

BY THE WAY . . .

- Congratulations to **Sister Elfie Del Rosario, F.M.A.** who this Saturday on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, professed her **Final Vows** to Sister Joanne Holloman, F.M.A. (our former principal) the provincial superior of the Salesian Sisters, in the presence of Bishop Kevin Sweeney.

Congratulations as well to **Sister Betty Ann Martinez, F.M.A.**, our Director of Religious Education who observed her Golden Jubilee of profession on the same day.

- Each year, our Diocese asks each parish to **welcome a missionary** to the parish. This has a two-fold purpose: first, to make us all more aware of the missionary efforts of our Catholic Church around the world; and to give us the opportunity to assist the missionaries without prayers and our contributions.

This year, due to COVID 19 restrictions, missionaries are unable to travel to the United States to make the appeals and are relying on the local pastor to make the appeal for them. This year, we have been asked to host the **Diocese of Satna**, a small missionary diocese in the northern Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. I have included in this bulletin a sheet of information provided for me by the Diocese of Satna, which describes their tiny status (Saint Anthony's Parish is bigger!), their scarceness of resources, but, at the same time, the heroic work they are doing in providing a Catholic presence and witness in the former of works of education, charity, and social justice. I invite you to take a moment to read their story, let it move your heart, and make a donation in the yellow "Missionary Cooperation Plan" envelope in your envelope packet. Drop it in the basket on any upcoming Sunday. And, thank you from myself, and our brothers and sisters in India.

- This past Friday marked the 79th anniversary of the death of Saint Anthony's founding Pastor, the **Rev. William J. Van Zale** (1875-1941). Please remember him in your prayers.

- In answer to last week's bulletin **Trivia Question** on the origin of the motto on the University of Notre Dame's seal, "vita, dulcedo, spes," are Latin for "our life, our sweetness, and our hope", and come, of course, from the prayer **Salve Regina**, or as we are familiar with it in English, **Hail, Holy Queen**. Notre Dame, after all, is, in English, The University of Our Lady, or, more precisely, Our Lady of the Lake (Notre Dame du Lac) the full title of the school. It was given that title and dedication to the Mother of God by the French priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross who founded Notre Dame in 1842 on a lake filled campus in the untamed wilderness of northern Indiana.

The prayer, Salve Regina, is traditionally ascribed to a medieval monk named Herman the Cripple (1013-1054), but many scholars feel it goes back much farther. It is sung (or recited) at the end of the Rosary as well as at the end of Compline, the Night Prayer in the Divine Office. This is a prayer centered on hope, as we "cry out" and "send up our sighs". We invite Mary to "turn her eyes of mercy toward us". This is a kind of "pilgrimage" prayer, asking Mary to accompany us through a life of exile to that destination which we so ardently desire, but one in which we need help along the journey.

As we celebrate the beautiful Marian summer feast this weekend, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, in most years a holyday of obligation, let us pray the Salve Regina with deeper fervor and joy.

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve.*

Ad te clamamus, filii Evae,

Ad te suspiramus

Gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum vale.

Eia ergo, advocate nostra

Illos tuos misericordes oculos

Ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui

Nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy

Our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve

To you do we send up our sighs

Mourning and weeping this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,

your eyes of mercy toward us;

And after this our exile, show unto us

The fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

God bless you all,

Father Ray