



This year in Indianapolis, the Church will be holding an historic Eucharistic Congress from July 17th to 21st. As part of the preparation there are four Eucharistic Pilgrimages from East, North, West and South. We have been following these Pilgrimages with great interest. Thankfully, priest friends have been keeping us updated on their progress. As our way of participating in this Eucharistic event, we are in the process of preparing a booklet of Eucharistic Rosary meditations drawn from our own experience of constantly praying the Rosary in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



We were gifted this year with not one, but four! First Blessings from recently ordained priests. Fr. Paschal Pautler, OSB, and a few weeks later, Fr. Thomas LaPointe of our Archdiocese of Mobile came to celebrate Holy Mass and give us their first blessing before their one year anniversary occurred. Fr. Cornelius Avaritt, O.P. also came for a visit and celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart, just a few days after he was ordained. We were delighted to meet our own Archdiocesan newly-ordained Fr. Joseph Schultz and receive his first blessing as well. May God Who has begun this great work in them bring it to completion.



After a few years' hiatus, our Pentecost Talent Show resumed this May with stellar performances of singing, dancing and acting by our Sisters. Among the contributions, we were treated to a "class" of lessons in Spanish, performances by "Millie," a blue stuffed millipede with burgundy boots playing "Kitten on the Keys," and by an "elephant" with large eyelashes reciting the poem "Eletelephony," and finally a three person recital of the "Early Days of our Foundation."



This year we will celebrate 80 years since that hot, stormy day in August when our two Mothers arrived by train in Montgomery. They were met by several priests and Sisters, among whom was Fr. Harold Purcell, the priest responsible for making it possible. After treating our Mothers to a tour of the City of St. Jude, dinner and ice cream, they drove the Mothers to the Holy Ghost Mission in Marbury. Fr. Purcell brought them up the short hill to a house, which he said belonged to a Mrs. Brown. After giving them a tour, with no Mrs. Brown in sight, Father said to our Mothers, "This is your Monastery!" Our two Mothers were so shocked they could scarcely believe their ears, so Father repeated it again: "This is your Monastery." Oh what joy! He then presented them with a unique monstrance which he had fashioned in fulfillment of the dream of an infirm young woman that someday a monastery of Nuns dedicated to the perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament would be founded in Alabama. It has been our joy and privilege to adore Jesus *Hostia* every day since then. May everlasting praise, glory and adoration be given to Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!



Summer is the season of growth – fruits and gifts! This year one Sister took it greatly to heart. For months we noticed her hoarding secret ingredients away in the storage room. Then came the big day: the Prioress' Feastday. After the initial greeting with song and speech came the gifts lovingly prepared. At long last, the secret of the many months' preparations was revealed. Inside a massive basket engulfed in tissue paper and topped by ribbons was a whole pyramid of special homemade jams and flavored sugars. One set was Rosary mystery jams and another of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. May God bless the work of their hands.

At the beginning of this year, we took as a special practice to let Our Lady take us by the hand and teach us to walk in the way of her Son. One of the talks we listened to in May was precisely on this theme of "Beholding your Mother." The priest explained that it was only after Our Lord gazed at His mother, that He looked at St. John and gave him this command. Like St. John the Beloved, we too need to take her as "our own and every good." In the Rosary we continually "Behold our Mother" as she teaches us to faithfully walk in the steps of her Son.