Newsletter - Fall 2023

The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas



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Dear Readers and Benefactors,

The Sisters had an exciting start of the 2023 school year. This year saw the successful launch of our professional-development program for our teachers. As the number of teachers and classes grows at Queen of All Saints Academy, this program is increasingly important for ensuring that a high level of education is maintained in all of the classes. The program includes conferences for the teachers, a video series throughout the year from the Principal to highlight important teaching methods, and on-going feedback from peer observation.

Three of our novices began their classroom training this fall. Having entered the third year of her novitiate, the novice begins her classroom training by observing classes several times a week and assisting with grading and lesson plans. After several months, the novice can act as a substitute teacher.

The renovations at Queen of All Saints Chapel continued this fall thanks to Father Barnes and our high school students. The bookstore is also fully functioning. One new addition has been book rentals. This is very useful since so many catholic books are now out of print or hard to find. With the rental program, one book can go a long way.

Especially in the past year, requests have multiplied for the Sisters to post recordings on Spotify or offer a CD purchase. With the school taking so much of the Sisters time, this project has been delayed several times. However, this Christmas, we are offering a short album of Christmas carols, which will be made available on Spotify to download or as a CD. You can pre-order your CD here to have it in time for this Christmas season.

The Sisters thank you for your continued support and assure you that you are in our prayers this Advent season. We recently completed an evaluation of the school's education program and realized that, since its founding in 2003, seventeen graduates have entered religious life. This work of Catholic education, so important for today's youth and the future of the Church, is only made possible through your support. May God bless you.

All Saints' Day



A favorite tradition, pumpkin carving



Parishioners generously volunteered many hours of their time to set up this year's All Saints' Festival. The activities were most enjoyable, and the decorations beautiful.





Winning Saint Costumes
From left to right, St. , St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Joan of Arc, St. Hugh, St. Thomas Aquinas, St.





Teacher Professional Development

The Sisters finish setting up the bookstore.



The postulant takes courses in Latin, English, and the Spiritual Life. The novice, in addition to continuing these courses, studies the Rule of the Congregation. During her third year, the novice studies the Foundations of Teaching.



Spring Lake Campus

