is an example of one of those letters from 1953, less than a year before her death in March 1954.

Dear Miss Tansey,

Your Marian paper has been accepted with appreciation and our check enclosed. How very kind of you to write a Parish Visitor story for another magazine! I consider this act one of the greatest favors to our Community. It would seem that you might stand a good chance with "Cor." One of the Fathers of that Community* and located at their headquarters as Master of Novices, was several years ago a pupil of our Sisters at Rome, New York. He came to Marycrest for the Profession Ceremonies as a priest and made a grateful speech in behalf of the Sisters' work in his home parish.

Dear friend, I am sorry about your collapsing lung. God has given you unusual power even when you are able to do so much for Him. I see your excellent papers in many Catholic periodicals for we receive most of the exchanges for The Parish Visitor. It would really pay you to have a good stenographer, for your voice must now do the work for you. You may be assured of our Community prayers as a constant benefactor. I pray, too, that you may keep a constant hope that God may sustain whatever strength you have for His beloved service. Your work is truly an apostolate.

Although I am enclosing vocational material, I do not expect personal exertion from you to any hurtful extent. You have numerous friends and a wide correspondence. If you only mail out the paper to one zealous person as you did to Father Master, it would extend the knowledge we ask. People want to know, they say. This is our reply to them. Surely the cause is worthy, as done for Jesus Himself. Our Prayers will be with you.

Devotedly in the Sacred Heart,
Mother Mary Teresa Tallon

**Editor's Note: Father Joseph DePalma, SCJ went on to become the General Superior of his Congregation, attended Vatican II and was consecrated Bishop of De Aar, South Africa.*

Eucharistic Revival in Warren

Sister Theresa Marie, PVMI

2024 was the Year of the Parish in the Eucharistic Revival promoted by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. This came to life at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Warren, OH in many ways, some obvious, others less so.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish was newly formed this year, uniting three separate parishes in Warren – one parish with three worship sites. This union reminds us that we are all part of the universal Church. As St Paul told the Corinthians, “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” The Church is the “one body” and as we all partake in the Eucharist, we all are united to Christ and one another. Seeing the parish members come together and encouraging them to take part in liturgy and activities at the different worship sites was a witness of Eucharistic Revival.

The Eucharist is the “source and summit of our faith,” the most intimate communion we can have with our God and yet so many people are indifferent to it. Why? For some, it may be because



they have never had a real encounter with Jesus where they experienced His great love for them. If we wish to draw the hearts of our people to the Eucharist, we first need to introduce them to Who is present in the Eucharist.

With this in mind, our big evangelization effort at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish this year was a program called, "The Rescue Project." It's an 8-week program, including an all-day retreat that presents to the participants the message of the Gospel in a powerful way, inviting them into a deeper understanding of God's great love for them and their innate need to receive His love, to return His love and to share His love with others. Each session began with a meal and had elements of prayer, catechesis, personal reflection and small group sharing. After the program, all 82 participants shared that this program had drawn them closer to Jesus and that they would encourage others to attend.



It was not an accident that Jesus gave Himself to us during a meal. There is something about sharing a common meal that allows people to share not only food but themselves with each other. One group of people we particularly wished to encourage to develop bonds of friendship is married couples, and so hosted a dinner for all married couples in a casual social setting so they could mix with each other and enjoy each other's company for a few hours. To facilitate this, we offered a





free program for the children at the same time so the parents would not have to worry about finding a babysitter.

If sharing a meal brings us together, making the food together first can create even deeper bonds. Annually our young adults come together to make sauce as a fundraiser for our parish. It's a two-day project that brings many smiles to the chefs as well as the customers.



In June, the spark of the Eucharistic Revival was ignited in the children's hearts through the week-long Vacation Bible School Program, featuring the *Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive* CatChat VBS Program! The parish transformed overnight into a "top-secret" investigation of the "clues" about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Led in song, hand-motions, crafts, games, lessons, and LOTS OF FUN, the children experienced the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!

Below is a picture of a child seeing "up close" the vessel of the Mass on the Altar and how genuflection is the way we honor him truly present.



