

# Vocation Newsletter

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Greetings from Peoria!

How appropriate that the Year for Priests be opened on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. This year we'll have to focus on praying for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Perhaps, it would also be a good time to really look at the importance of the priesthood and the sacraments in our lives. The USCCB website has a new section specifically for the [Year for Priests](#).

We have had a lot going on since the last newsletter. (New pictures are up on our [website's recent happenings page](#).) There was a rash of vocation fairs and events to attend. Also there have been so many feast days and celebrations. There are no pictures of this year's Corpus Christi procession, because the camera was out of town at a vocation event :) The weather couldn't have been better for the procession!

Father David Turner, O.S.B., came to speak to us on the Liturgy of the Hours. He has such a wealth of knowledge! He spoke about the history of the Liturgy of the Hours, how it has developed and also about how it is a participation in the heavenly worship. He had some really good practical points on how to enter into this prayer of the Church more deeply.

Sister Gaudentia passed away June 2nd. We are all sorry to see her go. We'll be posting Sister Judith Ann's comments from the visitation service shortly.

Many of the sisters from the House of Formation attended the Diocesan Summer Institute in June. They had very good speakers this year! I thought I should tell you about one in particular because you can check it out online yourselves. It is a class on the [Scriptural Foundations of the Mass](#).

Msgr. Jason Gray teaches it and has the text and the audio of the classes online.

Our annual visitation just ended at the House of Formation. Sister Judith Ann, our Major Superior, arrived Sunday evening and began visitation with a special prayer service and opening talk. During visitation Sister Judith Ann had private conferences with each sister. In the conferences, we would talk about how we were doing physically; how community life was going for us, our apostolic works, and any other issues we wanted to discuss. She stayed with us there at the House of Formation, sharing prayers, meals and our daily routine. Visitation ended with a prayer service and an closing conference, where she discussed what she had noticed while among us and encouraged us to keep growing.

Wow, that's a rather disorganized collection of thoughts! Hope you find these little tidbits helpful. Stay in touch; we'd love to hear from you.

Your sisters in Christ

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