



Sr. M. Reinhilde kneeling next to her Jubilee candle before Mass. Just prior to this Sr. M. Gemma presented her with a yellow rose corsage.



Sr. M. Reinhilde's 50th Jubilee with our faithful Auxiliary Bishop Robert Hermann as presider. Fr. Joseph Classen (L at end of altar) was the seminarian assigned to Sister as the beneficiary of her prayers & sacrifices—Sister's offerings continue.



Sister with her Mother's 50th Wedding Anniversary gold crown & candle made by her family in Germany.

## A GOLDEN JUBILEE & A REUNION IN GRATITUDE FOR ST. ARNOLD ARE TIMES FOR REJOICING & REMEMBERING



L) The three Congregations founded by St. Arnold gather for Solemn Vespers.

R) Rev. Thomas Krosnicki, Midwest SVD Provincial, leads us in a prayer before supper.



R) The Adoration Srs. entertained those at the Family Reunion with a Puppet Show based on the four temperaments.

L) The audience enjoys the puppets and some good laughter after the show.



L) Sr. Dulcinea, SSps & Sr. Ancilla Ma. SSsPAP "Same Size!"

R) Fr. Felix, Fr. Krosnicki & retired SVD Bishop Raymond Kalisz served in Papua New Guinea for many years in conversation with Sr. M. Gemma.



"For God so loved the World..."

### THE BLESSINGS OF THE SACRED HEART

...My grace & blessing be with you.  
...My Peace encompass you.  
...My merits plead for you.  
...My love inflame you.  
...My sorrows console you.  
...My zeal animate you.  
...My virtues shine forth from you.  
...My embrace be your eternal joy.  
Amen.

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**PRAYER TO JESUS...** "The prayer of the Church, nourished by the Word of God and the celebration of the liturgy, teaches us to pray to the Lord Jesus. The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the *Heart of Jesus* as it invokes his most holy name. It adores the Incarnate Word and his Heart which, out of LOVE for men, he allowed to be pierced for our sins. Only the heart of Christ who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way," as described in the parable of the prodigal son. (Catechism of the Catholic Church Nos. 1439, 2665 and 2669) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send him into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

**We hope you enjoy our picture story** of joyful and spiritually enriching celebrations over the last six months. The October canonization of St. Arnold Janssen, the Founder of three religious missionary Congregations and our missionary brother-priest, St. Joseph Freinademetz, brought us together for an Arnoldus Family Reunion. Divine Word Missionaries, Holy Spirit Mission Sisters and Adoration Sisters assembled at Mount Grace for solemn Vespers on the vigil of St. Arnold's November 5th birthday. Afterward, we enjoyed sharing and lighthearted laughter during supper before saying "goodnight." The next day we assembled for concelebration of the Eucharist in honor of our Founder's birthday. Afterwards the festivities continued in our dining room and Marian Hall. This important event invited all three of our Congregations to reexamine our commitment to our missionary vocation in the spirit of St. Arnold. **On November 21, a glad-hearted Sr. Mary Reinhilde glowed on her Golden Jubilee Day.** Sr. M. Gemma pinned a lovely corsage on Sister before the festive Mass with Bishop Hermann as presider and homilist. **With joyful hope we begged the Holy Spirit to grace our new Superior General, Sr. Mary Cecilia,** and, Sr. Mary Theresilde, secretariat advisor, as they arrived for VISITATION of our U.S. Convents towards the end of January. **Archbishop Raymond Burke** blessed us by offering Mass in our Chapel a few days after his installation. This gave our Superior General and all of our Sisters an opportunity to welcome him to St. Louis. **Lent was enriched with exceptional blessings.** Spiritually perceptive Father Timothy Gallagher, OMF, would conduct a private-directed retreat for some of our Sisters. The Annunciation, March 25, quietly ended the **Arnoldus Year of Grace** for our Community with Fr. Felix & Fr. Tim concelebrating—the grandeur of the Eucharistic celebration was hidden only by its simplicity. **The annual Superiors' meeting began with the return of Sr. Mary Cecilia and the arrival of our Superiors on April 1.** It closed by Saturday and by Sunday & Monday of Holy Week our visiting Sisters returned to their respective houses. Msgr. Richard Stika celebrated Holy Mass and Vespers with us from Passion Sunday through Easter. This allowed our chaplain, Fr. Felix, some well-deserved time to visit his Techny Community and to spend some time in Retreat.

Sr. Mary Cecilia conducts a Conference with her Sisters during Visitation.



Archbishop Burke offered Mass on St. Joseph Freinademetz' Feast Day and joined Sr. Mary Cecilia and our Community for breakfast & a group photo.



L) Sr. Mary Cecilia presents Archbishop Burke with a gift. R) Sr. M. Cecilia enjoys an evening of Recreation with the Sisters.

## A CONGREGATIONAL VISITATION TO REMEMBER



Msgr. Stika, Vicar General/Vicar for Religious, along with Fr. Felix celebrated Mass & met with (L to R) Sr. M. Cecilia, Superior General, Sr. M. Gemma, Sr. M. Theresilde, Generalate Advisor, & House Counsel Sisters— Sr. M. Caridad & Sr. M. Christina during Visitation. Msgr. Stika returned for Holy Week/Easter Services allowing Fr. Felix to go on a well-deserved Retreat & visit his SVD confreres in Techny.



Palm Sunday: Superiors Meeting ended the day before & back home they go. (L to R) Sr. M. Margaret (Corpus Christi); Sr. M. Caritas (Lincoln, NE); Sr. M. Cecilia, Superior General; Sr. M. Theresilde, Generalate Advisor; Sr. M. Gemma, St. Louis; Sr. M. Catherine, Philadelphia. Generalate Sisters left the next day for Germany.



Sr. M. Gemma accompanies Sr. M. Cecilia to the van of a generous Mt. Grace friend.



Sr. M. Gemma expresses her gratitude for Sr. M. Theresilde's welcome help.

Arnoldus Year of Grace concludes, Retreat Blessings, Annual Meeting, Greetings & Farewells



Our good chaplain, Fr. Felix, and popular Retreat Director, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V., are vested for concelebration of the Eucharist on the Feast of the Annunciation as the Arnoldus Year of Grace came to an end.



Sr. M. Corina helps Sr. M. Cecilia with her carry-on luggage.



All the Sisters remember their bright smiles of "until we meet again, be at peace!"