Silhouettes of
detectives, footprints,
magnifying glasses,
question marks, and
Eucharistic "clues"
brought the
excitement of
the Mass to life for
the children!



One of the games took them to the
“heart” of the Eucharist – union
with HIS HEART!



The Rite of Welcome & Acceptance

The joy of preparing souls to come into the Church & receive the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus for the first time at Easter, is a privilege for any Parish Visitor of Mary Immaculate. In December, the Sisters were overjoyed to be part of the journey of the 13 candidates and catechumens at the Rite of Welcome & Acceptance on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Nothing fills a Parish Visitor with more joy than seeing the ones Jesus loves taking the steps to respond to His Love! This beautiful Rite was a happy day for all the Sisters!



The Sisters also had the joy of being part of the PVMI delegation to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. The experience of worshipping Our Eucharistic Lord together with 60,000+ other Catholics is one that we hold in our hearts, strengthening us as we “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”



Pope Francis at Madison Square Garden

Requiescat in Pace, **Pope Francis**

With the whole world we mourn the passing of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The greatest way we can honor his memory as we pray for the repose of his soul is to remember what he taught us during his twelve-year pontificate.

With Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI he penned the encyclical “Lumen Fidei.” One of his hallmark Apostolic Letters followed the same year, “Evangelii Gaudium” (“The Joy of the Gospel.”) He reminded us of our responsibility to care for creation in “Laudato Si,” and of the joy of familial love in “Amoris Leticia.” Pope Francis invited us to contemplate the Face of Christ – the Face of the Father’s Merciful love during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 and to cling to the Hope that does not disappoint during this current Jubilee of Hope. His post synodal Apostolic Exhortations recalled our call to holiness in “Gaudete et Exultate,” and he reached out to youth during World Youth Days and in “Christus Vivit.”

He worked tirelessly and spoke out forcefully on the plight of immigrants, the poor and marginalized and repeatedly called on world leaders to broker peace in the war-torn areas of our world.

Because of his deep love for the Blessed Mother, he asked to be buried in the papal basilica of St. Mary Major in a simple tomb marked only with his name, “Franciscus.” In death as in life he exhibited humility and simplicity.

There are key words that define his papacy, words like

ENCOUNTER

LISTEN

ACCOMPANIMENT

PERIPHERIES

MARGINALIZED



In his gentle, unassuming manner he asked us to pray for him – everyday. We ask, in faith, that he now pray for us – everyday.

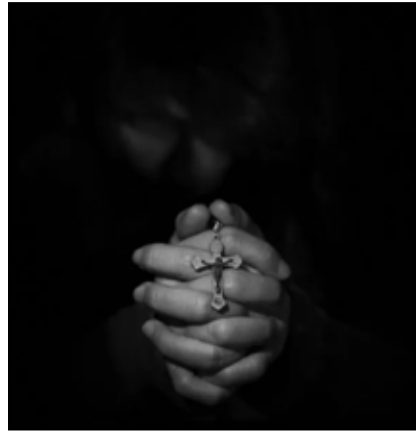


THE LORD HEARS!

By Sister Mary Anthonia, PVM

Draw me nearer whenever I go astray (2 times). What a part I may play in my life O Lord, let my name be written in the Book of Life, even though I go astray, draw me nearer to Thee.

That was a song I learned many years ago, when I was about eight years old and sang until my teenage days and beyond. I learned that song when I was in the BLOCK ROSARY CRUSADE, a Marian society which prays the Rosary every day, and spreads the message of Our Lady of Fatima. This song was sung almost every day, especially when we were about to dismiss the prayer meetings. Then, I just took it as an obligation, not really penetrating its depths.



One day, when I was a First year Novice, I was reflecting, the topic was: "a critical look at my life and the recent happenings," that song came to my mind, and I gave glory and thanks to God, for He actually (heard) and granted answer to that song I sang almost carelessly many years ago. I remembered my sojourning, especially after high school, through college. If not for the fact that God hears every prayer offered to Him, maybe, the story of my life would have been different.

