



Mission of Divine Mercy

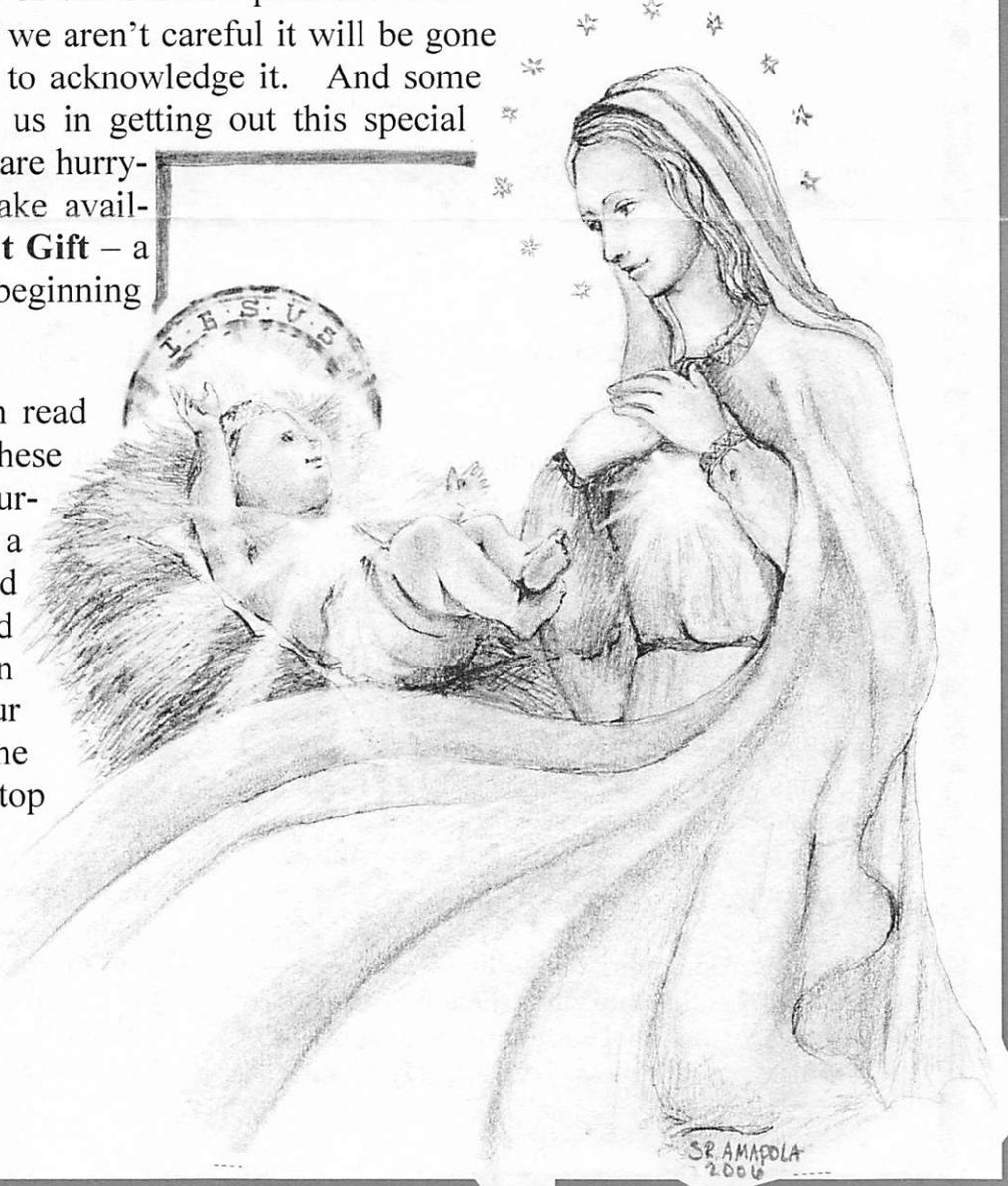
“...the bursting forth of My Divinity into a fragile Body made of flesh was sufficient to cause the heavens and the earth and all the stars in the firmament to tremble and reel.”

