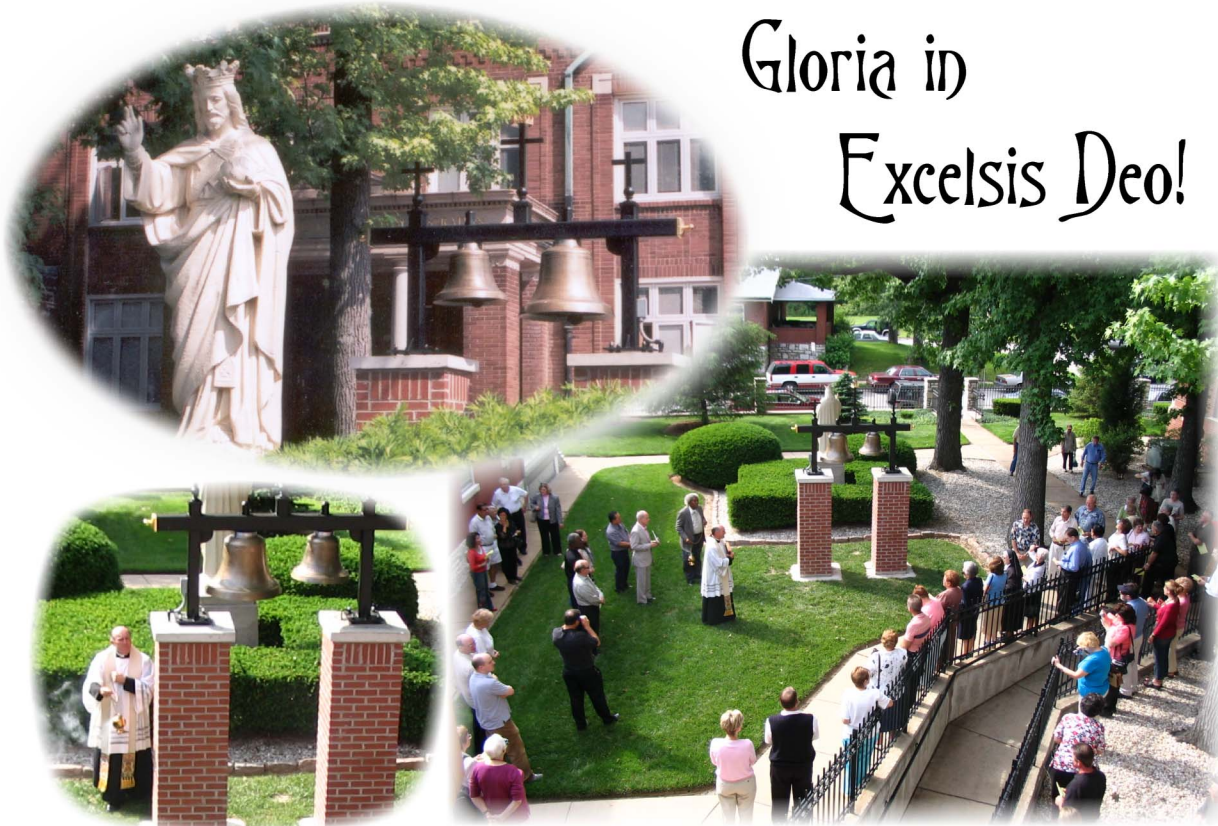


Gloria in Excelsis Deo!



A new and joyful sound can be heard coming from Mount Grace Chapel of Perpetual Adoration: pealing church bells now call the faithful to worship, and the tolling of the hours reminds passers-by to lift their thoughts to God throughout the day. With the community, our Superior General Sister Mary Cecilia, and numerous friends of the convent present, the bells rang for the first time on May 21. Following Vespers and Benediction in the chapel, Father Mark Ullrich and the people processed outside and around to the courtyard. Meanwhile, the Sisters went up to the second floor of our convent where we were provided with an excellent view of the ceremony. The blessing of our beautiful new bells, christened "Arnold" and "Michael" after our founder St. Arnold Janssen and our co-foundress Mother Mary Michael, brought to a close months of planning, coordinated effort, and volunteer work. Robert Mazzocchio, who initiated the project, and his friend Steve Thomas were the masterminds behind it all. Once Archbishop Raymond Burke donated the bells from the former St. Aloysius Church in Spanish Lake, Robert and Steve set about the difficult work of removing them from the church tower. As the bells weighed 150 and 300 pounds, this was no easy task! Our two bells were cast in 1955 when a larger bell was melted down, and the years of weathering had taken a toll. After a sandblasting and buffing, the brass bells gleamed like new. It took a group effort to build the pillars, mount the bells, and install the striking equipment. Now every time we hear the bells ring, we are reminded of the generosity of all our friends who gave time, talent, or donations in order to make the Bells of Mount Grace a reality. They truly ring out the praises of God during this Christmas season. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth!



