

## Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Dear Sisters,

We are in the midst of our Advent journey in preparation for the birth of our Lord and on this day the Church calls our attention to reflect on the Immaculate Conception of our Heavenly Mother. Mary was kept Immaculate and pure right from her conception because she was to be a living tabernacle to house the presence of the Son of God. Today as we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception let us look up to our Heavenly Mother and draw inspiration from her because she is the first advent person who paved the way for the Son of God to be born amidst us. Let us learn from her to be blameless and pure keeping safe distance from all the worldly temptations that entice us. Mary by her obedience to God chose life undoing the condemnation of death brought by the disobedience of Eve. Let this advent season be shadowed by the lessons we learn from the blessed Virgin Mary specially that of totally surrendering to the divine plan in humility and love.



I am glad to inform you that two novices: Catarina Nguyen Thi Kim Cuc and Teresa Nguyễn Phương Khánh will make their First Profession and Sr. Patience Enabor Ogbu will begin her preparation for the Perpetual profession on this day. Let us wish them God's blessings and accompany them with our prayerful support.

In the recent past months, we have lost (names) and also some family members of our sisters. It has been a time of sadness for our Claverian family. All the same, we trust in a God who is not the God of the dead but of the living. And we hope that all the deceased members through His mercy will continue to live with Him in eternity.

The Pandemic Covid 19 is still looming around posing great danger to human life with new variants showing up every now and then. We have to trust in Divine Sovereignty but at the same time should not forget human responsibility. No doubt we need to totally trust in God and rely on His grace for our existence but at the same time, we should not refuse God's gifts offered to us through medical sciences for our wellbeing and that of others. Some Sisters in our communities are infected by the virus and are still grappling with it. Let us pray for their speedy recovery. The communities which are infected are mostly those who failed to abide by the requirements necessitated by the medical experts and State leaders. Therefore, I strongly recommend that all should follow the restrictions and the requirements put in place by the State Governments to curb the diffusion of the Pandemic Covid 19 and its variants. Let us all remain united in prayers under the mantle of our Heavenly Mother.

Wish you a very Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all God's blessings for the Season of Advent.

United in Prayer,

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