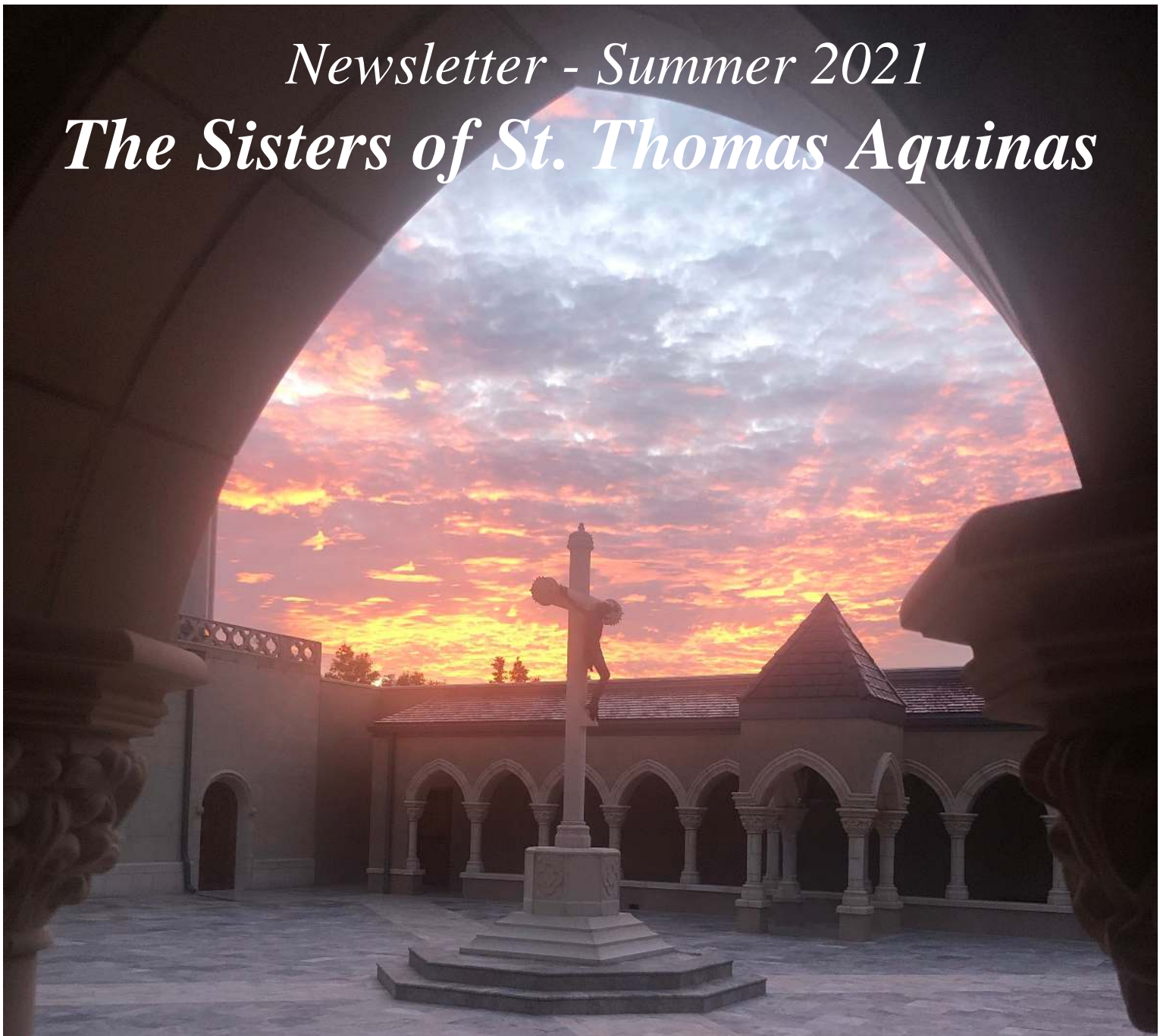
Newsletter - Summer 2021

The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas



In the month of July, we joyfully celebrate the feast of the Most Precious Blood, to which feast the month is dedicated. Referring to this divine stream which flowed from the Sacred Heart, the Liturgical Year addresses the Catholic soul with these encouraging words:

"Do but try; do but, first of all, bathe in its cleansing wave; do but quaff long draughts from this stream of life; then, O weary soul, arming thee with faith, be strong, and mount once more the course of the divine torrent."

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Dear Readers and Benefactors,

One of the first steps in discerning a religious vocation is a Vocation Discernment Retreat. This year, twenty young women between the ages of fifteen and twenty-nine, attended the spring retreat; and the Congregation will be accepting five new postulants this year. Please continue to pray for vocations. As in times past, the world is once again a vast missionary field.



Bishop Selway gives a conference to the retreatants.



Mother Mary Theresa admits a new postulant. The postulant will have two and a half years to study religious life and discern her vocation.

The Sisters' principal field of work lies in the education of the youth. Public institutions of education, now presenting a serious danger to faith and morals, are no longer an option for Catholic parents. Many families seek a private education to assist in the academic and spiritual formation of their children. This year, we have seen Queen of All Saints Online Academy double in size.



For this work of training the youth, the Sisters are prepared academically so as to be qualified to teach. The three novices making profession this July are preparing to teach in the elementary grades at the Florida Academy under the supervision of the Mistress of Studies.

It is providential that the Florida Academy is our main campus since the state of Florida is very supportive of private education. This past May, Florida governor De Santis increased student scholarship funding for those attending private schools to allow up to $7,000 per child each year. This is a great relief for Catholic families, especially large families who have multiple children attending a private school.

As we approach the start of the school year, we ask for the prayers of all our readers. Please pray that the Sisters may be guided by the Holy Ghost and that our students may be shielded from vice and cultivated in virtue. In the mission of educating the Catholic youth, to whom the preservation of the Church will be entrusted, the prayers of the faithful are the greatest support.



The Sisters enjoyed visiting with their families this summer at Camp Geneva.



Chapel Building Progress

The stone work continues in the chapel, after which work the beautiful stained glass windows will be installed.

Each pillar is clad in stone, and the base and capital carved in the beautiful Gothic style. Our generous benefactors continue to prove that charity is not a thing of the past. A plaque on each pillar will be dedicated to the memory of that donor who sponsors the pillar's completion. Pillars of the church are symbolic of the people of God and the lifting of the heart to heaven. ".. hold fast what thou hast, that no man take thy crown. He that shall overcome, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God; and he shall go out no more; and I will write upon him the name of my God" (Revelation 3:11-12). If you would like more information, please visit our donation webpage.

Sincerely in Christ,
The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas