

A Message from Sr. M. Angela Therese

Provincial Superior

Last month, on July 2nd, was a big celebration of the foundation of our Congregation, which goes back to 1891 and it is usually when the sisters make and renew vows.

This month we are **welcoming our three new Postulants: Emily, Marta and Therese who will be entering on August 22nd, the Feast of Queenship of Mary.** You might remember Emily and Therese who volunteered this summer in Dietary and Activity departments. We praise and give thanks to God for the gift of their vocations to our Carmel D.C.J. You will see them around in the home and the Day Care center. Please keep them in your continual prayers.

We are grateful for your prayers and support for our three junior sisters who renewed their vows last month and Sr. M. Clare who made her final vows. Thank you also for your beautiful smiles and warm welcomes to the young women who came here for retreats on Carmelite Days and Sequela Christi Days. June was a busy month for the sisters, hosting many activity programs here at St. Agnes Home and attending the Steubenville Youth Conferences in Springfield and Cottleville camp in St. Charles, interacting, working, playing and praying with the youth. We pray that many young people be opened to the inspiration of Holy Spirit and ever be zealously increased in the love of God and His Holy Church.

We sadly bid **farewell to Sr. Maria Lucia who left us last month for San Antonio, Texas.** We will miss her! We also want to thank her for taking care of the gardens and flower beds around the home. We wish her well in Texas.

The flowers and her vegetable garden were wilted and sad the day after she left.

Thank God Gloria Hutchison came to our rescue watering all including newly planted oak trees and shrubs. **Thank you, Gloria!**

In other good news, we welcome Sr. Mary Joseph, Sr. Maria Antonieta, Sr. Mary Katherine and Sr. M. Clare back to St. Louis at the end of this month. You will remember Sr. Mary Joseph, the former Provincial Superior, and Sr. Maria Antonieta who used to be a CNA and CMT on third floor. It will be Sr. Mary Katherine's and Sr. M. Clare's first time being stationed here. Please give them a warm welcome. You will see them around in the dietary, activity and nursing departments.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support for our Care Center project. The Care Center was opened in 2008 and now is in need a facelift including painting, varnish, plaster, chairs, glass and carpet to keep its fresh look and warm atmosphere. The campaign has just gotten started. Thank you to those who already sent in your support and encouragement toward this project and anyone considering doing so. Please contact Michael Kress, Director of Mission Advancement, if you wish to donate. May God bless you abundantly!