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Advent this year is of the shortest possible duration – three weeks and one day. If we aren't careful it will be gone before we've even had time to acknowledge it. And some circumstances have delayed us in getting out this special Advent Supplement. So we are hurrying with this in order to make available to you **a unique Advent Gift** – a special Message for Advent beginning on page three.

We hope that you can read and re-read this during these weeks; that you can pour yourself a cup of coffee and find a quiet corner in which to read it, or go before the Blessed Sacrament with this text in hand, or stick it in your pocket and hike out to some silent woods or climb to the top of a mountain.

And we ask
Our Blessed Mother
during this Advent Season
to unite all of us with
the prayer
of Her Own Heart. ✠



Meditations for Advent

Note: This is a meditation that a friend received in prayer. It concludes with a practical suggestion for preparing to live Christmas. We wanted to share it with you.



My daughter, the Feast of My birth is already approaching – Christmas, as you commonly call it – and all around are preparations to celebrate it. But, daughter, how very **many Christians** remain exclusively in the exterior preparations! They do not even meditate nor do they reflect upon Whom they are celebrating. Are you giving Me a gift? No, not any gift for Me, your Creator and Savior and your Messiah, the longed-for Messiah, the **Holy One of Israel**.

My birth, which was yearned for, desired, and awaited by the Father since all eternity (speaking in human terms), is like a dream of the Father, which became reality when the fullness of time arrived. Reflect on that. “Fullness” means the high point. The series of centuries appointed from time immemorial came to a conclusion, and the prophecies which had been pronounced about My coming were fulfilled. There was a fullness then; the hour had arrived when I, the Word of God, through the Will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, **WOULD TAKE ON A BODY** in order to do His Will, a Body which would be given Me by My most holy Mother, after Her **FIAT** to the divine Will, while knowing in advance the life and future of atrocity which was waiting for Her Son. She knew well the Sacred Scriptures and what the prophets had announced concerning Me.

So, daughter, the fullness of time arrived. It was the time when the Lily was ready to flower, from the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary, the Blessed Virgin, **My Mother**,

announced by the prophet Isaiah, Daniel, and other prophets. The **BLESSED INSTANT** arrived, the moment of My **BIRTH**. Only thanks to the sublime designs of the Father did the planet and everything in it stay in its place, upon receiving **SUCH A GREAT SHOCK IN SPIRIT. THE BURSTING FORTH OF MY BEING** into the world was the grandest thing that could ever happen to the world; the **BURSTING FORTH** of My Divinity into a fragile Body made of flesh was sufficient to cause the heavens and the earth and all the stars in the firmament to tremble and reel. It was also the **BURSTING FORTH** of My divinity into that fragile and delicate body which was that of My Mother. It was the **BURSTING FORTH** of the Omnipotence, Omnipresence, and Grandeur of God Himself into the silence, into that Holy, **Most Holy Night**, the most holy of all the nights that ever

was or that ever would be. I, your **ETERNAL GOD, BECAME MAN** for **LOVE** of you... Oh ungrateful and skeptical humanity! But despite that, for Love of my Father, Love of My Mother and Love for all those who would receive Me with love in their hearts and in their being, **only because of LOVE WAS I BORN** and died among you, beginning with that Holy Night.

You all know, daughter, that I arrived on a winter's night. I arrived in the middle of the night, before the dawn, in the silence of the night, when everything was asleep in Bethlehem except a few shepherds who were watching over their flocks. Reflect and think about it, daughter: I said **“IN SILENCE”**. In silence a King, the King of the heavens and the earth, He

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Who at the mere batting of His eyelid the stars and the entire universe obey, He Who with one single desire coming out of His Most Sacred Heart, transforms nature and the habitual state of things into miracles, He at Whose NAME every knee bends, in heaven, on earth, and in the depths, He, that blessed King, arrived in the silence of the night. And what did I wish to teach you in that way? Humility, that divine virtue which only God could teach you.

