



Common Letter #29  
Norfolk Priory  
September 14, 2011

Shalom!

**“Every action of Christ and all his working of miracles were truly great and divine and wonderful, but of all things the most wonderful is his honorable cross.”**

*St. John Damascene*

Dear Sisters,

Today, on this feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, I greet you and keep you updated.

On August 25, Sr. Marcia Zsika from Atchison came for a short visit on her way home to Atkinson, NE. The next day we had to say good-bye to Fr. Pastori Mafikiri who helped us during Fr. Quentin's vacation in July/August and still stayed 2 more weeks with us. On August 27 Sr. Cecilia Olson also from Atchison stayed one night with us.

I left on August 27 for one week in Hildegard House, Royal. I enjoyed relaxing time with my friend Sr. Francis Schumacher from Watertown. Here see the house with the new retaining the south side. It was taken on a morning from the river.



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On August 29<sup>th</sup> Sr. Fidelis Marie left for and started her studies at USD at Please, pray for her that her health will stable. She had last weekend again a stricture and was rushed in Yankton to emergency.

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On September 4<sup>th</sup> we got the news of the death of Joseph Gerald Bean, the brother of our Sr. Margaret Mary.

Some of the sisters went on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> to his funeral. R.I.P.

From September 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> I went with Sr. Deana to Graceville for official announcement about our withdrawing from there not later then September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. I thank all the sisters who have worked so dedicated in these 65 years in Graceville. They all left their foot- and fingerprints there. God will reward you all. We all admit that this is a painful transition and we hope and pray that out of this pain something new can be born. The first sister that will leave Graceville is Sr. Ann Terese, who finished her one year assignment there. She will come tomorrow September 15<sup>th</sup> to Norfolk and her new assignment will be in Winnebago starting next week. She will be for the first 6<sup>th</sup> month in the office as secretary Kim gave

notice and a new person will only start working in April 2012. I took a lot of time to talk with the sisters and plan their future assignments.

Last weekend Sr. Jania went for training in Youth Ministry to Omaha. She got a sponsorship for this training and it will be on 8 different weekends with assignments.

Here at the Parish was the Parish Festival with a lot of activity. Some of the sisters joined the Youth Choir and we sang with them the festive Mass at 9.30 am at St. Mary's.

With Hoffman we move on with fixing all the problems left after construction. Today all the noisy fans in the chapel were replaced. During the last weeks variable speed fan controls have been installed on the fan coils and UVs in our bedrooms. The boilers that exploded in 2010 were finally replaced and the new ones are working well.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> Sr. Jania gave an informative presentation on the New Roman Missal to the community.

Yesterday Sr. Jane returned from a 10 days vacation in Indianapolis with her priest cousin working there.

The new assignments will be announced on October 1<sup>st</sup> instead of the Foundation Day. Let us open our hearts and to give a generous response. The coming Sunday – our Desert Day – invites us to meditate on God's Generosity and to respond accordingly.

With love and blessings,

Yours,

*Sr. Pia Postumaun OSA*



Sunset at Graceville at the Lake.