

Vocation Newsletter

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Greetings from Peoria!

We hope you have enjoyed your summer. We have had a cooler than normal summer, nice for us but not for the farmers. It has been a summer of happy and sorrowful events.

We'll start with the sorrowful. Two of our elderly sisters, Sister Mary Lucille and Sister Mary Charlotte, have passed on to their eternal reward. Sister Judith Ann's comments from their visitation services are, or will be, posted on our website's [feature page](#).

On a happier note, July 16 was the 132nd anniversary of our founding. That day we went to St. Joseph cemetery in Peoria to pray a rosary at the grave of our foundress Mother Frances. We had the big community celebration at the motherhouse Saturday the 18th.

July 20th the seminarians had a special dinner at Christ the King retreat house for the sisters serving in Peoria. It was so good to be able to see all the seminarians and the other sisters. We don't often have time like that to just pray together and visit.

July 30-August 6 was our summer annual retreat. (Some of us do our annual retreat in February and the rest, in August.) Father Gabriel Bullock, O.S.B. focused the retreat on Lectio Divina. The last day of retreat, the feast of the Transfiguration, **Sister Mary Magdalene professed her perpetual vows.** ([See picture gallery here](#)) Bishop Jenky's homily was so good, it would have been great if we had it re-



corded or written so that we could share it with you. After the Mass there was a banquet and then cake and punch in the afternoon. Sister went back home with her family that evening for a week long vacation.

Do you find yourself needing **a little inspiration** to live a holy life? Father Raniero Cantalamessa has many of his homilies on the web that you can use to give yourself a little spiritual boost. He is the Preacher to the Papal household. You'd think that his homilies would be very complex, but they are very simple and inspirational. Here are some you may enjoy. [Falling in Love with Christ](#), [Enter Through the Narrow](#)

Well, that's all for now folks. We will remember you in our prayers, especially those of you who are just beginning the new school year.

God bless and keep you.

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