

SISTER ADORERS OF

*In the Heart*



THE ROYAL HEART

*of the King*

Dear Friends,

On All Saints' Day, November 1, we celebrate the one-year anniversary of our arrival in the United States and the blessing of the Convent of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wausau, Wisconsin by the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Cross.

Deo gratias!



We can only thank God for giving us this opportunity to honor and adore Him in a new tabernacle, for His greater glory, for the sanctification of priests, and for the needs of all the faithful and the entire world.

To think that just over a year ago, the home that is now a convent was operating as a bed and breakfast, and the room that is now our splendid little chapel housing the King of Kings and Lord of Lords was nothing more than a simple bedroom.



What a grace to think of a new tabernacle where Our Lord will be loved, adored, and worshiped every hour of every day. Since our arrival one year ago, this simple house has been transformed by countless celebrations of the Holy Mass, by hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, by the daily chant of the Divine Office, and by innumerable hours of private prayer and heartfelt genuflections by the Sisters throughout the day.

On September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we were able to celebrate for the very first time the patron feast day of this new convent.

The pearl of the chapel is the sweet figure of Maria Bambina, an antique statue of the infant Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes, originating from Italy. For her feast day on September 8, we brought her to the public church for the veneration of the faithful, and the following Sunday she was carried in procession through the streets back to her home in the convent chapel, a little less than a mile away.



It was a special joy for us to be able to share with the faithful our love of the Infant Mary, humble and hidden, a wonderful model for the religious life.

The center of our life and our most important apostolate is our life of prayer, adoration, and obedience. It is by these that God wants to shower His grace upon our priests, the faithful, the diocese of La Cross, and all of Holy Church and this poor world so in need of God's love.

Nevertheless, we have also been blessed by the opportunity to spend time regularly with the faithful, particularly with the children and young women at St Mary's. This past month we resumed catechism with dozens of little children, and it is a true pleasure to come together again after so many months away. We also resumed in October the monthly meetings with the girls in the Company of the Immaculate. Our meetings begin with high Mass and a procession of the Blessed Virgin, lunch, a spiritual talk, and an activity led by the sisters. The meeting concluded with the holy rosary in the church.



We've also had occasional reunions with girls from Green Bay and Milwaukee, and we were able to spend a grace-filled week at the Institute's summer camp for the girls in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

We have been able to take short trips, as well, such as visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Sisters also had the wonderful grace of visiting the Upper Peninsula in Michigan for a day in October. After lauds and Holy Mass in the morning, we drove to the mountains up north, where we had ample opportunity to explore hidden paths and marvel at God's goodness and creation, all while meeting many people along the way who were comforted to see that Catholic religious life is still alive and vibrant. At the end of the day, we were able to pray part of the Divine Office in private on the shore of Lake Superior, as the sun sank behind the hills, before returning to Wausau in time for compline.



Arriving in Wausau one year ago, no one knew or would have imagined that only three months later, the entire world would begin to shut down, one country at a time, one church at a time. We are so grateful that Jesus brought us to the United States in time, so that He would have our humble little chapel as an abode of adoration, prayer, and consolation. A religious sister does not live for herself, but rather she carries the entire world in her heart to Jesus' feet, and thus even from within your homes, you were still present before Him, carried there in our hearts and in our prayers each and every day.



Please join us in thanking God for this new foundation and for all of the graces that He has poured forth upon the world throughout these difficult months. We know the sufferings and challenges so many of you face, and we beseech little Maria Bambina to comfort and guide you in all of your needs. We carry you in our prayer every day before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, confiding you, your families, and all of your intentions, worries, and hopes to the King of kings, the Source of all good and of all grace.

In Corde Regis,

Your Sister Adorers