How many of you reflect, daughter, on this humility of My birth? You consider the humility of the poverty, the dirtiness, and the cold of the place, but not that of the unprecedented fact, unheard-of in the ears of men, of the COMPLETE HUMILITY by which I hid My GRANDEUR. I did not manifest Myself as God, because My divinity and grandeur would have overwhelmed you so much that you would not have been able to stand before it. I covered My grandeur with flesh, I repeat, so that you would not feel bad or overwhelmed in front of Me, and to give you an example of virtue, by beginning My earthly life like any mortal, defenseless, a child, a baby in need of everything and everyone, and even more materially disadvantaged than the most common mortal.

You, My beloved son or daughter who are reading this, think: how was your birth? Was it similar to mine? Was it similar in lacks or needs? Dung and straw surrounded My crib. Bats and lizards were what My eyes saw move there, and a mule which My adoptive father brought with him for the journey, and an ox that was in that stable were the witnesses of My divine birth. Were you born like that? Think about it, meditate on it, read this slowly. How many interior riches this thought alone will

bring to your heart! Do you ever think about your Jesus, about how He was born in that way?

Now tell Me: Compare the hurry, the anxieties, and the running around of these days. Do they make any sense when you compare them with the grandeur about which I am telling you here? Reflect. Think about it. It is your Jesus, the Messiah, He Himself Who was born in Bethlehem and Who was placed in a manger, He Himself Who once and for all wants you to make a halt and to place vain things to one side forever and TO START TO MEDITATE, at least from the beginning of a novena of days before Christmas, on that Blessed Night.

“You place your joy, and not only your joy but your happiness as well, in material and passing things.

And your Jesus,

where does He dwell?

And what place does He occupy in your hearts on this Christmas day and always?”

A great light shone. That dark place, cold, frozen and gloomy, was converted into a royal palace, at the touch of the rays of Light which My Body shed forth. Everything lit up and was filled with light. I am Light and My Body is made of Light, because I am the Light, the Wisdom of the Father which illuminates the world, which illuminates spirits, which enkindles hearts, the hearts of those who love Me and of those who may someday love Me, the Light which enkindles them with divine Love. Oh Bonfire of love,

which blazes without scorching, which lights without burning, but which — once the flame has come down, the flame of My Spirit, on them who receive it with good will — will enkindle a divine spark in their heart and in their being, so that it might blaze, so that it might give forth light like a torch, to illuminate their road and their spirit, for themselves and for many others who are coming to Me.

“I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE AND HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY BLAZING!” I once said. I am the Light, the Fire, the Heat, the Love in the Spirit and in

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God, to illuminate and enkindle hearts with divine love for the Father, for His glory and for the salvation of souls. And that grotto became filled with light, sparkling, heavenly light, such as never had been seen nor has been seen since here on the earth, a heavenly light which will only be equaled by the light which will be seen at My Second Coming on the earth. Light. I am the Light of nations, the glory of My people Israel. I no longer say "I will be the Light of nations" because I am that Light already. My Gospel is preached in all the nations of the earth.

I am Light and Heat which enkindles hearts with the love of God and of neighbor. Each heart, each being, which, cooperating with the Holy Spirit, is transformed into another Christ is a lighted torch of the Love of God and of neighbor. And if at the present time there are not as many of these persons as I would like, nevertheless at the hour of the Purification My chosen souls will appear, lighting up the firmament. The darkness will pass, and My Church will be renewed in holiness, because I, its Founder, am Holy. **I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE AND HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY BLAZING!** That is the fire of the Spirit, the fire of Love, which purifies, sanctifies, and transforms you in Me.

What humility in that cave, and what joy in My parents! What joy and happiness there was, where every material and passing thing was lacking! My children, reflect about that. You place your joy, and not only your joy but your happiness as well, in material and passing things. And your Jesus, where does He dwell? And what place does He occupy in your hearts on this Christmas day and always? Your Jesus? **MANY DON'T EVEN REMEMBER ME**, don't ever recall Me. You totally invert the values. Material,

empty things give you joy, everything which is going to remain behind when I call you. **Everything** is going to remain behind, and, at the end, will be destroyed.

