

## Chaplain's Corner

### GETAWAY TIME AND PLACE

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As a kid, early June was always a wonderful time. Not only because school was over but because it was time for the annual family vacation at a lake-side cottage in northern Wisconsin. It was a time when all six of us piled into dad's Chevy and drove north out of Milwaukee on Highway 45. It was getaway time! Today college students go off to the Florida Gulf Coast—such places as Fort Lauderdale or Fort Myers—for their Spring Break! I read that in Fort Lauderdale alone some 50,000 gather to get away. But Spring Break is not only for collegians anymore. Adults and entire families have begun to schedule Spring Breaks! For them it is post-winter getaway time. And after the winter of 2013 who wouldn't welcome that!

At times I have wondered if the Holy Family ever took a vacation. Such was not the custom in their day, but perhaps their family pilgrimage to Jerusalem could be thought of as a time "to get away" from Nazareth. In the Gospels we read that Jesus frequently went off by himself—sometimes accompanied by his disciples—to be with the Father in prayer. Often it was before or after some important

task—like the selection of the Apostles when first "he went out to the mountain to pray, spending the night in communion with God" (Luke 6:12).

We all need time by ourselves—genuine getaway times in our lives. Is there anyone who on occasion does not just want to be by him or herself for a while? Even the extravert needs to recoup by distancing from the crowd. We call it "Getaway Time." It is all so wholesome—both psychologically and spiritually.

I hope you have found a getaway place and genuine getaway time. Here at Mount Grace Convent, I am amazed by the number of persons who come to pray in the chapel where the Sisters kneel quietly in perpetual adoration interceding for the world. I suspect that for the many visitors who join them, they have come to discover that the beautiful convent chapel off Interstate 70, at the Adelaide Exit, is a perfect place to just get away and spend quiet time with the Lord. They might find that it is even better than a cabin in Northern Wisconsin in June or a beach on the Florida coast in the springtime! It is their good getaway time!

O how great,  
how great is God!  
How great are  
God's works!  
Everything that is,  
heaven and earth,  
he fills with his  
presence,  
with his power,  
and with his  
goodness.

*(Our Founder,  
St. Arnold Janssen, SVD)*



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## Convent Fun!

Our Christmas presents this year set us up for healthy physical exercise with a ping-pong table, an exercise bike, and a DVD for a walking/aerobic workout. Three new bikes, also received from "Santa," are being enjoyed on our spacious garden trails.

A Palm Sunday snowstorm provided fun for our three youngest members and their directress, who made a family of four snow bunnies! Their creation lasted two days before sister Spring melted them down into snow mounds!



## God's Blessings



After asking and imploring the Lord for new members for so many years, his generous answer came during September, October and November in the arrival of three Aspirants. **Sr. Marie** (left) from California led the procession, then **Sr. Tina** (center) drove in from Kansas, followed by **Sr. Angela** (right) from Texas! As the three are happily adjusting to religious life in our community, we are enjoying their laughter and tasty results of their baking skills. Please pray with us for their continued joy in their vocation and their perseverance as Adoration Sisters.

## A New Term of Office Begins

A second term in office began for **Sister Mary Catherine** (right) as our superior and **Sister Mary Gemma** (center) as her assistant, and we welcomed **Sister Ancilla Maria** (left) as the new Second Consultor. The formal installation took place after Pentecost and the free day to celebrate the new beginning was held soon afterward.



**Sister Mary Virgitta** (left), a veteran of Mount Grace for the past seventeen years, was called to take up a new residence in our convent in Philadelphia. We bade farewell to Sister on March 5. The middle of May saw us take leave of **Sister Mary Christia**



## Comings and goings at Mount Grace



(center), who has served our community as second consultor these past four years and who has been appointed Assistant Superior at our convent in Lincoln, Nebraska. **Sister Mary Benigna** (right) arrived from Lincoln the following day to take up her duties here as a part-time portress and in the Correspondence department.

