



Common Letter #25
Norfolk Priory
June 30, 2011

“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you!”

Shalom!

Dear Sisters,

I just decorated the chapel for our Titular feast of the Congregation. The above ejaculation I have often prayed to comfort sisters ending their journey on earth. Reflecting on the Sacred Heart of Jesus two words come to me, namely the never ending love of God and our trust in this loving God. Today we hear in the first reading the trust Abraham had in his God in being ready to bring Isaac, the long awaited and promised son, as sacrifice. Abraham's readiness was enough. But God gave his beloved Son as sacrifice: "This is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life". (John 3.16)

I pray for all of us, that the Congregation Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus may newly inflame our love for our God and deepen our trust in God. Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

On June 22 Sr. Mary Agnes received the sad news that her nephew George Lordeman (57), son of her deceased sister Lucille, died in a fatal car accident in Mead, NE. Three of our sisters went to the funeral in Omaha on Monday June 27. May the family, wife and two children be consoled and may George enter the joy of being with the God who loves us.

On June 22 Sr. Mary Clare Neuhofer, OSB the former prioress of St. Leo, FL came for a short visit. She was the one who invited me to spend my sabbatical in 2007/2008 in their community.

Next day Sr. Michael Marie Rottinghaus arrived with two of her brothers. She will be with us until July 25 and hopefully will renew her strength for her demanding responsibilities in Nairobi.

On Thursday, June 23 Sr. Kevin had to come back from her stay in House Hildegard due to strong pain in her leg caused by the sciatic nerve. Next day we had to bring her to the hospital for more investigation. She came back next day with strong medication. On Tuesday she could see the

neuron-surgeon from Sioux City and they decided to do micro surgery immediately on her back (discs). She is doing fine and it is like a miracle that the nerve pain in the leg is gone. Deo gratias!



The high point of the reporting time is surely the 70th anniversary of monastic profession of our dear Sr. Dorothy Koenig. Her brother Felix with his wife Lucy came to be with her. Felix was a 12 years old boy when Sr. Dorothy made her 1st profession. With strong voice she renewed her vows during



the Eucharistic celebration. Here you see her happy in the refectory.

Early Sunday morning of June 26 Sr. Rita Marie left with our three junior sisters for the Monastic Institute in Collegeville. They will return this evening full with new experiences.

Sr. Gabrielle Marie attended in Schuyler the Benedictine Day June 28 -30 as part of the team with Fr. Thomas and Br. Damian.

Sr. Catherine and Sr. Celine will leave tomorrow morning to participate in the bi-annual Oblate director's conference in St. Meinrad.

Announcement:

The opening conference for the visitation will be before Midday prayers on the Feast of St. Benedict for the sisters in Norfolk, Winnebago and Wayne.

We decided to have our annual picnic together with the visitators on Wednesday, July 20 at Maskethine Lake. Welcome!

Happy 4th of July!

With love and prayers,

Yours,

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