Jesus says "Ask, and you will receive," (Matthew 7:7) again, in another place in the Bible, He says: "Pray, and do not loose heart" (Luke 19:1-8). The Bible is filled with many injunctions on the need to pray. Jesus Himself demonstrated it several times, the Bible says "And Jesus spent all night in prayer to His heavenly Father."

Prayer in the life of a Christian can never be over emphasized. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, it is the soul's sincere desire unuttered or expressed, it is the Christian's sword, his/her watch word at the gates of death, and the true Christian will enter heaven with prayer.

Whenever we pray, we must have faith and boundless trust that He will hear us. As stated above, in the gospel of St. Matthew 7:7, the Lord says: "Ask and you will receive" so, we have assurance that for every prayer we offer to God, there is an answer- that is, He will surely hear us. The Lord is not outdone in generosity. The Bible also says "Exceedingly, abundantly, far above all we could ever ask of imagine, He has given us all."

Those who have truly given their lives to prayer have seen that their lives have been altered positively. Those who thought life to be a burden, have become encouraged to go on living, doing the right things. We should learn to pray in both small and great events of life. Instead of complaining, we should learn to take everything to God in prayer for He will surely hear us. Do not think: "Oh, I can handle this." No! go to the Lord, and tell Him about it, even if to you, the issue seems inconsequential, still take it to Him. He wants to hear it and give you direction on how to go about it.

From my personal experiences, I may say that my life is a testimony that the Lord hears each time we pray. Several times, when I was so tight with my daily schedule, and I feared I may not be able even to iron my habit, I would quietly tell the Lord: "Please, dear Lord, help me to be able to iron my habit." It is very marvelous, because, no matter how tired I was, somehow, I would be able to get my habit ironed. Sometimes, in the process of getting it done, I remembered the prayer I offered and quietly gave praise and thanks to God.

In times past, I never really prayed like this. I thought asking for graces for "little things" did not make sense. It was as if I was disturbing HIS MAJESTY. Our lives will become lighter if we truly cultivate strong faith and trust in God, that He will hear us whenever we call Him. He is even more ready to hear us than we are ready to ask Him.

The *IBOS* name their children: *CHINASA, or CHINAZA, or CHISARA* - meaning: the Lord hears, or the Lord heard. The *URHOBOS* (from Southern part of Nigeria) also name their children * OGHENENYORE, or OGHENENYERHOVWO* - meaning: the Lord hears, or the Lord has heard*. Once again, the Bible says: * God is not man, that He lie... We have to trust Him with RECKLESS ABANDON* We are safe to be reckless, when it comes to trusting God.



Jesus, I Trust In You.

The Divine Visitation

All the early editions of "The Parish Visitor" had an image of the Jesus knocking at the door of our hearts. It isn't surprising that when Mother Mary Teresa designed our Chapel at Marycrest, one of the windows would feature this image. It is on the cover of this issue. In 1950 she gave a program for the Scranton, PA and Rome, NY Junior Associates. During that presentation she quoted this poem, "The Divine Visitation."

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock'-
'Tis Our Lord; will you let Him in?
He has come to share His blessings
And to save your soul from sin.
He has traveled far, climbed many a stair,
For He knew 'twixt you and Him,
There's a little channel of despair,
The source of which is sin.
His love for souls has made Him call
And, in His gentle way,
He hopes to have you in the fold
Before another day.

"Ah, now I see you hesitate,
For at your open door,
All you can see before you is
The Parish Visitor.
Yes, so it is, God's messenger,
Who, like the Shepherd true,
Is following in His footsteps
To minister to you.
She wants to help you if she may
So won't you ask her in?
Just tell her why you've been away,
Confide as though to Him.

"She will offer words of comfort,
Advice and kindness, too,
For she wants to bring you back to God
Just as Our Lord would do.

And when on Sunday morning
To Holy Mass you start,
It will make you feel so happy
To be near the Sacred Heart.
Then while you are in His Presence,
His blessings to implore,
Will you ask Him, please, to bless and guide
The Parish Visitor?"

