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# The Vine

I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

A Newsletter of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Glory be to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*



The “**door of faith**” (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church.

It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace.

To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime.



What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end.

Apostolic Letter, **Porta Fidei**, Benedict XVI



**YEAR OF FAITH** 2012  
2013

# Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



## Letter from Mother Jacinta Miryam, SSCJ

Provincial Superior

Dear Friends,

It is a joy once again to share with you the love and mercies of the Lord toward our Sisters, and to thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf.

Since our last issue of *The Vine* our Sisters were blessed in participating in our annual summer retreat at Munster Convent from August 6-14, at the close of which we welcomed a new novice into our Congregation, Abby Roy of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, now known as Sr. Mary Magdalene.

On September 8, 2012, Georganne Molnar from Newport, Pennsylvania was received into aspirancy, the first stage in religious life, joining aspirant Abby Igou of Freidens, PA. Please pray for these candidates in formation as these generous young Sisters seek to discern God's will and live it perfectly!

Also during the summer months, our Sisters again participated in summer camp apostolates in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Our American Province recently welcomed one of our Sisters from Poland, Sr. Gabriela Strachowska, who has been assigned to serve as a missionary with our Sisters in Jamaica. Presently she resides at our convent in Swedesburg, PA where she is engaged in the study of English.

In this issue of the *Vine* you will read about the wonderful job our Golf Committee and Sponsors have accomplished in our recent Golf Tournament. On behalf of our Sisters, we are truly grateful for all the hard work and effort that went into organizing this event.

Be assured that all of you remain in our Sisters' daily prayers for benefactors and are remembered in a special Mass for Benefactors held each month at our Provincialate Chapel in Cresson, PA. May God bless all of you!

In the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

*Mother Jacinta Miryam Hanley, SSCJ*



**Come Follow Me!**  
Mother Jacinta Miryam receives our new novice, Sr. Mary Magdalene Roy of Johnstown, PA



**Left to Right:**  
Sr. Gabriela, Mother Amabilis, and Sr. Klara

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# Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**THE INVITATIONAL 2012**—our fifth annual golf event a great success!

Thank you to all our participants!



Getting practice at the beautiful grounds of Summit Country Club



Gorgeous weather for a change!



Relaxing at the Clubhouse after a hard day on the green



Summit Country Club, Cresson, Pennsylvania



And the winner is....

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Sacred Heart of Jesus***

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## SACRED HEART SISTERS

### GOLF TOURNAMENT *THE INVITATIONAL* 2013

What a beautiful day! Beautiful weather greeted the Sacred Heart Sisters **5th Annual golf tournament, *The Invitational***, held on September 14, 2012 at Cresson Summit Country Club, as 88 golfers hit the green at 10:00AM sharp. Games lasted until 4:00PM, when the players returned to the club a bit fatigued but taking with them “scores” of prizes and memories!

The Champions of this year’s 2013 Tournament were: **Bob Biter, Rick Slebodnik, Brett Smith and Tim Holtz**

Second place went to **Jerry Moshgat, John Zack, Mike Springer and Buddy De-yulis.**

And in Third place: **Fr. John Gibbons, Brett Dongell, & Jay Labriola.**

Our 5th Annual Tournament was a success thanks to our Event Sponsors: Resta Home Health; Mainline Pharmacy; Horizon Hospice; Paul & Marcelle Cooney; Eric Prostejovsky, Sam’s Club and an Anonymous Sponsor.

We are deeply grateful to all our benefactors who by their support help us to fulfill our mission as Sister Servants of the Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus.

This event could only achieve its goal through the hard work and dedication of our Golf Committee, who worked tirelessly on behalf of our Sisters. Special thanks goes to: Ward Prostejovsky, Golf Chair; H.C. Lang; Steve Perove; Ken Trimbath; Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Gibbons, our Sister Mary Andrew, and a very special thank you to Richard Prostejovsky who certainly was a “driving” force behind this great event. May God bless you for all your hard work!

We also want to express our grateful appreciation for the help provided by our local golf pros: Cresson Summit Country Club—Randy Repko; Ebensburg Country Club—Jeff Homady; Immergrun Golf Club—Derek Tyson; Iron Masters Country Club—Tom Koehle; Bedford Springs—Ron Leporate.

Our 6th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on September 13, 2013. Golfers are urged to register early to secure your team’s place for next year!

***Hope to see all of you there!***



## CONGRATLATIONS

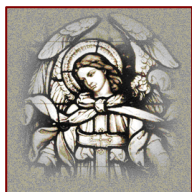
to our  
2012 Winning Team:

**Bob Biter  
Rick Slebodnik  
Brett Smith  
Tim Holtz**

**Great Job, Gentlemen!**



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# Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

## NEWS FROM OUR PROVINCE

**OUR SISTERS ATTENDED** celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa held on Friday, August 24th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Celebrant. At this Holy Mass, sponsored by the Polish Falcons of America and the Polish Clergy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, our Sister Ryszarda Wittbrodt, SSCJ led the general intercessions in Polish. The National Chaplain of the Polish Falcons of America is Canon Joseph Sredzinski of Greensburg.



**OUR JOHN PAUL II MANOR COMMUNITY** was saddened on September 21, 2012 at the passing of one of the priests in residence, Msgr. Ignatius C. Wadas, a very devout and faithful priest. Originally from Wanamie, Pennsylvania near Nanticoke, Monsignor Wadas was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Our Sisters consider it a great privilege to have served Msgr. Wadas and we count on his prayers from eternity!

