



Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! On May 13th, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima. We made our procession outside on our grounds with a statue of Our Lady, singing the lovely Fatima hymns. Returning to the Choir and singing the Adieu to Our Lady, we joined in spirit with all the pilgrims gathered at Fatima that day to honor our Heavenly Mother.

We have been reading "*Calls from the Message of Fatima*", by Sister Lucia, one of the children who saw Our Lady. Sister Lucia takes us through each of the messages given to her by Our Lady, and shows with ample quotations from Scripture, how God wants us to fulfill our daily duty required by our state in life as the penance and sacrifice that God is asking of us. It was a reminder that it is the little things done with great love that pleases God and saves souls.



Our annual Pentecost Talent show was a great success as each of us pulled out and dusted off various talents which God has given us. The best acts are always the unexpected. Our two pioneer Sisters, as Professor and student, armed only with a Latin-English *Summa Theologiae* and a *Baltimore Catechism*, put on a Thomistic skit that stole the show and filled us with awe for the genius of our brother St. Thomas – and of our Sisters!



Gracious outpouring of Chrism oil. Ascending clouds of incense. A long and lovely Litany of the Saints. A gracious and eloquent bishop with his assisting Master of Ceremonies and altar boys. How great was our joy as our new High Altar was consecrated by Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and our Sister Mary Joseph's cousin. Then we witnessed the Bishop offer the Holy Sacrifice on this altar, which had just been made a sign of Christ, Who as Priest, is the One Mediator between God and man; as Victim, is the Sacrifice of our reconciliation with the Father; and as Altar, makes us pleasing and acceptable to God: *I will go to the altar of God; to God the joy of my youth.*



Sister Mary Joseph's cousin Bishop Joseph Perry offers Holy Mass for her 70th Entrance Anniversary on our newly-consecrated altar.

With a song in her heart and on her lips, Sister Mary Joseph entered the Monastery of Saint Jude seventy years ago. She was ready to give all to her beloved Jesus and Mary. Her heart and will embraced the double spirit of joy and tender fraternal charity characteristic of our Dominican vocation. Over the years Sister Mary Joseph has brought that same joy and cheerful giving to her many charges, including Chantress, Novice Mistress, Bursar, Sacristan, SubPrioress and Prioress. Bishop Joseph Perry presided over the private Mass of Thanksgiving for Sister's vocation on June 10th. We are thankful for the years she has guided us in the Dominican life and are filled with grati-



tude to Almighty God for bringing her to Marbury. May Jesus, her Spouse, Mary, her Mother, and St. Joseph, her patron, continue to bless Sister with generosity and perseverance and fill her heart with every blessing.

"I'm just looking for a sign!" As nuns, we hear this from young women investigating a religious vocation, and from people hoping to experience God's guidance in their life. We have also heard it from friends trying to find the entrance to our monastery driveway. Recently however, our workmen completely remodeled our sign, making it attractive, easier to read, and even landscaped. Now, if you are looking for a sign, ours is there to see – and worth looking at!