Mother Mary Teresa went on to tell her young listeners, "This poem portrays the Parish Visitor still outside the door. She had not got in, as yet. But when she does get inside, she accomplishes all that beautiful work. Oh, it is a grand work, so pray for many vocations; do not simply concentrate on your own. It is good to take care of yourself and keep yourself strong in your vocation, but then pray for others."

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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HOW THE BLESSED VIRGIN SAVED MY LIFE

By Sister Mary Joyce, PVMF

After the elections in December 2007, war broke out in Kenya. This was as a result of one political leader who refused to concede defeat.

The two groups started the war, fighting and killing people. Then it took a different turn when it became a war between two major tribes. People died. Houses, buildings, businesses were burnt. Many people were rendered homeless as they tried to run away from war-stricken areas, painfully leaving behind what they had struggled to build for years. But they had to run for dear life. They found themselves in stadia, schools, town halls and churches. Most of the Catholic Churches turned into places of refuge. All Catholic relief departments and Red Cross workers got very busy trying to evacuate people from war-stricken areas to safe areas and providing them with food and other amenities.



As if what was happening was not enough, these angry people entered one Catholic parish where there were homeless people taking refuge as they waited to be evacuated. They locked it from the outside and set it ablaze. Then all the people inside it tried to break the door open but they couldn't, and so they were all burnt to ashes, leaving a burnt wheelchair as evidence of their struggle.

As the days went by, the war intensified and spread to other areas. Little did I know it had spread to my home area which is called 'Free Area'. That fateful day, after I had finished my errands, I was set to go home. I had scarcely covered a few meters when I saw a group of militants walking towards me, chanting all sorts of angry songs. They were carrying machetes, cutlasses, knives, daggers and all kinds of crude weapons.

I was so confused about what to do. Do I turn back? Which road should I take so as to hide myself? It seemed at the moment that

I had no way of escape. But then I remembered to pray, "Mother Mary, come and carry me. I have no other person, and I am in great danger." Suddenly, I saw a path leading to a school gate. I was shivering and sweating as though someone had poured water on me. A soldier opened the gate and let me in. He encouraged me and showed me another exit out of the school.



Once I was out of the gate, I ran as fast as my legs could carry me, straight to my friend's house. As soon as I arrived there, I started crying and praying at the same time. I could not believe that I was out of danger. God had just delivered me from the angry mob. God knew what they would have done to me. As I was still in a shock, I told my friend all what had happened to me. She lacked words. She was silent for a while and then said, "Actually, Mother Mary is so faithful to you. She just granted what you requested of her."

Editor's Note: The photo of Sister Mary Joyce was taken when she was a Novice shortly before her first Profession.



The Parish Visitor Magazine and My Discernment

By Novie Grace De La Torre

When I was discerning my vocation, I met a Parish Visitor Sister. I wanted to know more about them and the PVMI community. But since I was still working, I did not have time to visit their convent very often to get to know them. Good thing they have a website! One time when I visited the PVMI website I saw their magazine. I was happy scanning and reading different stories in the magazine. Getting to know more about the congregation, their charism, and the sisters and their apostolate through the magazine and the website helped me a lot in my discernment. Reading the stories in the magazine made me appreciate what Parish Visitors do and inspired me to do it also. One thing I read that I still remember even now was “a Parish Visitor speaks heart to heart” and this also is what I desire to do. To speak heart to heart to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and to souls, His sheep.

You too can find The Parish Visitor Magazine on our website: www.parishvisitorsisters.org under the Evangelization tab on the home page.



