



Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.” *Luke 18:16-17*

News?



The summer is quickly flying by and we realized it’s time for another newsletter. The

Holy Will. Inviting Jesus to do everything in, with, and for His little children who are incapable of accomplishing even the tiniest of acts on their own. The work, the level of difficulty, the time spent are of no importance to the Lord. One human act is no greater than another. All that matters is whether the act was done in His most Holy Will, making the seemingly insignificant become Divine.

process always begins in the same way, with us asking ourselves, “Do we have anything *big* to share with our friends?” But this month, as we began to brainstorm and bullet-point some of the more *exciting* events that our supporters may be interested in, we realized that we were completely missing the mark. What is *big and exciting*? In the eyes of the world, it involves success, accomplishment, praise. We place all value on results, while in God’s eyes they couldn’t be more irrelevant.



So in this newsletter, as we share some of the more visible graces and blessings God’s Mercy has deigned to bestow on His daughters this summer, please keep in mind that the biggest “news” probably occurred in what was not written, in the hidden, in the little.

Then what is big and exciting and valuable in the sight of God? Living in His Most

not written, in the hidden, in the little.

Then the word of Yahweh came to Elijah saying... ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before Yahweh.’ For at that moment Yahweh was going by. A mighty hurricane split the mountains and shattered the rocks...but Yahweh was not in the hurricane. And after the hurricane, an earthquake. But Yahweh was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake, fire. But Yahweh was not in the fire. And after the fire, a light murmuring sound. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then a voice came to him which said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ (1 Kings 19:9-13).

**Lord, grant us the humility to seek You in the ordinary,
for only there will we find the Extraordinary!**





“I am Ready”



On Sunday, August 4th, the Feast of the Eternal Father, Sister Alessandra Monserrat Hernandez-Soler gave up the black jumper and veil of her postulancy, along with quite a bit of hair, and entered into the next phase of her life with Jesus – the betrothal! During a small, intimate ceremony following the Sunday mass in our private chapel, Sister Alessandra was clothed with the white Benedictine habit and given

There’s a new novice in our midst.

mind, and soul to Jesus and permit Him to transform [her] into His image,” we



were reminded that the physical transformation a postulant makes upon entering the novitiate is but a symbol of what the Lord asks of us all...to die to self completely and hang on the cross with the One who suffered everything for love of us. Please join us in praying not just for Sister Maria



the new name Sister Maria Scholastica of Our Merciful and Loving Eternal Father. As she declared her readiness to “give [her] whole heart,

Scholastica, but for all souls – that, with arms outstretched in full trust and surrender, we may learn to say, “Father, into Your Hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46).



Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God who will not receive back an overabundant return in this present age and eternal life in the age to come.

(Luke 18: 29-30)

Have you ever felt called to the religious life? Are you ready to give your “yes”? Please contact us via email at daughtersofdivinewill@gmail.com or drop us a note on the “Vocations” page of our website if you are interested in exploring a possible vocation with the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will.

The Little Chapel of Our Eternal Father



Even when a work seems to never end, the Lord's Perfect Timing always brings everything to fruition at the exact right moment. After some last minute repairs, painting, rearranging, and decorating, we finally finished renovations on our little chapel just in time for God the Father's Feast



Day and Sister Maria Scholastica's investiture, the first official

Benedictine Daughter

ceremony held in our very own convent. Before celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Father Elijah Joseph blessed the most



Signed consecration to the Eternal Father

important room in the house with holy water and consecrated it with the name "The Little Chapel of Our Eternal Father." Following a few brief reflections on the messages the Eternal Father bestowed upon Mother Eugenia in 1932*, the twenty-five people present consecrated themselves and their families to the "most loving, caring, and



merciful of Fathers"... a

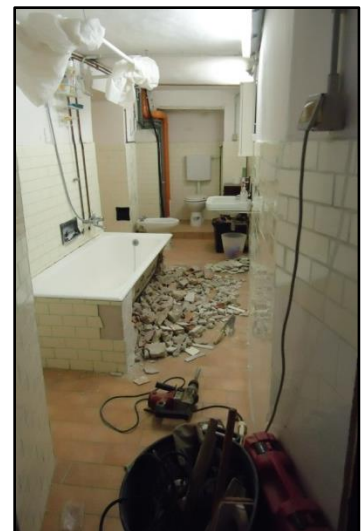
simple event unnoticed outside the walls of our convent, but we hope pleasing to the gaze of Heaven.

* Visit the "Family Tree" page of our website for the complete, Church-approved messages of the Eternal Father.

With much gratitude...

...we thank all those who have given their "yes" to the Lord's promptings, generously agreeing to be our instruments of Divine Providence. Through your prayers and monetary contributions, we have been able to get our garden up and running, install screens on our windows, renovate and furnish our guest bedrooms, and make some necessary repairs to our bathroom and chapel. However, we are still in need of financial support. Two aspirants plan

to officially enter the Benedictine Daughters within the next year while several other young women are currently discerning their vocations to the community. As our family continues to grow, so do our everyday expenses.





In addition, we are about to begin the \$10,000 project of changing our windows. Due to their old, distorted wood frames and single-pane glass, we found it nearly impossible to keep our house warm last winter. The

cold air enters in though every crack and most windows are unable to close and lock completely.

Despite the expense, we feel we cannot risk the health and safety of our sisters and visiting guests another year.

We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will

according to your means. In the long run, you will receive far more than us, for Our Loving Father is never outdone in generosity. In fact, with our prayers, we'll make sure of it!



One of our aspirants, Marina D'Ariana, helping in the garden

If you feel the Lord calling you to make a donation to our community, checks or money orders can be sent to the following address...

***The Benedictine Daughters
of Divine Will***
PO Box 1002
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