



# ClareMail

# SHARING THE JOY



"What do you have in the monastery to attract 500 people?" The clerk wondered at our frequent calls to add more supplies for the great party we were planning. Good question. One-hundred years sure have a way of gathering lots and lots of wonderful friends. About 500 people came to celebrate with us on September 13th. It was a day truly made by the Lord.



We welcomed our beloved Cardinal Sean, our dedicated friars and priests who celebrate our liturgies, and faithful friends and wonderful benefactors who help us and make our lives here possible. Together we praised God and gave thanks for all the sisters who went before us and brought us to this day, and for the countless blessings we have received.



Sister Clare Frances, our Abbess, addressed the gathering. We were happy to have Taras, left, as our Music Director/Soloist. Everything was beautiful.



Sisters from Philadelphia, PA, Chesterfield, NJ, Andover, MA, Greenville, SC, and Kiryu, Japan, the five monasteries founded from by our community, traveled long distances to celebrate with us.



And a good time was had by all...

## THE ICON PRIEST

Fr. Lennie Tighe of Boston, one of our faithful friends and chaplains, is widely known as the Icon Priest. Recently he has been doing successful web classes and a TV series on the history, writing and reading of icons. He generously shares his love and knowledge for Iconography. Here he is in our Chapter Room giving a class to our sisters on reading the icon of Our Lady of the Passion, more commonly known as Our Lady of Perpetual Help, as well as other major iconic works.



## “CHÚC MỪNG NĂM MỚI”

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We are enriched by the gift of inter-cultural influences Sister Caritas, our Vietnamese novice, brings to our community.

In January sister showed us how to celebrate Vietnamese New Year. Her sister in Vietnam sent special decorations of happy children and pagodas with golden tassels for this very big annual celebration. Sister passed around the traditional red envelopes ordinarily filled with gifts of cash, but now bringing scriptural blessings carefully chosen by Sister Caritas.

Yellow Mai Flowers and cherry blossoms are placed in every home in her country for this feast. If you look carefully you can see them at Mary's statue.

Our Abbess, Sister Clare Frances McAvoy, is served a special platter of cocoanut and bean paste desserts according to the custom of serving guests on this day.



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## NEW GAL

With her special love for Saint Bernadette, it must have been our Lourdes shrines that drew Ryann Marie Underwood, age 25, all the way from Florida to enter our Boston community. Her expertise is in computer skills, digital graphics and photography. She has been a great help in organizing our Altar Bread files, besides fixing computer problems all around the house. Here she is packing Altar Breads for shipment.