

Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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“How touching it is to think that in this poor house the Son of God lives as a servant. O wonder to see a God sweeping! A God serving as a boy! O thought that ought to make us all burn with holy love for our Redeemer, Who has reduced Himself to such humiliations in order to gain our love!” - St. Alphonsus

FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

After celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Savior, our thoughts naturally turn to His hidden life at Nazareth. There we see a beautiful example of virtue. In the midst of many hardships and sufferings, the Holy Family enjoyed the greatest peace and happiness. Blessed Theophane Venard tells us that “happiness is to be found only in the home where God is loved and honored, where each one loves and helps and cares for the others.” How true this was in the home of St. Joseph, our Blessed Mother and the Christ Child.

A Spirit of Prayer

The spirit of the little house of Nazareth was first and foremost a spirit of prayer. All who lived there were dedicated to a life of prayer. The thought of God permeated every action of the Holy Family. We can imitate their prayerfulness by often recalling God’s presence throughout the day. Pausing for a moment in the midst of our occupations to ask God’s help or to express our love will obtain for us new strength and grace to persevere in our duties. Making time for family prayers, especially the Rosary, is a sure means to procure God’s blessings upon our home, for Our Lady has promised to bestow peace and many other graces on all those who faithfully recite her Rosary every day.



The Sisters attend Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with the Ladies’ Sodality at St. Pius V School Chapel, Melville, NY.

A House of Work

The holy house of Nazareth was also a house of work. There was always a great deal to be done in this holy home and it usually consisted of ordinary little jobs. Although our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were of royal descent, they did not consider themselves above commonplace tasks. They diligently performed their humble duties: St. Joseph labored in the carpenter's shop, Our Lady cooked and cleaned, the Christ Child helped them with simple chores. The Holy Family worked day in and day out, carefully and diligently, doing everything for God. Let us look to their example when our work seems difficult, monotonous or exhausting. These tasks required by our state of life will sanctify us, for St. Louis de Montfort assures us that "a precious crown is reserved in Heaven for those who perform all their actions with all the diligence of which they are capable."



The Juniorate Sisters prepare a special meal for the community.



The 3rd and 4th grade students practice their reading skills at St. Anne's Academy, White Bear Lake, Minnesota.



The Novices and Postulants gather books for the daily half hour of spiritual reading.

A Home of Perfect Charity

Finally, Nazareth was a home of perfect charity. How kind, cheerful and gentle were the words and actions of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Between prayer and work, their days were full, yet there were never any harsh words or complaining. All was peaceful at Nazareth. If we want our homes to be peaceful, we need to foster this spirit of charity. Like the Holy Family, let us try to have a meek and cheerful disposition with everyone, but first and foremost with our family members. By suppressing impatient tones and abrupt manners, going out of our way to show kindness, and placing the desires of others above our own, we will obtain the blessing of the Sacred Heart.

We pray that the Holy Family's spirit of charity, prayer and work may fill your home with peace and happiness. Please pray for our religious family that our convents too may be like Nazareth.

In the Sacred Heart,

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With the cold weather comes the eagerly awaited opportunity for ice skating on our pond during recreation.



The Sisters assemble in the refectory to hear a conference on the virtues of the Holy Family.



BUILDING UPDATE

We greatly appreciate your generous support of our Congregation and in particular of our current building project. Thankfully, we've been able to continue construction throughout the winter. This month, the workers completed setting the forms for the subgrade foundation walls and poured more concrete. We look forward to sharing updates with you as preparations move forward for the steel framing.