

SUMMER 2023

Newsletter



Dear Honor Guard friends,

Summer is in full swing and everyone can already enjoy the rest, the encounters, the benefits of this beautiful season, even if everything is not as rosy and as beautiful as we would like. Sunlight doesn't always keep gray clouds from darkening our skies. Our foundress (whose 120th anniversary of her departure to the Father we are celebrating), fundamentally invites us to joy, communicative joy! Let's dare, and maybe we will be surprised with the result!

May you all be blessed, fully, joyfully!
Well in communion with everyone,

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**GUARD OF HONOR WEEKEND
SILENT RETREAT
OCTOBER 27 – 29, 2023
Westminster Abbey
Fr. David Bellusci, OP
Retreat Master**

Main festivals of the month: AUGUST

- 3: 120th anniversary of the death of Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart Bernaud (1903)
- 4: St Jean-Marie Vianney and 1st Friday of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- 6: Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 8: St Dominic

Joy

On this land sometimes called the vale of tears, can the heart find joy? Yes without a doubt! Pessimists who only believe in pain misunderstand the Heart of God. On the first day of the world, opening his hand, God dropped seeds of joy. Certainly sin has restricted the divine gifts but it has not dried them up. The sun still has its brilliant light, the stars their mysterious brilliance, nature still its fragrant flowers, its savory fruits, the mountains their summits... Isn't it a joy for man to contemplate these beauties which remain like the luminous impressions of divine goodness on the Universe?

In the world of intelligence, there is always joy in pursuing and achieving a goal, the joy of discovery, the joy of learning... In the social world, there is just as much joy in loving relationships. between members of a family, between friends... All this is of a natural order and "God makes these sun shine and rain his dews on the fields of sinners as well as on those of the just. (Matth.5, 45) In the bosom of the Church, there are also many joys: the joy of receiving the sacraments, of knowing that one is loved infinitely, the joy of the sinner who is converted...

Let us draw our joy from the very heart of God, He is the source that waters it. Joy is a contagious virtue, let's share it, let's be happy, radiant honor guards! (From the 1st zealous notes of Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart Bernaud).

- 11: St. Clare
- 12: Saint Jeanne Françoise de Chantal
- 14: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
- 15: Ground. of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
- 21: St Pius X (Honour Guard)
- 22: Mary Queen
- 24: St Barthelemy
- 29: Martyrdom of St John the Baptist
- 31: Mary Mediatrix of all grace

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