

REGINA PACIS MONASTERY

The Benedictines of the
Immaculate

January 2025

Dear friends and family,

"Ecce, venio !"

Since the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, how many souls have echoed His words in order to follow His divine example of poverty, chastity and obedience?

From the first Virgin martyrs in Rome, to the desert Fathers, to our holy Father St. Benedict and our holy Mother St. Scholastica.... to the countless number of souls throughout the centuries...impossible to count!

As desperate and decadent as our times are, God has not stopped calling souls to follow Him on this path of the total gift of oneself to Him, and we have had the great joy to admit Sr. Scolastica to her first vows.

She is the first novice of our foundation to have made her Benedictine vows of obedience, conversion of life and holy stability.

Deo Gratias et Mariæ!

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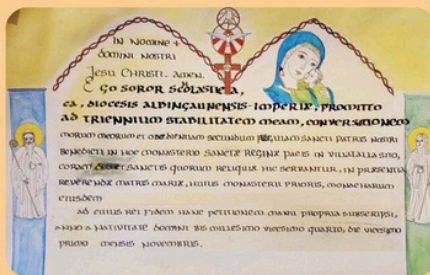


The ceremony is solemn and moving. One of the more striking parts is when the novice sings three times with arms extended in supplication :

"Sucipe me, Domine, secundum eloquium tuum, et vivam; et non confundas me ab expectatione mea.", finishing by a profound bow on her knees. The choir takes up the same melody each time so that this holy chant



echos throughout the church six times concluding with the GLORIA PATRI. The novice exchanges her white veil for a cream colored veil because her vows are temporary for three years, but it is this first profession which will be the most important since it already consecrates the religious completely to God through the hands of her superior.



The formula of her vows are written out "with her own hand", as St. Benedict prescribes in the holy rule. The novice decorates it with love, giving it a personal touch, indicating the spiritual attractions which had been an inspiration for her during her novitiate. The chart is then placed under on the altar by the master of ceremonies where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place and seal her promises with the Precious Blood of her Divine Spouse.



We had a last minute surprise, we were not able to use the parish church for this event and our oratory only being able to hold 6-7 people, we had to find another solution. Providence is always ready to arrange things to perfection, and an old sanctuary in the mountain just behind the village of Villatalla, about 7-10 minutes away gave us the occasion to honor Our Lady of the Snow on this day of Her Presentation in the temple. We had to put our elbow grease to work in order to give it a festive glow; the results were wonderful!



Sister Scolastica's family and a few friends honored us with their presence and the ceremony was followed by a family gathering in the village hall.

And lastly, but certainly not least! Our generous helpers that came to assist and to prepare this beautiful ceremony by their hundred and one hidden, and not so hidden, tasks which made all run smoothly and peacefully. **THANKYOU!**

We are so grateful for the benefactors that gave alms to help cover the cost of the meal, booklets and the beautiful holy card of St. Scholastica.




This newsletter also gives me the chance to thank all of those who purchased items on our amazon Christmas list. Others have asked if there were still items to buy and in fact, yes.... the updated list is [here!](#)



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We cannot thank you all enough for your prayers your support and your alms. A Mass will be offered for the intentions of all those who have donated to us in 2024 and you can be assured of the prayers and sacrifices of all of the Sisters.

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