AND YOUR JESUS? What place does He occupy in your heart at Christmas, and always? **I should be the cause of your joy, the reason for your delight, the reason for your existence.** The remembrance of an event in My Life, or the celebration of a liturgical season, should not remain just that, but they should cause that event to be **MYSTICALLY REBORN** in your heart. If it is **CHRISTMAS**, I should be born, born again in each one's heart so that My birth might be in each one that which it was and is in its totality; that is to say, I need to be born in particular for you and in you in the same way that I was born for you all and for all mankind .



Joy. Have joy because of Me, because I was born, because I lived and I continue to live among you. For that reason, yes, rejoice. But you compare Me with material things, and you either consider Me as equal to,

or you actually prefer material, passing things to Me. Meditate on that. Think about it, and **take time** to think about this. **I am your Jesus, your God and your Messiah.** He who has Me in his heart lacks nothing, nothing. Rejoice about that, just as My parents did at Bethlehem. I and My coming on the earth should be the cause of perfect joy for you.

RECOLLECTION. How much peace, sweetness, and recollection there was in that holy night! **Recollection:** a word whose meaning most mortal beings do not even know, and even less do they know the fruits which recollection brings. To recollect oneself is to gather together one's senses

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Mission Weekend Transformed

We humbly confess it came as an afterthought...

The Mission Weekend had been planned simply as a time when the Mission would be open and available; when people could come and walk, pray, reflect; when they could enjoy the silence or have time at the Camp House area to visit. Because the increasing number of activities at the Mission reduces its general availability on weekends.

Then as we prepared for our first Mission Weekend in October we had a thought: **Could we expose the Blessed Sacrament** in St. Joseph's Chapel throughout the day on Saturday? From after 8 a.m. Mass in the morning until 8 p.m. at night? Could we find people to keep vigil throughout the day?

We could, and we did, and suddenly the Mission Weekend had found its whole reason for being. Suddenly we knew why it had come about in the first place. It had come about as the Mission itself had come about, so that the Lord might dwell in the midst of His People

The day and the Mission itself felt transformed by this event – that JESUS was physically present at St. Joseph's Chapel – and that the Water and Blood of His Heart were being mystically poured out on everyone there.

It also reminded us of something we sensed when the property was first purchased. That it was destined eventually to be a **place of perpetual adoration.**

*"Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord Who made us." (Psalm 94)*

So we alert you to this new, and essential, addition to the Mission Weekend, and invite you to join us – in body or in spirit – whenever you are able. ♦

December 16 & 17

Our next Mission Weekend is scheduled for **December 16-17**, the weekend that **initiates the Novena** of days leading up to Christmas. You're welcome to take some time apart at the Mission with us so that our hearts may be more fully prepared to receive Him.

and one's spirit so as to think of nothing else but God. My children, recollect your senses and your spirit so that I, your God, can speak to your heart. Loving conversations with your God, with your Creator, can only arise in a life which is recollected, and far from all agitation and uproar. Recollection is not incompatible with joy, with interior joy about My Coming. Rather, recollection helps one to enjoy and savor joy and gladness at My Birth.

My children, recollect your spirit in God and for God. May all the material preparations to celebrate My Coming end nine days before the date of My Birth. And those nine days, that novena of days before My birth, should be only for meditating, for recollection, for rejoicing and preparing a single gift for Me, for My birthday: **YOUR HEART**, a heart well-disposed to live and die for Me, to follow My precepts and teachings, and to do the Will of the Father. **Only in that way will I be born in and for you at each Christmas and always.**



*Even in a religious Community the time leading up to Christmas can be increasingly hectic. In a regular household a recollected Advent **may seem an impossible task.** But we're not looking for perfection – just to move our families a little closer each day to Bethlehem.*

*Perhaps a lighted candle, prayer intentions listed, and **one** Mystery of the Rosary said **slowly and prayerfully** together can mark this procession of days that leads to His Crib.*

