



The Call



"To Jesus Through Mary"

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Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church



Come, Lord Jesus, Come



Dedication of the Parish Life Center Sacred Heart Church



Left to right: Monsignor Henry Archambault, Father Kevin Reilly, Bishop Michael Cote, Father William Flynn and altar servers

On October 22, 2006 the Sacred Heart Parish Life Center in Taftville, Connecticut was formally dedicated by Bishop Michael Cote. The Center was the culmination of a five-year capital campaign spearheaded by Monsignor Henry Archambault. The facility will serve as a gathering place for the parish, and a gym, cafeteria, and auditorium for the school. It features a state of the art sound system, a functional commercial kitchen, bleachers, and a portable stage.

Sacred Heart School has been staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church since it opened in 1888. The original school was destroyed by fire in 1908. The parishioners of Sacred Heart without delay started construction on a new school, which still stands proudly today.

Mother Mary David, principal of Sacred Heart School since 1990, eagerly looked forward to the construction of the new facility as its establishment has played a major role in the programs and activities offered to the students enrolled there.

Sacred Heart boasts a proud heritage of service to the local community. The seeds of many priestly and religious vocations were nurtured within its walls.

The Bread of Life Retreat, October 27-29, 2006



After weeks of planning and preparation for this, our Sisters welcomed the participants of the Bread of Life Retreat held at our Motherhouse in Baltic, Connecticut.

Pope John Paul II had a great love for youth and was instrumental in promoting such programs as World Youth Day and Youth 2000.

Jesus draws all souls to Himself. He especially wants to reach out to the young: "Do not stop them from coming to me." His Eucharistic Presence attracted about 150 young, and older people to a weekend of prayer and music in Saint Michael Center on the Motherhouse property, turned for that short time into an adoration chapel. Teens and young adults shared song, meditation, discussions, the crowning of a lovely statue of Our heavenly Mother Mary, talks by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (of The Bronx, New York), and, of course, the delicious food donated by generous people and prepared and served by the Sisters of Charity. Most importantly, we all absorbed the loving presence of Jesus throughout this special weekend.

There are six perpetual adoration chapels in our diocese. We hope the graces from this retreat will inspire many people to frequent them, to return the loving gaze of Our Lord.





Called, Consecrated and Sent

**“The Fidelity of Our Lord can only be repaid by Fidelity.”
Mother Marie Alma Foundress**



It was with great joy that we gathered at our Motherhouse on Sunday, October 15th to celebrate with Mother Teresa Marie sixty years of consecrated life. Mother Teresa Marie, one of the cornerstones of our Congregation, has not only served in the field of education as teacher and principal, but was also elected as a member of General Council in 1970. Mother has been a member of the General for over 35 years and has held the position of Vicarress to the Superior General since 1994.

Mother Teresa Marie Bilotta entered the Congregation as a postulant in 1946 and was perpetually Professed on August 12, 1951. She served the Lord in several different branch houses of the Congregation including:

- St. Joseph School , Willimantic, Connecticut
- The Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic, Connecticut
- St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale
- Assumption School, Manchester, Connecticut
- St. Joseph School, Baltic, Connecticut

St. Paul tells us in his epistle to I Corinthians 9:22 that we must be “all things to all men.” Mother Teresa Marie epitomizes that definition as she is always there to respond to the needs of others. This celebration was a more than welcomed opportunity to pay tribute to the dedication and fidelity of a true Sister of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church.

Seeing the Face of God

Sister George Marie Lamothe, originally from Taftville, Connecticut, was called to her eternal rest on November 3, 2006. Sister George Marie entered Religious Life on March 26, 1941 and was perpetually professed on May 14, 1946. During her years as a religious Sister served the Lord in eight different branch houses throughout the Congregation. She is best noted for being a person of prayer and devotion to Padre Pio. Her talents were many such as: cooking, baking, crocheting, knitting and putting her hand to any type of crafts. Sister was always interested in all that was happening in the Congregation, and we now ask her to intercede with the Lord for our many intentions.



A Further Cause for Rejoicing on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception



During one of the most beautiful seasons of the year, the Advent season, we pay special tribute to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

It was on this day that Sister Mary Benedicta was welcomed into the Novitiate as a Canonical Novice. The ceremony took place before the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Sister received the formal habit of the Congregation and was presented with the Holy Rule--a rule based on the Gospel message--a rule that guides each Sister to holiness.

A reception was held for Sister Mary Benedicta later on in the day. We pray daily for Sister and for perseverance for all of our Sisters.



Glory to God in the highest

And SHE shall bring forth a SON and thou shalt CALL HIS NAME

J E S U S

For He shall Save HIS PEOPLE from their sins

MATTHEW 1:21

*At This Holy Season, May Your Heart Be Filled
With the Blessings of God's Grace and the Fullness of His Love*

