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hoosing Life

We received an email one day from a woman in central KY who was pregnant and in need of assistance for her preborn child. Not having a way to get to the Rose Garden for things for her child, she replied, "Thank you. I'm regretting not aborting and still have time to do so. Please pray I don't come to this. I'm not sure what else to do at this point. It seems my only option."



Born at 37 weeks

I wish I had

No choice!

I hate myself
every day for
what I did.

Please Keep your
Baby

You will love
yourself for it!

Note that was taped to the mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2 days after Roe vs. Wade was overturned

Inquiring more about her situation, she related she was a single mother of 5 going thru a divorce, receiving no financial help from the father. Having a high risk pregnancy, she had to drastically reduce her hours at work and will have to be on bed rest in the

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coming weeks.

She said, "I don't want to end this little boys life, but by continuing thru with life for him I will be neglecting the needs of my others and possibly making us homeless."

We assured her that we would do everything we could to assist her and quickly got word out about her situation for friends to pray, and contacted some others we thought could lend a hand.

To our delight, so many friends and prayer warriors rallied for her, and through an organization named *Let Them Live*, mom was able to get all of the help needed to continue this pregnancy.

At 28 weeks, the week after we brought her the New Baby Welcome Basket, she was admitted in to the hospital for pre-term labor. We asked if she brought St. Gerard's Handkerchief with her that was in her Basket. She had not, but after 3 days with the doctors talking about surgically taking the baby, she had a friend bring the Handkerchief to the hospital. She slept with it on her stomach all night and by morning the contractions stopped! So they took her off of the medications and sent her home until giving birth at 37 weeks!! Thank you, St. Gerard!!

And thank you to all of God's servants who helped us see her through this very difficult situation!



"I hope to conform myself more to the Bridegroom every day."

eet the newest Franciscan Daughter of Mary, Sr. Sara Stein from Waukesha WI. Her hobbies and interests include; reading, writing, music, art and making rosaries. I love the joy simplicity of the Franciscan way of life. I was

attracted to the fourth vow to uphold the dignity of every human person and praying for priests, these were two of the things that attracted me to this community."

Speaking of the Blessed Sacrament, she recounts, "It is that beautiful union with God, the foretaste of Heaven, that moment when His Most Sacred Heart comes in con-

tact with my own."

Please pray for Sara as she begins her new life as a Franciscan Daughter of Mary

In August, the sisters held a General Chapter, a special Gathering that Canon Law requires of every religious community. They are held every three years in our community.

The General Chapter provides an opportunity for the entire community to reflect on and discuss their Rule of Life, Mission and how they live out their religious consecration during a community retreat. At the end of the Chapter, elections are held to choose the Community Servant for the next three years.

Our General Chapter was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse WI. During the day, the sisters spent time in prayer and reflection and in the



Bishop Iffert blesses and prays for re-elected Community Servant, Mother Seraphina Marie

evening met to discuss the issues that the sisters felt was important.



lessing Upon Blessing!



Bishop Emeritus Fovs consecrates the Altar in the our new chapel of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

for almost 5 decades.

to Planned Parenthood.

ebuild My Church

Life Mass" in Cincinnati for several

Situated a few blocks from the local Planned

years. Located at Holy Name Church, it has been considered The "Pro-Life church" for the tristate,

where pro-life prayer and activities have been held

Parenthood, it stands almost as an icon, a "beacon

of light" if you will, in our present darkness for

faithful in Cincinnati, Northern KY and Eastern

Indiana for all these years. Each Saturday there is a

The church has been somewhat in a state of

pro-life Mass, Adoration, Rosary with procession

disrepair for some time. How often we would look

around the church at its faded beauty and wish that

persevering prayer and pro-life witness by the

The sisters have been going to the "Pro-

celebrated some very exciting events this

was completed this spring and dedicated

The Sisters

summer! Construction on our new Formation House



Sisters Adoring our Lord in the new Oratory of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

on June 25th, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Joseph, consecrating the Oratory in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In consecrating a new altar, first class Relics of a saint are placed and sealed into it, the Bishop then lathers it with Chrism Oil, then kindles a small fire in a brazier on the altar which will serve to burn aromatic incense. Afterward, the altar is adorned with candles, dressed with altar linens and decorated with flowers.

