

Vocation Newsletter

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Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

There has been a lot going on in the world lately and in our little community too. So I'm going to give you just a few highlights.

- The **800th anniversary** of the approval of the first Franciscan Rule is today, April 16th. This is always the day on which we communally renew our vows. On April 14-15, to prepare to renew our vows we observe communal silence and listen to our rule and constitutions during our means and keep Around the world Franciscans will be celebrating this as a beginning for the Franciscan Order. [Read a bit more here.](#)
- On March 28th we had a Spiritual Workshop and open forum at the Motherhouse. Father Douglas Grandon was the speaker for the Workshop and the topic was the **Life and Spirit of St. Paul**. He really brought the letters of St. Paul to life. During the open forum, Sister Judith Ann, our Major Superior, made a special announcement. She said that sisters in our community would be allowed to teach in general education in Catholic schools in the diocese of Peoria. **Education** is in our constitutions as one of our apostolates, however for the last several decades our community had decided to focus our efforts on our main apostolate, healthcare. Today the need is so great for solid Catholic education and there are few Sisters actively teaching in the diocese.



The Easter transformation of the Chapel is such a dramatic and physical expression of the death and resurrection of Christ. We go from watching the altar being stripped on Holy Thursday and being in the cold, empty chapel on Good Friday to the candle light and beautiful decorations of the Easter Vigil and the return of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We are having a wonderful Easter.

We hope you are enjoying your Easter as much as we are. :)

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