Dear Family and Friends,

“The Lord has brought us together and unites us by common consecration and a common mission within the Church.” (Constitutions of the Sister Servants)

This summer we were blessed to hold our first Chapter of Elections since the death of our beloved Foundress, Mother Mary Gabriel. We are grateful for your continued prayers as we strive to be faithful to the charism she imparted to us, and to her outstanding example of religious life.

As Mother Mary Gabriel said, “The center of our community life cannot be other than Jesus in the Eucharist.” We remember you daily before the Blessed Sacrament. With much gratitude and prayers,

Mother Louise Marie
and the Sister Servants

The Sister Servants have been using their craft skills recently to promote the beauty of new life! These baby items are handmade using acrylic/rayon or other materials. You can view the various sets online or come by the bookstore to see them in person. They would be an excellent gift for Christmas or any special occasion!

The QR code above will take you directly to the Handmade Baby Gifts page on our online bookstore.

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Many helped Sister Ave Maria with the St. Joseph Shrine, including her brother, José (above).

Our shrine will remain up throughout the Year of St. Joseph. Come pay St. Joseph a pilgrimage visit!

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In keeping with the example of our beloved patron St. Francis, Sister Joan Marie and several Sisters spent the summer refinishing the tabernacle and adorning the sanctuary in the chapel at St. James Catholic School in Gadsden, AL, where the Sisters teach catechesis each week.

“...revere above all else the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...hold as precious the chalices, corporals, appointments of the altar, and everything that pertains to the sacrifice. Let [the Eucharist be kept]...in a precious place according to the command of the Church.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

The images in our shrine reflect the Seven Joys and Sorrows of Saint Joseph. This devotion arose in the 16th Century as a result of St. Joseph miraculously saving two Franciscan priests who were shipwrecked during a terrible tempest. The tradition is that St. Joseph requested the priests to recite the Our Father and Hail Mary seven times while meditating on his Seven Joys and Sorrows. This devotion was popularized by the Redemptorist Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli in the 18th century. Learn more by visiting our website: http://www.sisterservants.org/stjoseph/

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