Our new Altar contains relics of Sts. Urban and Maximus, 2 Second Century saints. We were blessed to have Bishop Emeritus Foys celebrate the Rite of Dedication and Consecration. To further add to the magnificent providence of God, the dedication and consecration took place the day after Roe V Wade was overturned! As dedicated Pro-Life sisters, we saw this as a sign of



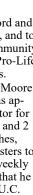
Polished Corpus of JESUS

vice Our Lord and His Church, and to foster a community of faithful Pro-Life Parishioners.

Rev. Ethan Moore, when he was appointed pastor for Holy Name and 2 other churches, asked the sisters to attend the weekly Holy Hour that he has for the U.C. students at St. Monica St. George church. The sisters

were only too pleased to participate! This magnificently beautiful and historic church served as the Archdiocesan Cathedral for about 25 years while St. Peter in Chains was being built. The Sanctuary of the church has a towering brass Baldacchino and expansive ornate brass Reredos that has tarnished greatly over the years, making the brass unrecognizable.

One day this past summer the sisters were asked to join in a parish "cleaning" day, and saw



wasn't too difficult! The difference was remarkable! We then set up a "Beautifying" day and enlisted the help of many Beautifiers (volunteers) to assist in polishing the Baldacchino and Rere-

dos.

tunity to see if

the brass was

easy to polish.

To our delight

and surprise, it

God's blessing! Only God could have arranged that! We were extremely blessed to have our friend, Marty Butler,

build us a very

cracked and bowed.

Silvanus and Urbana.

Bishop Iffert

celebrates the

Mass of

Consecration on

the new altar, at

St. Ben's

beautiful



Bishop Iffert consecrates the Altar

at St. Benedict's convent.

wooden new altar at St. Benedict's Convent after he learned that the one we had was

Iffert on June 29th, done in the same way as

the altar at St. Joseph Convent, the only dif-

ference being that it contains relics of Sts.

Our new altar was consecrated by Bishop

Polished left pole next to unpolished pole on the right

Restoring beauty to our churches has the power to move one's heart. Being an attribute of God, Beauty speaks to the heart of what is eternal. Quoting Archbishop Cordileone, who spoke in Cincinnati recently, "Sacred Beauty has the power to lift us out of this world of time and give us a glimpse of that which transcends time to what

ultimately lasts, what our goal and final home is – ultimately the reality of God."

Archbishop Cordileone explained at a local fund-raiser, "The timeliness of a key to the path of renewal of both Church and society is to recapture the importance of Beauty, to recognize its universality and its power to evangelize and open hearts to the Truth."



ing tiles had fallen from the Sanctuary. Complaining about it in her heart to the Lord, Mother Seraphina felt the Lord say, Well, I told your father Francis to rebuild My

someone would restore

it. The proverbial final

straw came one morn-

ing during Mass when

we noticed that 2 ceil-

Church!" Then

Mother recounts

Polished center

how she was also inspired with a course of action, which was to engage the community that was already there on Saturdays, many of whom have gifts that could be put to the ser-





Left: before, Right: after Restoring the beautiful stenciling that adorns the entire nave of Holy Name Church

will Boycotting pro-abortion companies cause them to go bankrupt? Probably not. Then why bother?

Just days after Roe V Wade was overturned, the Kroger Co. announced that it will reimburse their employees up to \$4000 in travel expenses if they want an abortion. Shockingly, many other "Big Name" companies such as Wal-Mart, Amazon, Nike and Walt-Disney have adopted similar policies. Not only are these companies funding abortions, they are also cutting services to working Moms, thereby undoing all of the progress that was made from the Women's Equal Rights movement from the 60's and 70s.

Many outraged pro-lifers have decided to take a stand and boycott Kroger and many other stores. However, some of us may be wondering "What is my \$500 grocery bill next to their 33.59 BILLION market cap!? Will refusing to shop here even make a



difference at all?" The answer is both Yes and No.

NO, we will probably not be able to bankrupt Kroger, or any of these multimillion companies. Barring a miracle, (which isn't out of the question,) even if we could get a lot of people to join us, they probably won't notice very much. Finding an alternate grocery store when you have been "Krogering" forever is a real hassle and could involve many small changes to your daily life. Explaining to friends why you aren't watching Netflix anymore may be a bummer. Added to all these inconveniences there is the fact that if we wanted to boycott every pro-abortion company we might as well move out to no-where-land, go off the grid and start our own farm! Seeing that this is highly impractical for most of us, you may begin to wonder what the point of this article is.