*Perhaps the prayer "**COME, LORD JESUS**" could be prayed with a Grace before meals. Or perhaps we can simply let that prayer be the three-second refrain that salts our day as we repeatedly offer it to Him during this Season. ♦*



Project Update

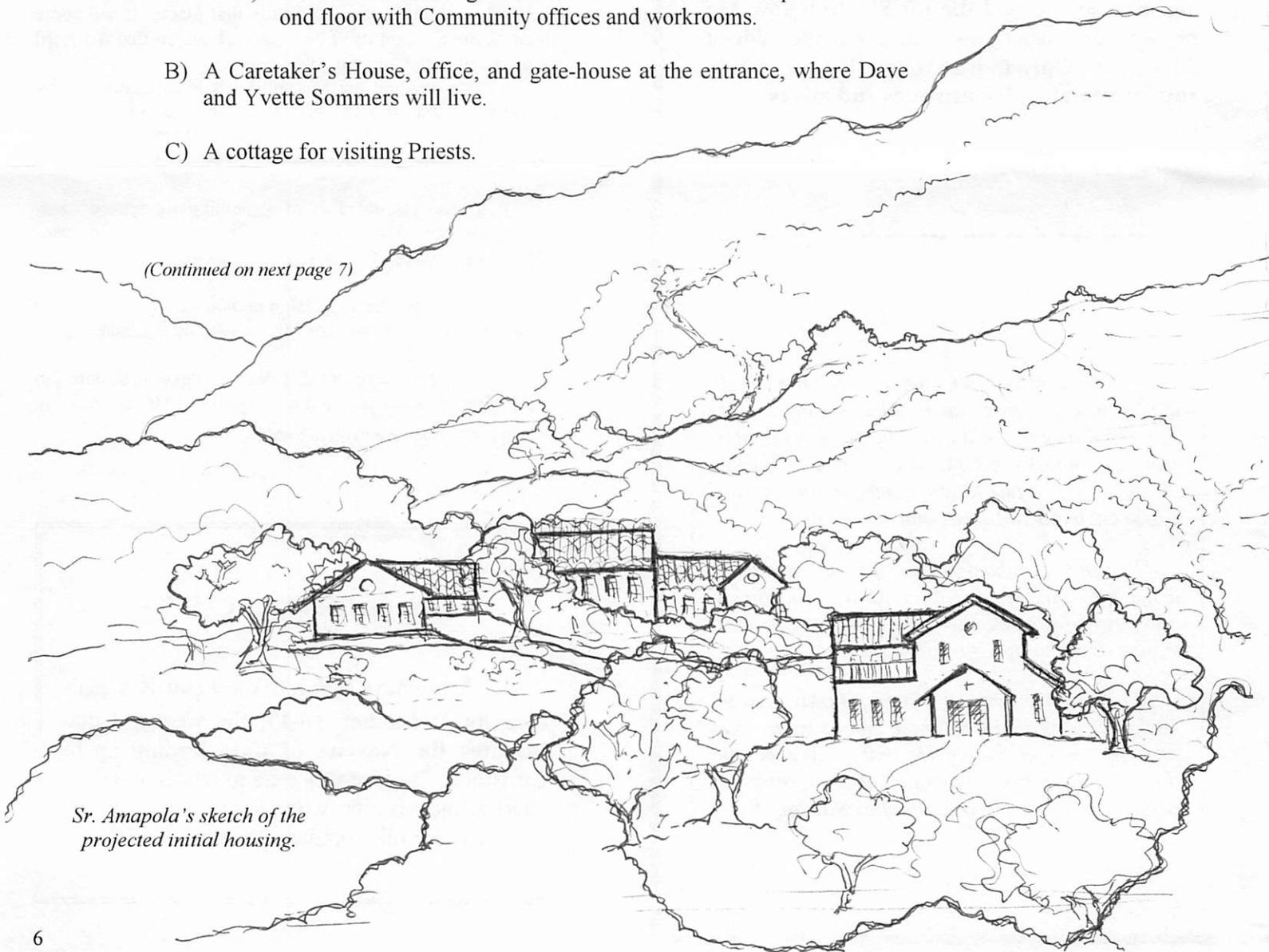
Mission La Divina Misericordia

The St. Michael's Hall has been completed and the facilities at St. Joseph's Chapel have been expanded. This permits us to begin having retreats at the Mission as we work towards a full apostolic center. The next priority is to provide **initial housing for our Community**. This is essential in order to allow us to **welcome new vocations**. It will also permit us to offer more activities for all who want to participate.

