



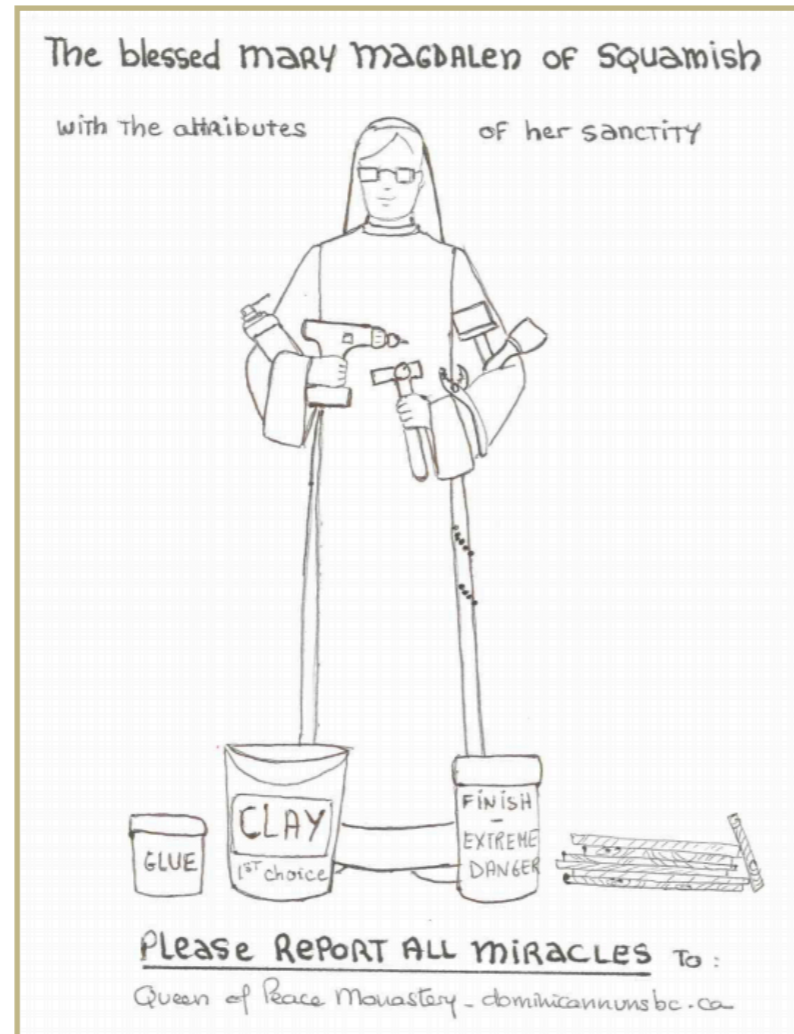
From the desk of: Sister Jean Marie, OP

St. Paul teaches us we can live a life of holiness, peace and love wherever we exist, by doing good to everyone. He exhorts us, *“Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”* (Rm 12:17-18). St. Paul’s words are a guide for every person who wants to bring peace to our world, irrespective of religious affiliation.

There are so many in the global community who long for peace and freedom from violence and oppression. Those who long for the freedom to be happy with their loved ones and friends, to return to their homeland. The displacement of millions of immigrants, the suffering and death of numerous innocent people, is a unique defining part of our age. Because of the media, we know of the plight of our brothers and sisters in every nation. This awareness is meaningless unless we can embrace their need with compassionate love and seek to transform evil into good. Where we can, we should try to create pockets of peace by striving, as St. Paul says, to live peaceably with all.

This is a choice of the heart, and a habit we develop by our encounters with those we meet. We share the vocation of giving God a human face, loving hands to serve, and a voice announcing the good news of God’s love. God endows us with the grace to make things new. ETTY HILLESUM, Meister Eckhart and Eric Voegelin are all deeply passionate people. Hillesum, in her search for human healing and wholeness, discovered God was the answer. Eckhart’s teaching that equilibrium is found in all circumstances of life through our union with God, echoes Hillesum’s discovery. Voegelin wrote that “we are not facing God as a thing, but as the partner in a questioning search.” Let us actively search for the deepest meaning of human existence. By our contemplative presence rooted in God, we are imminently present to the world as God-bearers. The most influential force in our world is love.

—From Sr. Jean Marie Dwyer’s new book, *The Quest for the Divine: Philosopher, Prophet and Mystic. You can find it in our gift shop, or on Amazon.*



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Joyful Praise



Dear Friends,

“Mountains and hills, bless the Lord; praise and exalt Him above all forever!” (Daniel 3:75) This summer was full of many blessings, foremost of which were five “fiats” begun, made or deepened by our sisters. Our hearts overflow with rejoicing and gratitude for this abundance of life in the community. Rather than simply telling you about the joy, we thought we’d show it to you in pictures (*see inside*)! At the centre of the collage is a new icon of Christ whose self-gift in free and loving obedience to Our Father is at the heart of our lives and vocation.



The day before Sr. Florentina Marie’s Solemn Profession was especially busy, as that was when our new tabernacle arrived! If you remember from our last newsletter, Sr. Claire Marie had sculpted clay bas-reliefs of the four winged creatures from the Book of Ezekiel, representing the four Evangelists. After firing in our pottery studio, these tablets were cast in bronze and mounted to a specially designed housing by Langley artist Richard Forbes. By the time the tabernacle arrived, it was absolutely beautiful—and weighed over 100 kg! It took Richard, at least four sisters and a very handy neighbour to wrestle it into place atop its pillar. Archbishop Michael Miller CSB blessed it at the beginning of the profession Mass. Thank-you again for your donations and prayerful support!

In terms of study and prayer, August blessed us with a visit from Fr. R.B. Williams OP of the Province of St. Martin de Porres for lectures on the dramatic elements of the Gospel of St. John, and the literature of the American South. In October, we marked the 50-year anniversary of Thomas Merton’s death with lectures from professor Ron Dart of Abbotsford. As this letter goes to print, we are beginning a 10-session course on Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* taught by Fr. David Bellusci OP of the Canadian Province and looking forward to our annual retreat in November with Fr. Samuel Hakeem OP of the Province of St. Albert the Great.

With all that is happening in the Church and in the world, we do not lose heart. Our Fundamental Constitution says of the nuns that *“as the Lord Jesus, the Savior of all, offered himself completely for our salvation, they consider themselves to be truly his members primarily when they are spending themselves totally for souls.”* In faith, we know that *“the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will never overcome it”* (Jn 1:5). Please remain united with us in prayer and friendship, together offering our prayers and our very selves, in and through Jesus, for the conversion and healing of the Body of Christ.

God bless,
your sisters at Queen of Peace Monastery

*Solemn Vows
of Sr. Florentina Marie
of the Heart of Jesus
June 12*



*Diamond Jubilee
of Sr. Mary Magdalen
of the Cross
Feast of St. Clare, August 11*



*Vestitions of Sr. Diana Marie
of the Divine Mercy (left)
and Sr. Marie Étienne
of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
Feast of the Queenship of Mary, August 22*

*Simple Vows
of Sr. Marie Thomas
of the Divine Word
Feast of the Archangels, September 29*