YES, it is true that we ARE going to have to pick our battles here. That being said, "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age. . ." Rom. 12:1-2

As Christians, we are called to sacrifice. Why? Because "...in my flesh I am filling



up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church,..." Col. 1:24 What is St. Paul talking about? How could anything be lacking in the suffering of Christ? Well friends, if the Church is the Body of Christ and if I am a member of that body, then what is lacking is my participation in the suffering of Christ. When we unite our sufferings and inconveniences to the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, Grace upon Grace will flow.

We need to look at this battle through spiritual eyes. In the eternal scheme of things, bankrupting a company isn't really a huge victory. The True Victory is in saving souls and changing hearts! If the grace that I can unlock by giving up my favorite coffee could help save a soul from eternal death, what is the question? You see, when



I unite my little sacrifices to His, the grace that gushed forth from His pierced Heart will flow into my heart, and through my heart to the hearts of souls in need. Plus, if we offer these sacrifices to Jesus through Mary, we can get even greater results because She will direct the graces to the souls who need it most.

Another bonus is that if we really decide to *do what we can*, our friends and family will inevitably notice. You will have to explain to the kids and others why we don't shop at Walmart anymore, thereby sharing the message of the gift of life and human dignity.

I can't tell you how many of our friends

have been shocked when we explained why we won't shop at certain stores anymore. They had no idea, and now they are going to do what they can to avoid these places as well. Again, the main goal isn't to cause a business to "go under." But united to Christ's Sacrifice, we can help prevent some souls from "going under." And the more friends we can get involved, the more that grace will be flowing.

Perhaps the most amazing part of this whole thing is that we may not meet the people we are praying for. Perhaps it won't



Praying in front of Planned Parenthood

be our visible witness that will change their hearts. It will be this silent grace flowing from the Heart of Jesus. It will be our poor little hearts united to His, crying out "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." God can do a lot more with a few willing souls than the devil can do with a few million dollars. It is time that Christians stop trusting in the "power" of money and start really believing and trusting in the Infinite Power of GOD.

On page 6 of this newsletter is a list of companies that have chosen to offer travel reimbursements to employees who want an abortion. We obtained this information through the Northern Kentucky Right to Life, and through inspireinsight.com – a very useful investment tool that screens big companies based on biblical values.



Yes, we are going to have to pick our battles, but any little sacrifice you can pitch in will help.

By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them

We have come to understand that the more you trust in God, the more He blesses you. The Lord also loves to spoil the poor, I'm convinced of it!

Many of you know about the stories of things appearing where there was nothing, but our Lord continues to give in abundance to those who trust Him or have no one else.



In May this year, we received a call from a friend who owns a towing company. He was called out on a truck that was totaled and was now burdened with getting rid of the load that the semi was carrying—all in-date baby formula, just days before the recall that led to the formula shortage. And after sorting through it all, we found that none of this formula was part of the ones that were recalled. And this formula was the exact brand and type that the WIC office has been telling many of our neighbors to get, but they could not find it in the stores!!

Situations like this happen not infrequently at the Rose Garden. Very often someone will come with a specific need that we don't usually have on hand and it will show up just



in time.

Like the day a neighbor asked for Gluten Free food—which we rarely ever have—and there were a few gluten free items in a prominent space on the shelf that weren't there earlier.

One of our neighbor's doctors told them to eat liver because her iron was low—just that morning we had been donated a whole case of liver—we had never been donated liver before!

Some one recently asked for Pizza on a



day we didn't have any—seconds later we received a shipment of Pizza, and we were able to catch her before she left.

Another time, a neighbor came in who spoke French and a little bit of Spanish, he had a lump on his head and our clinic had just closed for the week. We weren't sure what to help him or even how to tell him anything where to go. As God would have it, one of the volunteers that day was a nurse,

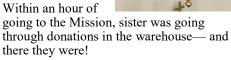


and another volunteer spoke French, so we were able to help him.

One neighbor asked for a car seat with a 5 -point harness, and asked if she could pick it up tomorrow. We didn't realize that we had just run out of this type of Car seat, but a

couple of hours later another one was donated.

On the day before the chapel at St. Joseph's convent was consecrated Father Jordan told us that we really should have four cross shaped candle holders that go on the walls of consecrated churches. Within an hour of



The list goes on. You see, God is still working miracles, still multiplying loaves and fish, still working in the lives of His people in ways big and small. He never stopped. He just needs people to trust Him!

After giving out frozen, fresh soup all day, at the end of the day, the freezer still had as much soup in it as when we started.

