



Common Letter #24
Norfolk Priory
Trinity Sunday 2011

“In the Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal. So that in all things, the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.” (Athanasian Creed)

(Fresco – Trinity with Holy Spirit as woman – in Urschalling near Chiemsee, Bavaria – 11th century)

SHALOM!

Dear Sisters,

On this solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – the patronage of our community in Graceville – I greet you all. The above fresco shows us God the three in one and the feminine part of the Spirit that flows out from the Father and the Son. What a beautiful image – worthwhile to meditate on the fatherly and motherly love of our God.

I want to catch up with some information since the last newsletter.

May 15 – 21 Sr. Rita Marie and I travelled to Chicago to attend the workshop for new leaders and treasurers. We had a good journey stayed overnight with the Benedictine Sisters in Lisle, IL on the first day. The workshop was very intense und worthwhile. There was no time for extra exposure except walking to the Lake Michigan and around the blocks. On our way home we paid a visit to Abbot Leo Ryska at Benet Lake, WI.

May 20, Sr. Ellen Marie Bayer returned from her assignment in Winnebago to the Priory House.

When back home - Sr. Dorothy Koenig, Sr. Jane and Sr. Ellen Marie were gone for a prolonged weekend at House Hildegard. They came back full of joy and praise about the beauty of the area.

As you all know we had our 24th Priory Chapter from May 26 – 30th. We worked hard together to accomplish our tasks. All was well prepared by the Prepc Co Coordinator, Sr. Gabrielle Marie and her team. We could feel all the prayers from far and near and the Spirit working with us. After we dealt with the proposals we took much time to review our Vision Statement and where to focus with our ministries. All is now presented to the Generalate for approval.

On June 1 Paul Hoffmann, the owner of the company that had the contract for our renovation, came for a visit with his assistant Sonja for rebuilding the relationship. In the afternoon we brought Sr. Madeleine Miller to Winnebago for her new assignment to support the work of the Mission with the Native Americans.

Saturday, June 4 Sr. Celine and I traveled in the afternoon to Yankton. During the Evening Mass Sr. Penny Bingham, OSB was installed prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery. It was beautiful and uplifting liturgy.

Sr. Celine made her annual retreat in Schuyler with other religious from June 5 -11.

From June 6 -10 Sr. Theodora Ntuli, OSB, Mother General from the Twasana Sister in South Africa came for a visit. She was happy to meet some of the sisters she knows still from Inkamana. With her I visited Schuyler and Winnebago.

Some sisters went on June 9th to the Public Library to see Pippa White's solo acting "Voices from Ellis Island" – The Gateway to America, the front door to freedom, the Island of Tears. From 1890 to 1930, Ellis Island was the first experience of life in America for millions of immigrants. They were really impressed by the one person dramatizing. We already contacted her for a performance during the Prioresses' meeting in February 2012.

Next day three sisters went to Columbus for Matt Mahler's concert. They had a table for vocation promotion and sold some of our T-shirts and the self-made rosaries.

Sr. Fidelis Marie was asked to participate in the Youth retreat Camp of the High School students in Tintern from 8-12.

We celebrated Pentecost with joy and expectation. That evening our annual community retreat started. Sisters from Graceville, Wayne and Winnebago arrived, as well as from Omaha 5 Notre Dame Sisters and 2 Servites. Fr. Richard Gielow, CM gave the exercise and led the sisters with his theme "to keep the main thing, the main thing" into a deeper relationship with Jesus. We had a full house and prayerful atmosphere.

Sr. Jania Maria was from June 12-17 in Wayne for the Catholic Leadership Institute training 42 High School students to be Catholic leaders.

As you all know during these summer months there is a constant coming and going.

This coming week Sr. Fidelis Marie will go for another retreat to Tintern and on Thursday, June 23 we expect Sr. Michael Marie Rottinghaus for some weeks as part of her home-leave.

And we are all looking forward to the 70th anniversary of Profession of our Sr. Dorothy Koenig on Corpus Christ.

With loving greetings and united in prayers,

Yours,

Sr. Pia Postumaun OSA