

Vocation Newsletter

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Good day good people!

Hello everyone. Hope you are enjoying the fall so far. We've been having some nice warm days here.

I'll start with a run down of recent happenings. One of our elderly sisters, **Sister Mary Ruth**, passed on to her eternal reward on September 8th, the birthday of our Blessed Mother. Please tuck her in your prayers. In September two of our sisters went to Charlotte, NC for their annual **Eucharistic Congress**. In October we've been to Franciscan University in Steubenville for their **Vocation Day** and Des Moines, IA for the **Christ our Life Conference**. We are trying to go farther afield to let people know about us. Perhaps we have met you on one of these trips.

October is always a special month for our community. October 3rd we celebrated the Transitus, the death anniversary of **St. Francis**. It is a special Franciscan tradition to commemorate this day with a special service which includes the reading of an account of his passing on to eternal life. The following day is his feast day which we celebrated with special solemnity. At the end of the month, October 28, is the 134th anniversary of our sisters' first arrival in Peoria, the 125th anniversary of the death of Mother M. Frances Krasse, our foundress, and the feast day of our Major Superior, Sister Judith Ann.

With regards to our main **apostolate**, things have been happening very quickly. We are presently working with two hospitals in our vicinity who would like to become part of our healthcare system. That along with healthcare reform issues, the implementation of a new clinical information system, continuing work on quality and patient safety and struggles with the present financial environment have made these past months difficult. Please pray for us and for the country that we may care for the sick as He would have us do.

Thought it might be a good time to add **something more spiritual**. Below is an excerpt from [A Selection from the Spiritual Letters of St. Francis de Sales](#). The whole book is available online. It full of good advice and encouragement for many situations you may find yourself in.

*"TO A YOUNG LADY, WHO WISHED TO JOIN THE ORDER OF THE VISITATION.
Mademoiselle, Annecy, July 3, 1612."*

"Secondly, as you continue to wish to leave the world, in spite of worldly attractions and hindrances, it may be received as a sign that God wills you to do so. ...And I think you are wrong in thinking that the hindrances which arise prove it to be His Will to keep you back. ...If your wishes have been too eager, you must rather correct and restrain than give them up."

"Finally, be brave and come to an absolute decision; for although these weaknesses and uncertainties are not sinful, they certainly are great hindrances to all progress, and to true comfort of soul."

Also, just to let you know, we have posted video clips from our **August Profession Mass** on [our channel on YouTube](#). We hope you enjoy them.

Well, it's time to sign off. You are in our prayers.

Pax et bonum!

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