Having no bread one day, a neighbor asked for it specifically. Sister replied that we had no bread that day, but before she could finish the sentence, a volunteer rolled a cart in that was full of bread.



The Lord also spoils the

sisters sometimes! Sr. Sara mentioned that the one tradition her family had for Thanksgiving was eating Cinnamon Apples. Thanksgiving morning, we were going through the Mission freezer and there it was—Cinnamon Apples!



In placing the veil on Sr. Sara's head during her entrance ceremony, Mother Seraphina had difficulty getting the veil to stay put. The sister's Chaplain, Bishop Foys commented that we needed stronger Velcro. Walking in to the Mission later that morning, there was industrial Velcro sitting on a table right near the entry door.













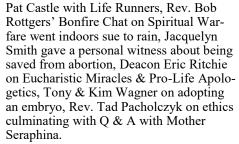
Each day began with PT, chanted & Morning Prayer, then we had Mass, Confession, presentations, Candlelit Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, wrapping up each day with chanted Evening & Night Prayer, skit prep and some "down time."

Presenters this year: Rev. Ethen Moore gave a catechesis on Adoration & spoke about Our Lady of Guadalupe as Our Lady of Life. Rev. Jonathan Meyer on the Dignity of the Human Person, Sr. Clare spoke on Fetal Development and Abortion 101, Dr.









In addition, we joined in the Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood and visited the children's section of a local cemetery, cleaning their graves, placing roses and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.









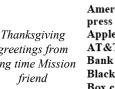




Sr. Catherine prays for ice cream, and so we receive a skid of ice cream and cones!!











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At Left, the last harvest of the season before the frost. At Right, the very next day!!





Construction begins! At left is the drawing of the 1st floor of the new addition, which will be dedicated to pregnancy care and material support for families with children.



Plans for the new addition

Sisters pick up Thanksgiving food from St. Agnes church. Pictured with the sisters is Rev. Mark Keene, V.G., Pastor.

A List of companies that have chosen to offer travel reimbursements to employees who want an abortion. Accenture Goldman Sachs Macy's Mastercard

Lyft



Thanksgiving greetings from long time Mission



Babies A Plenty!

Left: Twin Baskets



Abounding Joy!!









Social Worker from the hospital gets a basket for a patient who needed things for her new baby girl!



Baby girl will be ready for Baptism with this Beautiful Baptismal Gown!





Beautiful Bassinet!



Grateful Mom



Teenie Preemie





Baby's 2 older sisters get sibling toys!



Mother Seraphina's new Godson

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For new shoes for tired diabetic feet



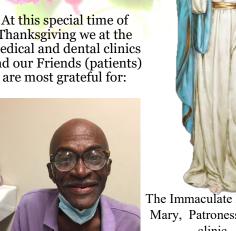
At this special time of Thanksgiving we at the medical and dental clinics and our Friends (patients)

supporters:

Thankfulness

card to our

Eye exams and new eyeglasses



The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Patroness of our clinic



New volunteers



Long time volunteers



Treatment as needed



Support for our clinic



Old friends



New friends



The 2022 Members of the Board of the Center for Hope & Healing



"Giving my time to the clinic was the best time of my life. When you do something for God, He blesses you. We touched the lives of our patients in a special way and unexpectedly they gave back even more. I told some-

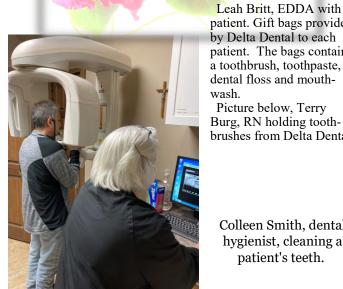
one this about volunteering and they looked at me like I was crazy!" Earlene Barker (at left) reflecting on her 12 years volunteering at the Rose Garden.



Outdoor community Health Fairs



Nurse Practitioner Connie Calvert (at left) with a new dental patient. Each new patient is evaluated medically at triage and updated at each visit.



Leah Britt, using the panorex



Colleen Smith, dental hygienist, cleaning a patient's teeth.

Picture below, Terry



Plague in the teeth is indicative of plaque in the arteries. Dental Hygienist Heather Henry with a patient.



Dr. Mark Glockner, DMD and Peggy Collopy, EDDA filling a tooth



Tooth brush donation from Delta Dental with Terry Burg, RN



The sisters' food pantry shared distributing the toothbrushes.