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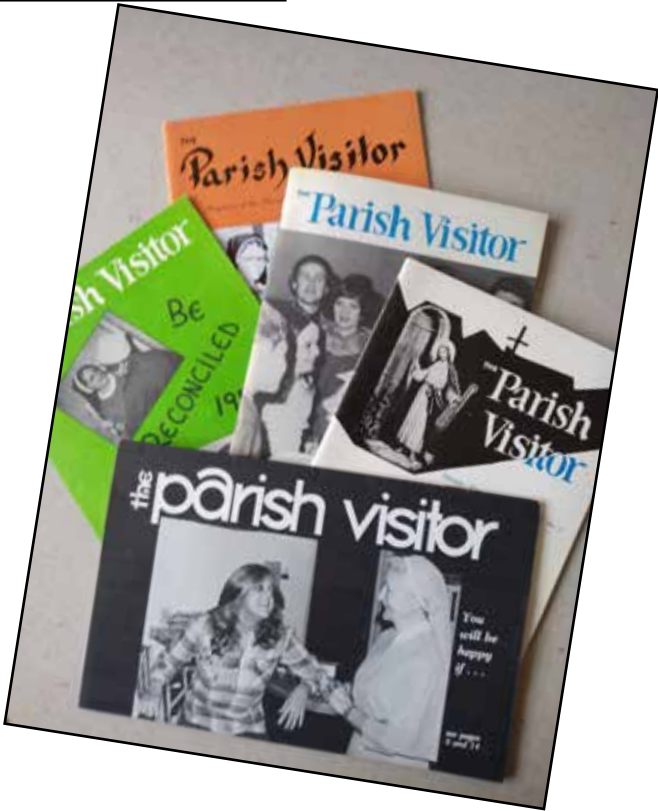
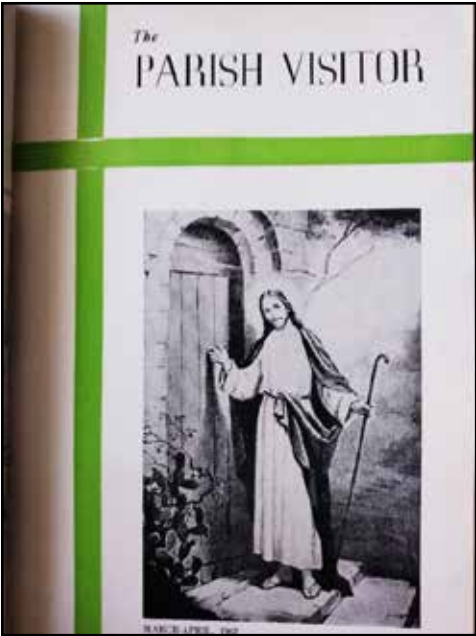
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Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock

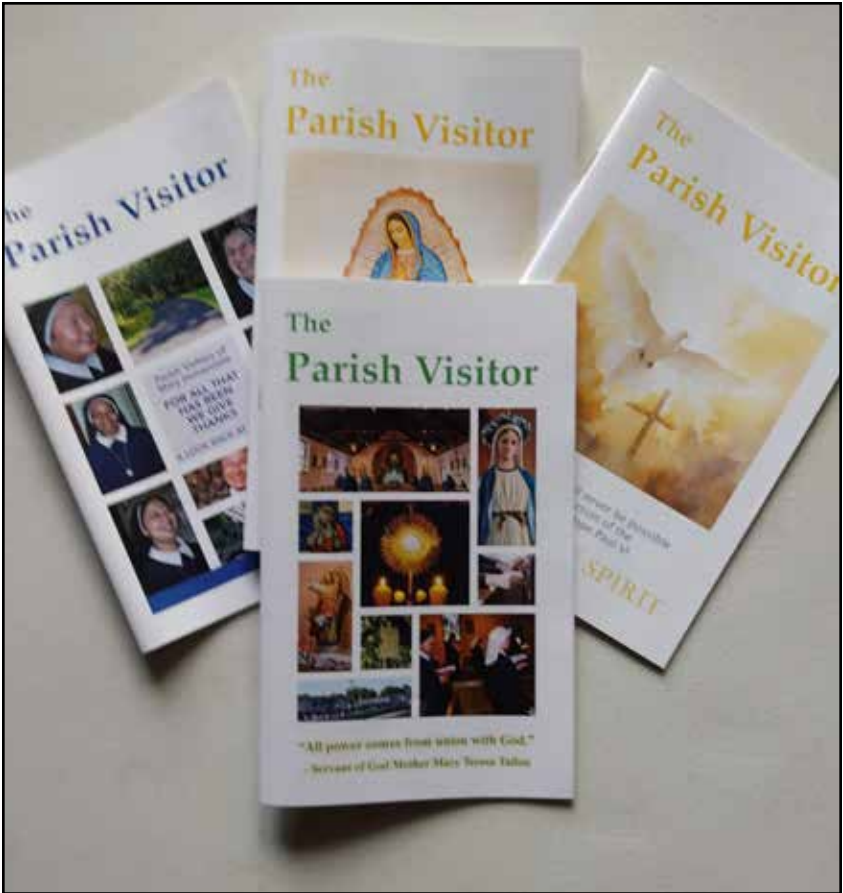
Fifty years ago, The Parish Visitor published the following article about its fifty-year history.