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will be gratefully remembered

in our

**Advent and Christmas
Liturgies**

**December 16 to 24 and
December 26 to January 3
and in our**

**Eucharistic Celebrations
on Christmas Day.**

*May the peace of the
Infant Savior reign in
your hearts and homes!*

*Sister Mary Gemma and
all the Sisters*

*"We cannot please God unless we
too become little--
that is the great message of
Christmas night."*

*--Our founder,
St. Arnold Janssen*

A Celebration of 50 Years of Consecrated Life

Sister Mary Jozefa chose to celebrate her golden jubilee of religious profession as a Holy Spirit Adoration Sister on October 7th, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Sister's family and friends joined us at a Mass presided over by Archbishop Raymond Burke in order to give thanks to God for all the blessings of the past fifty years. There were seven priests concelebrating, including four SVD's. Her two sisters and one of her brothers (Sister Mary Jozefa is number seven of eight siblings!) came all the way from Holland to share in her joy. There was truly cause for rejoicing, as the Lord is good to those who love him. Sister Mary Jozefa entered our Motherhouse in Steyl, Holland in 1953 and made her first profession of vows in 1956. In 1958, she left her homeland for the United States. With the generous spirit of a missionary, even as such a young Sister, she made the sacrifice to follow the call of the Holy Spirit. She made her final vows, dedicating her life forever to the Lord, here in St. Louis in 1961. She has served for forty years at Mount Grace, and also has spent some time at our convent in Philadelphia. She is known for the beautiful calligraphy she does on our Perpetual Mass enrollment cards and her creativity extends to other projects as well, such as writing poetry. She can always be counted on to be a zealous participant in our community activities, making sure everyone has a good time. Her great joy is to take part in our perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On her golden jubilee day, Sister glowed with the peace and happiness only the Lord can give. Sister Mary Jozefa's life and witness of fifty years of consecrated fidelity are a mirror of the faithfulness of her Bridegroom and his love for her.



In the presence of Archbishop Raymond Burke, Sister Mary Jozefa renewed the religious vows she made 50 years ago.



Liturgical Lessons

Father Michael Monshau, OP, prior of St. Dominic's Priory in St. Louis, has been so gracious as to give of his time on Thursday afternoons in order to teach us about the liturgy. What we are learning in class is helping to deepen our appreciation of the beauty and depth behind the public prayer of Mother Church. As we gain a better understanding of the history, traditions, and meanings surrounding our liturgical lifestyle, we are better able to live out our vocation in the heart of the Church. Father's teaching style is very interesting and engaging, and we are enjoying our weekly sessions very much.



Fun on the 4th of July



A thoughtful benefactor made our Independence Day picnic all the more enjoyable this year—a gift of red, white, and blue plastic ice cream cones held a special surprise. They were filled with soapy solution, and we soon filled the air with rainbow bubbles galore. It was a treat that both young and old could enjoy together. Sometimes the most ordinary things in life can bring such delight. Thanks be to God for simple joys!



served in Eastern Rite parishes in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Father Dennis is grateful for his current assignment to Mount Grace, as he says, "So long I desired the contemplative life, the Eucharistic life." Indeed, he can often be found in the chapel, adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He also has a strong devotion to Mary, as he credits her with keeping him safe while he was serving in the Army in Europe during World War II. Father Dennis' spirituality is very harmonious with our contemplative way of life and we are blessed to have him. We hope his stay with us will be a long one!



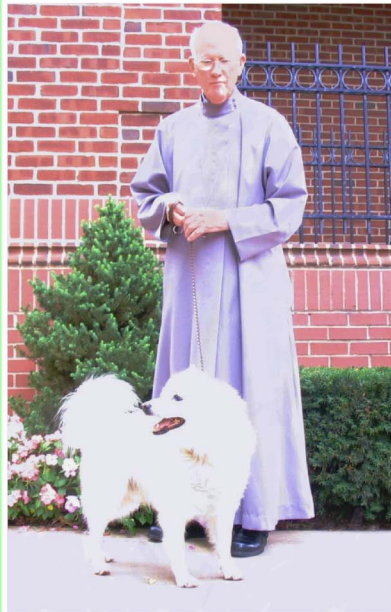
(L to R) Sr. Mary Devota, Sr. Mary Renée, and Sr. Mary Cecilia, displaying four monarch butterflies

Our doors were open wide in welcome when our Superior General Sister Mary Cecilia and her Counsel, Sister Mary Devota and Sister Mary Renée, made the trip from Germany to spend the month of May with us. It was a busy time, as we had the blessing ceremony for the new bells, our annual workshop with Mother M. Quentin, RSM, and the US Superiors meeting. We enjoyed hearing about the other 19 convents in our Congregation worldwide, as well as the progress in our new foundations in Chile and Slovakia. Our visitors marveled at American hospitality and the generosity of our faithful friends. This was Sister Mary Devota's first time in the US and she took the opportunity to practice her English. Something new for all three was the chance to watch the metamorphosis of monarch caterpillars into butterflies. We were delighted when four butterflies were born on Mother's Day, a lovely gift for the spiritual mothers of our Congregation.

Welcome to our Special Guests

Meet our new Chaplain: Fr. Dennis Logue, SVD

Father Dennis and his faithful watchdog, Francis



The end of May brought the arrival of our new shepherd, Fr. Dennis Logue, SVD. Since then he has charmed the Sisters and the visitors to our chapel with his infectious enthusiasm for life and his humble demeanor. He has wholeheartedly stepped into his role as our chaplain, even enrolling in a class on homiletics at the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis in order to serve us better. One of the first questions we asked him upon his arrival here from his previous assignment in West Virginia was, "Father, why is your cassock gray?" The answer: he was granted permission by Rome to celebrate the Eastern Rite. The gray cassock and large silver crucifix come from that tradition. Father Dennis was raised in Pennsylvania and his interest in the Eastern Rite began at a young age. As an SVD novice he learned more about the Eastern Rite when part of his duties included delivering wine to their churches. He made his final vows as an SVD Brother in 1956 and was sent to St. Louis in order to learn nursing. This was his first contact with the Pink Sisters, as he used to come and pray in our chapel. It was later in life and after many happy years as a Brother that he felt the call to become a priest. He entered the seminary in 1979 and was ordained a priest of God on May 21, 1983 at the age of 56. He has