Leah Britt and Colleen Smith checking an x-ray



The Dental Mascot



Friends of the Rose Garden Mission





ancy Jung, pictured at right, was honored at our annual "Partners in Hope for the Poor" dinner this year. Nancy has been a volunteer from the very beginning of the Mission. Though she is no longer physically able to volunteer, this has not deterred her from her constant support of our work. Even in her assisted living home she continues to pray for us and to spread the word about the Rose Garden, sending us new volunteers and gathering donations from fellow residents.

We were honored to have Roger Grien as our Keynote speaker this year. Saved from abortion and adopted, Roger became a very successful businessman and sports coach despite disability and other set-backs. He now operates "Magnified Giving", a chartable agency that empowers children and teens in school to learn about investments while

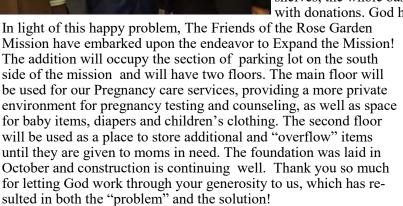
supporting charities in their local community. The Rose Garden has been selected as a

beneficiary on several occasions. Roger's presentation was an amazing witness to the power of Love, Life, Faith and Per-

severance.

Also announced at our Dinner, The Mission has run out of room! Even though we are constantly giving things to those who need them and avoid storing many things away, all the

shelves, the whole basement and every other conceivable space is FILLED with donations. God has truly blessed us abundantly through your generosity.



As a note, please know that even though we have an such abundance of specific items, we are still in continual need of Diapers, wipes, baby equipment, children's clothing, food, etc. Your donations are *always* appreciated and put to good use.







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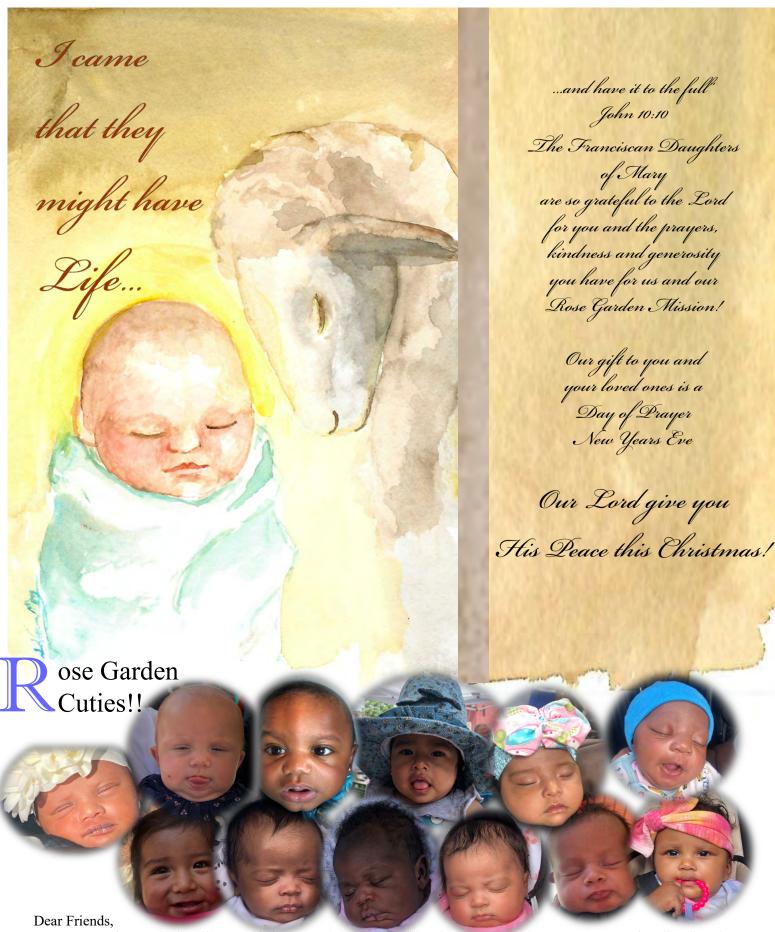


Talents of Golf Committee Chair, Cindy Biecker, pictured above with the Sisters.

THANK YOU, CINDY!!!

Special Thanks to the Fabulous Friends of the Rose Garden Golf Committee!!!





Because of PayPal's hostility to Life issues and their new policy changes, we have engaged Vanco for all online donation processing. This has already been amended on our website: www.fdofmary.org and the link address for donations is: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8CN

Thank you for your continued support of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary and the Rose Garden Home Mission!