**OUR MOTHER PROVINCIAL JACINTA MIRYAM** attended the National Assembly of the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious from September 20-23, 2012 held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious is an association of Major Superiors who have as their aim the promotion of religious life, intercommunication between member communities, education on Church teachings on religious life, fidelity and unity with the Holy Father and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**VOCATIONS NEWS:** Mother Provincial Jacinta Miryam and Aspirant Abby Roy recently attended Franciscan University of Steubenville's Annual Vocations Day on October 12, 2012. Sister Mary Joseph and our Sisters in Formation were recently interviewed on Catholic television of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown describing "Answering the Call" with Diocesan Vocation Director Father Alan Zeth and Communications Director Mr. Tony DeGol.

**THE SISTERS HOSTED A FAMILY DAY RETREAT** at our Sacred Heart Center in Munster Twp, Portage, PA on October 13th. We are grateful to Msgr. Bernard Przybocki, Fr. Paul Robine, Fr. Jim Mormon, TOR, Fr. Leo Arnone, Fr. Aron Maghsoudi, Fr. Michael Wolfe and Fr. Brian Warchola and to speakers Peg & Jim Luksik and Denny Previte for an inspiring and uplifting day!

**ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th**, our Sisters were blessed to receive the visit of Commander Otto Pelczar, RFD, RD, RANR (ret) and Mrs. Beverley Pelczar of Perth, Australia during their recent visit to the United States.

A retired naval officer of the Royal Australian Navy, Commander Pelczar is also a great grand-nephew of our Father Founder, Saint Joseph Sebastian Pelczar.



Not only was it a great joy to hear the incredible story of this man's heroic and exciting life, but for our Sisters it was remarkable to note the great likeness Otto Pelczar bears to our Founder in his features!

**All for the glory of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!**

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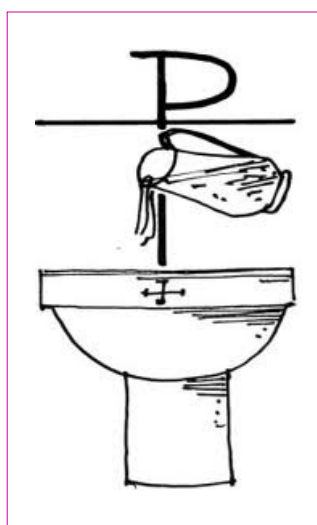
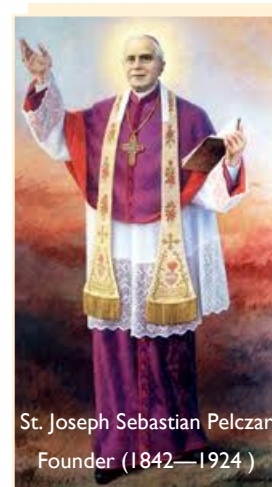
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## THE HOLY CHURCH – GIFT OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

St. John the Evangelist recorded: *One of the soldiers thrust a lance into his side, and immediately blood and water gushed forth* (Jn 19:34). The piercing of the side and Heart of the Lord Jesus became a sign of the ability of all humanity to have entrance into this Heart; and the gushing forth of blood and water from His side became a symbol of the holy sacraments.

As once Eve came forth from the side of Adam, so too the side of Christ has the Church come forth, and with her the sources of the graces she distributes for our salvation.



The Church is the herald of the Kingdom of the Heart of Jesus, the Kingdom of truth and grace. The Lord entrusted to her all the riches of Redemption, all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Church is the chosen Spouse of the Lord, His Mystical Body in which He lives, acts and shows His love.

The Church is a mother to humanity since she is ever giving birth to Christ in the world. She is an intermediary who always distributes heavenly treasures. The Church is a spiritual mother, since through baptism she brings to birth the children of God and through the grace of Jesus Christ, sustains supernatural life in them. She teaches them, feeds them, comforts, protects and leads them to heaven. Thus from their birth into God's life she cares for these her children until natural death, and remembers them even after death.

The Holy Catholic Church is a work of infinite love. The Lord Jesus entrusted to her His truth, His law, His grace and power. He also strengthened her and made her fruitful through the descent of the Holy Spirit. What is more, He instituted the Most Blessed Sacrament in which He not only distributes immeasurable graces but in which He also remains as Divine Benefactor to His Church to be for her the sacrifice, life, light, strength, consolation and center of God's service.

St. Joseph Sebastian Pelczar spoke and wrote with great enthusiasm and with ardent love about the Church as our spiritual mother:

“Who is able to recount the virtues of this mother? This mother, the Catholic Church, is most chaste, for she is the immaculate Bride of Christ, the purest of Spouses. This mother is fruitful for she has given birth to countless children for Christ and continues to do so. She is likewise the custodian of revealed truth and guardian of God's law, the protector of justice and freedom, the keeper of civilization and education, and promoter of true progress. This mother is kindhearted because the love of the Heart of Christ flows into her heart. She is holy, for her Spouse is holy. Her teaching, her law and her sacraments are holy, and her children in great number are among the company of saints and others who strive for holiness. This mother is wonderful, because upon her brow shines a golden crown interwoven with a crown of thorns. This mother is powerful and immortal, for neither sword nor time can destroy her, nor hell conquer her. O what great happiness, what honor for us that we are the children of such a mother!”

## Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

### ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



November 25, 2012—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe



*Wishing all of you.*  
OUR DEAR FRIENDS,  
A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**M**ost Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down us humbly prostrate before Your altar. We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with You, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Your Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known You, many too, despising Your precepts, have rejected You. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken You, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned You; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to Your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise be to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever. Amen.

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