

Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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"Often make acts of love of Our Lady, the Saints, and the holy angels. Make friends with them. Talk with them frequently, using words of praise and tenderness." - St. Francis de Sales

FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

Every year on November 1, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This is one of my favorite days because from the time I was a child, the Saints have been my heroes and friends. Who are these remarkable people? They are men and women who, like us, have experienced both the joys and sorrows of life, but they did so with extraordinary virtue and love of God, and as a result, they're now in Heaven. We know some of their names, for the Church has raised them up for our example, but the majority of the Saints are unknown to us.

It can be encouraging to know that there are souls in Heaven who had a family like ours, performed similar duties, and struggled with the same crosses. The Saints understand the difficulties we face in life, and they sincerely desire to help us. They have great intercessory power with God and will come to our aid if only we ask them. St. Francis de Sales urges us to "pray often to the Saints and use their assistance in all our affairs, both spiritual and temporal."



The All Saints' Day Pageant is a special yearly event for all our schools and catechism classes.

Getting To Know the Saints

Since the Saints are concerned with our welfare, we should try to acquire a greater knowledge and love for them. By reading about their lives and virtues, especially those who faced similar circumstances as ours, we will grow in a deeper appreciation for them. A few years ago, I was talking with a lady about devotion to the Saints. She explained that she was in the habit of trying to make as many “friends in Heaven” as she could by learning their stories, meditating on their struggles and virtues, and by talking to them throughout the day. She would place in her home a picture or statue of every new Saint she befriended. She told me that she truly felt like she was, in this way, spending time with her closest friends.

Imitating the Saints

By acquiring a knowledge of these holy souls, we can better imitate them in the greatest pursuit of our lives—becoming Saints ourselves. We have the example of so many men and women from every walk of life who have fought the same spiritual battles and have come out victorious. St. Francis de Sales advises us to “choose certain particular Saints whose lives you can best appreciate and imitate and in whose intercession you may have particular confidence.”



The Juniorate Sisters visited the shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, New York.



We're blessed to have many lovely shrines of Saints on our Motherhouse property.

Wives and mothers can turn to St. Monica. Through a life of persevering prayer and sacrifice, she converted her husband and won the crown of glory for herself and her wayward son St. Augustine. St. Joseph is the perfect model for husbands and fathers of patience and diligence in the midst of hardships, labors and responsibilities. Saints such as St. Praxedes serve as an inspiration to those called to the single vocation, for she devoted her life to acts of charity, unselfishly

giving her time and wealth to those less fortunate. These Saints and so many others show us that in all vocations God provides the means to become holy.

Let us look to our friends in Heaven who have gone before us and imitate their heroic examples. Reading or listening to their lives is both instructive and encouraging. Having a statue, picture, or medal is a helpful reminder for lifting our thoughts to them. May your friendship with the Saints be for you, as it has been for me, a consolation and a help in this journey towards our heavenly home.

In the Sacred Heart,

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On September 27, three young ladies joined us as Postulants.

Building Update

The site crew has begun pouring the concrete floors for our new Motherhouse and will continue this over the next couple of weeks. They have also been waterproofing the foundation walls and filling in gravel around them.

Details are being finalized for the pre-fabricated exterior wall panels. We are currently raising the funds needed to cover the labor for installing these walls. This is the next major step toward enclosing the building.



A List of Some Patron Saints

St. John Vianney ~ priests

St. Joseph ~ fathers and families

St. Monica ~ mothers

Sts. Anne and Joachim ~ grandparents

St. Gerard Majella ~ expectant mothers

St. John Bosco ~ children

St. Thomas Aquinas ~ students and schools

St. John Berchmans ~ altar boys

St. Francis de Sales ~ writers

St. Thomas More ~ lawyers

St. Matthew ~ accountants

St. Albert ~ scientists

St. Luke ~ physicians

St. Camillus de Lellis ~ nurses

St. Isidore ~ farmers

St. Martha ~ cooks

St. Elizabeth of Hungary ~ bakers

St. Michael ~ policemen

St. George ~ soldiers

St. Cecilia ~ musicians

St. Sebastian ~ athletes

St. Christopher ~ travelers

St. Anthony ~ lost items

St. Jude ~ impossible cases

St. Alphonsus Liguori ~ headaches

St. Blaise ~ throat ailments

St. Dymphna ~ mental illness

St. Peregrine ~ cancer patients