

# Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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*"Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year."*  
- St. Francis de Sales

## FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

As the season of Lent draws near, the Sisters are busy with their daily schedule of prayer and work. The second semester is already well underway in our schools, where over thirty-five professed Sisters are occupied with the training and education of our students.

For our Juniorate Sisters at the Motherhouse, this semester includes several new courses – Catholic Morality, Literature, Art and Music Appreciation. Some Sisters are also studying Methods for Teaching Catechism, Fundamentals of Nursing, Culinary Skills, and Home Maintenance.

The Novices and Postulants continue with their assigned daily duties and their study of the religious and spiritual life. They are also responsible for much of the cooking, cleaning and sacristy work at the Motherhouse. Besides keeping up with their regular tasks, the Postulants have begun to sew their habits in preparation for receiving them this July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Each year the Sisters, Novices and Postulants look forward to the annual Forty Hours' Devotion at Round Top. This special time of prayer when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for forty consecutive hours will begin on the First Sunday of Lent. It is an ideal opportunity for greater reflection on our Savior's sufferings, for beseeching His graces to make a profitable Lent and for consoling the Eucharistic Heart of Our Lord. We will especially remember our families and benefactors and their intentions in our hours spent before the Blessed Sacrament.

We pray that your Lent will be filled with many special graces, and that your sacrifices and acts of virtue will be a consolation to Our Lord, Who suffered so much for our salvation.

In the Sacred Heart,

*Mother Mary Bosco, F.M.*

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