



Joyful Apostolate

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Fr. Bowling congratulates Sr. Joan's father, Mr. John Games, on his Confirmation day.

"Joy is a gift of God present through Him shining out to others." Bishop Connolly's Vow Retreat '75

It is a great joy when we first hear our families say: "That day when you entered the community, we thought we had lost a daughter. Now we see we didn't lose you, we gained fifty more!" Our desire is to share with our families what we have received as a gift from God, our joy in Christ. This desire encourages us to go back home, ready to serve, willing and available to help in whatever way we can. We want to be fully present, not as the celebrated guests "away for so long", but as the celebrating server, eager to return our gratitude for the care, support and trust our families have given to us.

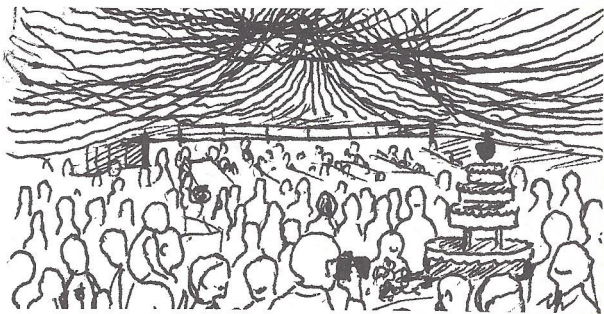
"Thank You Is I Love You"

*"Give of yourself gratuitously out of love for God."
Bishop Connolly's Vow Retreat '75*

The first century Christians were recognized by their unselfish giving of talents, time, goods, and personal support to one another. We experienced the same spirit on the occasion of our Ceremony of Profession which was held at St. Barbara's Church in Santa Ana on March 25, 1975. Over 1,000 guests - our families and friends—attended the Holy Mass during which our Sisters pronounced their vows. Our guests were then welcomed into the joyful atmosphere of a reception and meal, beautifully prepared and served by many of our friends.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Father Michael Collins and the priests of St. Barbara's for sharing their Church and hall; Germaine Snyder and the men and women of St. Barbara's for decorating the hall, working in the kitchen, and serving; Eddy Cuddy, head chef and spirit booster; Fred Conrey, main organizer of all the help received; Martha and Dan Phelan, available for any and all needs; Ruth and Jim Younger, Pat and Jim Martin, Carolyn and Frank Barcott who organized the food donations; Dr. Gerald Coy, Cathy DeNoble and Ann Flammang for the floral decorations; Ed Chelton, photographer; and Mike Mullen who tape-recorded the event.

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Dear Friends,

During the profession reception on March 25, friends, relatives and guests who came to celebrate with us commented on the spirit of our community and were asking, "What makes your Sisters so glowing? What is the source of your joy?"

I would like to share with you the answer which is so much alive in our hearts, but needs special occasions to be expressed. We are very much aware that God called each one of us to His service, into our Community, "by name". He is very near, always present, caring for each of us in a very personal way. His Word inspired us to find "words" to teach, to share the joy He gave us by becoming man - telling us about His Father and Our Father, raising us to the dignity of being "sons with the Son." The Spirit of God, Eternal Love, keeps our joy alive each day. He helps us to penetrate the depth of Our Lord and God in prayer and liturgy, and to see His work through the people and the events we encounter each day.

"The earth is filled with the goodness of God" Ps. 105. We, as Sisters, called to be faithful witnesses of His endless Love, are attuned to find the goodness of God in all, to savor this goodness and to bring it forth in ourselves and in others. Our life is one continuous thanksgiving to Him for being Who He Is.

Affectionately yours in the Sacred Heart,

Sister Ida



Cardinal Manning talks with Sr. Ida and Sisters.