



Common Letter No. 23
Norfolk Priory
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SHALOM!

Dear Sisters,

Only two weeks are left before we start our 24th Priory Chapter. Time has been busy and as I will leave together with Sr. Rita Marie on Sunday, May 15 to Chicago for the Leadership Training, offered by RCRI, I want to send some greetings to you.

April 6 – 11 Verena Roosli, sister-in-law of our Sr. Salesia, visited us with two of her friends from California.

April 7 – 18 Sr. Carole Ann had her homevisit with her family here in Nebraska and her sister in Florida.

April 8 – 13 Sr. Gabrielle Marie went for a vocation trip to Michigan and came home inspired by some young college students who are living together in one house discerning their vocation.

April 21 four of us went to the Mayor's Leadership Prayer Breakfast here at Norfolk with more than 400 persons attending.

Over the Easter Triduum we had Janis Sanchez as a vocation visitor with us. She is a young Filipino lady – grown up in Florida – who is seriously discerning her call.

Pray for her!



Our Chapel was beautifully decorated for the Feast of feast – Easter – the resurrection of our Lord. Sr. Jania Maria created the two new banners you see in the picture. Our services were well attended by Christians from Norfolk.

The sisters from Winnebago and Wayne joined us on Easter Sunday for the Eucharist, Dinner and Vespers.

I announced that Sr. Ellen Marie will return to the Priory House after closing the school year

on May 18 and Sr. Madeleine will be assigned in June to help the Mission in Winnebago.

On Easter Thursday we had the joy to celebrate Sr. Dorothy's 90th birthday. She is so grateful that she was able to enjoy the day, the many congratulants and visitors. Her family came later for a little party.

Rom April 29 – May 2 Sr. Pia, Sr. Gabrielle Marie and Sr. Carole Ann participated in the ABFC Symposium in Schuyler. Sr. Irene Nowell, OSB from Atchison covered the first day workshop with her conferences "With the Gospel as our Guide, Benedict's use of the Gospel in the Rule."

The theme of the Symposium was "Women's Monasticism in the Church" given by Sr. Jeanne Ranek, OSB, Yankton and Sr. Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, Erie. Our life

as monastics was explored from the contemplative as well as from the ecclesiological aspect. It was very enriching to listen, to discuss and to meet so many wonderful women dedicated to their work as formators in our Benedictine tradition.

April 30 – May 1, Sr. Jania Maria had the Quest retreat in Howells, NE.
Tuesday, May 3 our Sr. Monica celebrated her 70th birthday – in Swahili I would say “Mzee kijana” a young elder! Congratulation!

Saturday, May 7 was the big day for our Sr. Inviolata Mukhaabi (Nairobi). She graduated at Wayne State College – BA in Business Administration/Management with “Summa cum Laude”. She really worked hard and deserves this honor. From Norfolk two cars with sisters went to share the joy of hard labor. The same day Annie Kang our former sister graduated with her Master, in Counselor Education/ Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Sr. Hilda and Sr. Ann Terese spent the last weekend in Omaha. Sr. Hilda attended the wedding of her niece Jessica, the daughter of her brother Joseph, deacon. Sr. Ann Terese went to visit her mother who is now in an assisting living care center in Bennigton.

Sr. Deana is right now in Ohio on home visit for the graduation of her nephew who was privileged having Catholic Education.

Yesterday Sr. Gabrielle Marie left for NADI in Ferdinand, IN and Sr. Madeleine took her home visit now before going to her new assignment.

We started again during this month of May, the month of our Lady, to process to the Mary Garden for the Marian Antiphon on Saturday evening. We pray there the “Memorare” in the intention of our priory in preparation for the Chapter.

United in love and prayers,

Yours,

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