With 1975 The Parish Visitor magazine begins its 51st volume. In March 1925 the first issue of The Parish Visitor was published commemorating the fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Community. Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, our Foundress, had thought about its publication even before she founded the Community. In the summer of 1920, she registered for a summer course in journalism. Writing to a friend she mentioned "subjects appropriate to our magazine to be (He)...has taken all my writings for criticism and has offered to help me all he can in my future work for the magazine."

The aim of the new publication was "to afford entertaining and instructive reading to persons interested in the religious vocation of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, and in their service to mankind..." Early issues of the magazine were published twelve times a year. They included short stories based on the Parish Visitors' life and work by professional writers. Much community history was published in segments in The Parish Visitor and the writings of the Foundress were a part of each issue. Two full-length books were published in monthly installments: a life of Cardinal Hayes "The Cardinal of Charities" and "Finding the Way" about Cardinal Merry del Val.

Throughout the years the format changed. It was shortened from 62 to 32 pages and the frequency of publication was cut to 10, 8 and then 4 times a year. Magazine size was streamlined and the cover format modernized. Stories about mission experiences were written by the Sisters themselves. Greater use of photographs, as well as the introduction of color within the magazine were introduced. What remains the same is the basic purpose of The Parish Visitor: to present the life and work of the Sisters of the Community.





The Parish Visitor is still published four times a year. The subscription price was raised several years ago from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a year. Since 2022 copies of the magazine have been uploaded to our website: www.parishvisitorsisters.org and can be viewed there for free.

We would be pleased to have you tell your family and friends about our magazine and the Community whose life and mission it portrays.

Pray for Us – We Pray for You

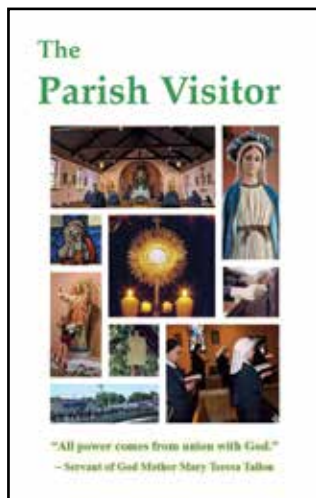


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4 Sr. Mary Altrude Burkhart, 1990
4 Sr. Mary Gertrude Keating, 1941
6 Sr. Mary Cecilia Long, 1981
11 Sr. Mary Clare Dolan, 1932
12 Sr. Mary Eugenia Keaveny, 1970
13 Sr. Mary Angela Martin, 1946
13 Sr. Mary Frances Cervone, 2016
24 Sr. Mary Philomena Hammond, 1936
30 Sr. Mary Adelaide Nienhaus, 1996
- May 3 Sr. Frances Walter, 2003
3 Sr. Mary Alphonsus Eisenmenger, 1985
3 Sr. Mary Imelda Lorrain, 1945
4 Sr. Mary Patrice McFadden, 1986
5 Sr. Mary Alicia Tompkins, 1997
14 Sr. Mary Fidelis DeGrootdt, 1979
15 Sr. Marianna Clotilde Del Signore, 2000
16 Sr. Josephine Marie Kittel, 2001
19 Sr. Mary Eudes Broeniman, 1942
21 Sr. Anne McQuaid, 1999
30 Sr. Dolores Augustine, 2022
31 Sr. Mary Monica Decker, 1980
- June 2 Sr. Maria Veronica Tivador, 1996
3 Sr. Mary Ellen King, 1973
4 Sr. Mary Agatha Wheeler, 1953
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