"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few..."

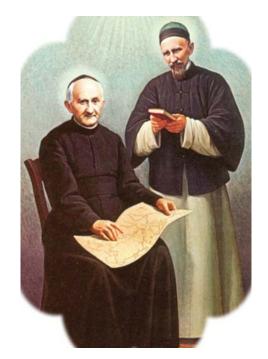
Are Pink Sisters missionaries? Even though our lives are spent hidden behind the walls of the cloister, we consider ourselves to be contemplative missionaries. It is true that we will never serve directly on the mission fields, but our role in the Church's missionary activity is nonetheless important. Through our prayers and sacrifices, we provide behind-the-scenes support to those who are laboring actively for souls. Our Constitutions remind us that "the closer our union with the triune God in loving contemplation, the more we are taken up into the dynamic of God's love for all. Wherever we are, our prayer sustains the missionary activity of the Church in the whole world." After all, it is God who makes the missionary's work fruitful. United in prayer, we assist in the great work of building up Christ's Body the Church.

What is a missionary? It is someone who brings Jesus to others by prayer, example, and teaching. Our loving witness of the joy found in God is a powerful way to attract others to Christ and his Church. Most people will not have the opportunity to travel to far-off lands to preach the Gospel. However, we can all be missionaries to those around us, and we can all pray for those who labor in the Lord's vineyard. We know prayer for the missions is a powerful and necessary tool, because it was Jesus himself who said:

"...therefore ask the Master of the harvest to send laborers to his harvest."

(Matthew

9:37-38)



January 29, 2008-January 15, 2009 A Centennial Year Commemorating the Deaths of

St. Arnold Janssen, SVD

Our Father Founder

and

St. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD

First SVD Missionary to China

with the theme

"Precious is the Life Given for Mission"

"All Christians must be missionaries, sharing the good news of God's love."

-Pope Benedict XVI

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"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever."

(Psalm 136:1)

Snow and rain prevented the workers from finishing the parking lot in time, but March 2nd dawned sunny and warm. Archbishop Raymond Burke concelebrated with

eight priests the Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of our new wing and honoring the Golden Jubilee of the Legion of 1000 Adorers. It was the 4th Sunday of Lent, "Rejoice Sunday," and the Archbishop preached to a standingroom-only crowd in our chapel. The beautiful liturgy was further enhanced by the presence of nearly a dozen seminarians from Kenrick-Glennon, who served at the altar or sang in the choir. After the Mass, everyone gathered behind the new building for the blessing, while the Sisters watched from inside the convent. An open house followed, with a rare opportunity to see inside the cloister (the newest part of it, that is). The day was perfect, and we are so happy with our much-needed new building. It is plain that our trust in the patronage of St. Joseph was not in vain, as everything went so smoothly and turned out so well. Our next project is to finish a meditation area on the east side of the chapel in St. Joseph's honor. We have confidence that he will help us raise all the funds we still need!



The Sisters in the new storeroom in the basement of St. Joseph's Hall, inspecting the prizes and baskets for Trivia Night that our auxiliary gathered.

The new St. Joseph's Hall: Chaplain's quarters on first floor (pict. at left).

Sister's rooms on second floor (picture below).





"I will bless you... and you will be a blessing."

(Genesis 12:2)

A hearty thank-you to all (too numerous to mention) who gave time, talent, or donations to make our building project a success! You are in our prayers.

> We couldn't ask for more devoted help than our two workmen, Bill and Pat. They were indispensable in the completion of our building project.



"Beloved. Let us love one another, for love is of God."

(1 John 4:7)

We had a special treat on January 15, the feast day of our founder St. Arnold. Archbishop Burke brought Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M.Cap. to visit us. Fr. Cantalamessa, as preacher to the Papal household, is the one who gives retreats to Pope Benedict. He has also written many books on spirituality. In the short time we had with him, we were won over by his charming smile and deep piety. He radiated the joy of the Holy Spirit as he talked to us about love being God's greatest attribute. Fr. Cantalamessa also had some practical suggestions on prayer: everyone experiences dryness in prayer, either from time to time or for long periods. It is important to persevere through the darkness, and when we kneel reverently, our bodies are praying even if we can't get our minds to. God will reward our efforts!



Johnny Rabbitt and our newly-formed auxiliary worked very enthusiastically to make our Trivia Night so successful.