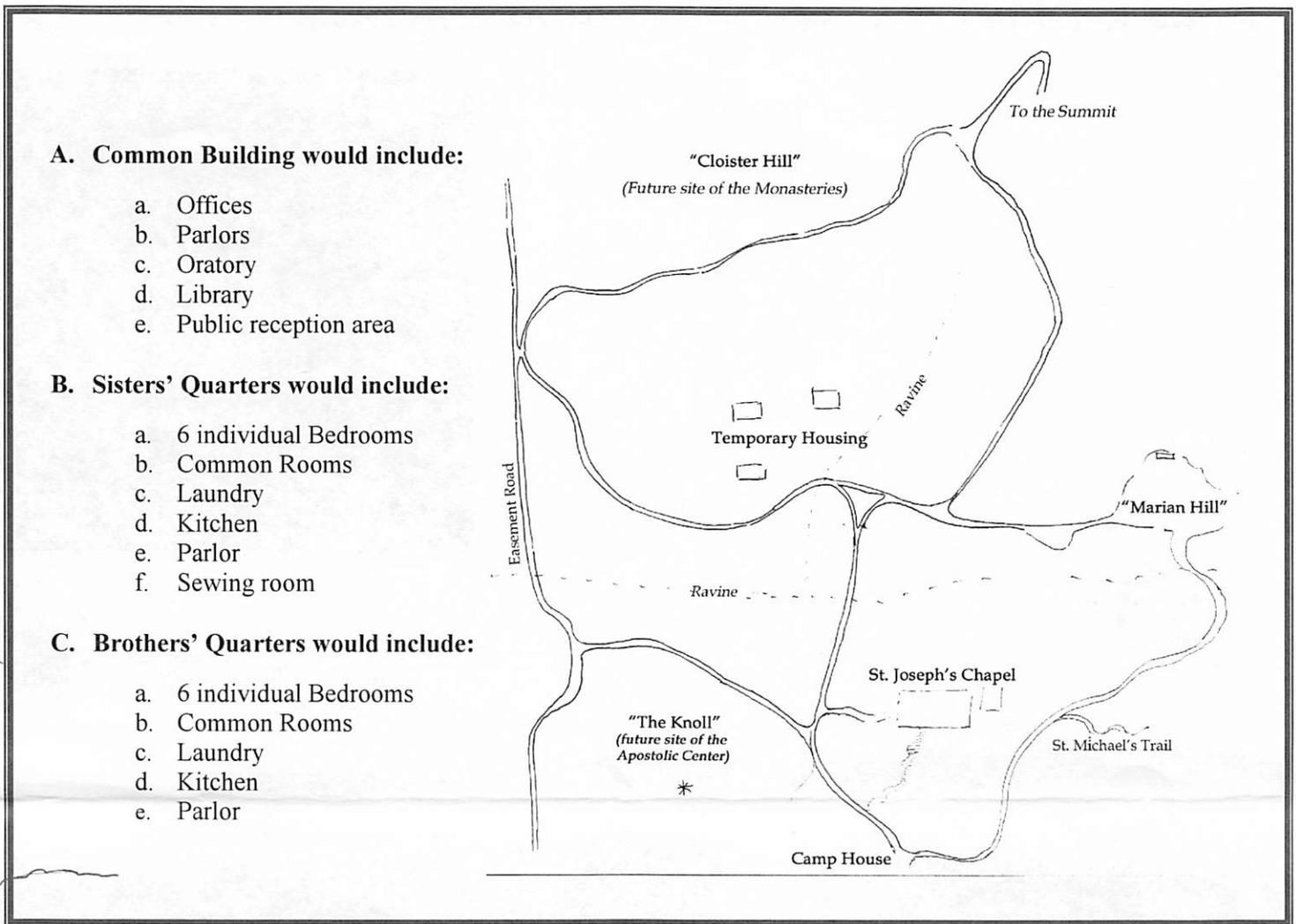
So, as funds allow, we are beginning on the next phase of development for the Mission. This phase will include three different aspects:

- A) Infrastructure and initial Community housing on Cloister Hill. This will include:
 - a) A six bedroom house for the women.
 - b) A six bedroom house for the men.
 - c) A Common Building that will have a first floor with public offices and a second floor with Community offices and workrooms.
- B) A Caretaker's House, office, and gate-house at the entrance, where Dave and Yvette Sommers will live.
- C) A cottage for visiting Priests.

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Sr. Amapola's sketch of the projected initial housing.



A. Common Building would include:

- a. Offices
- b. Parlors
- c. Oratory
- d. Library
- e. Public reception area

B. Sisters' Quarters would include:

- a. 6 individual Bedrooms
- b. Common Rooms
- c. Laundry
- d. Kitchen
- e. Parlor
- f. Sewing room

C. Brothers' Quarters would include:

- a. 6 individual Bedrooms
- b. Common Rooms
- c. Laundry
- d. Kitchen
- e. Parlor

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The most immediate and expensive part of this phase will be developing the infrastructure needed for all the future development on Cloister Hill where the Community buildings will be located. Electricity, water, and a septic system, as well as extensive roadwork, are all necessary preliminaries for this phase.

If you can help us in any way with financial donations, donations of materials, donations of labor or professional services please contact Dave Sommers at (830) 905-4515. ♦

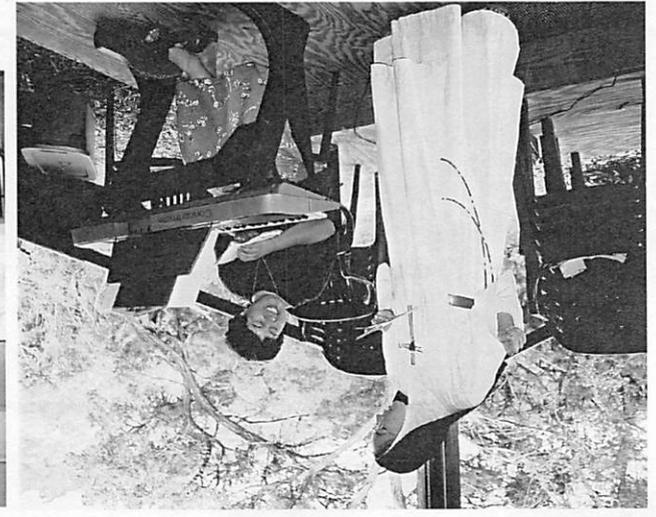
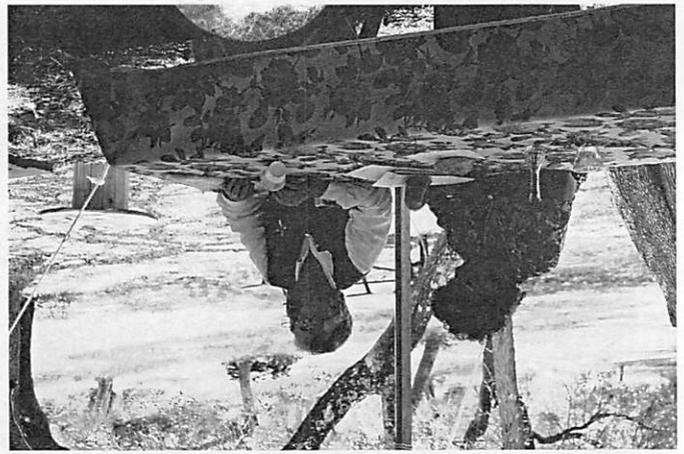
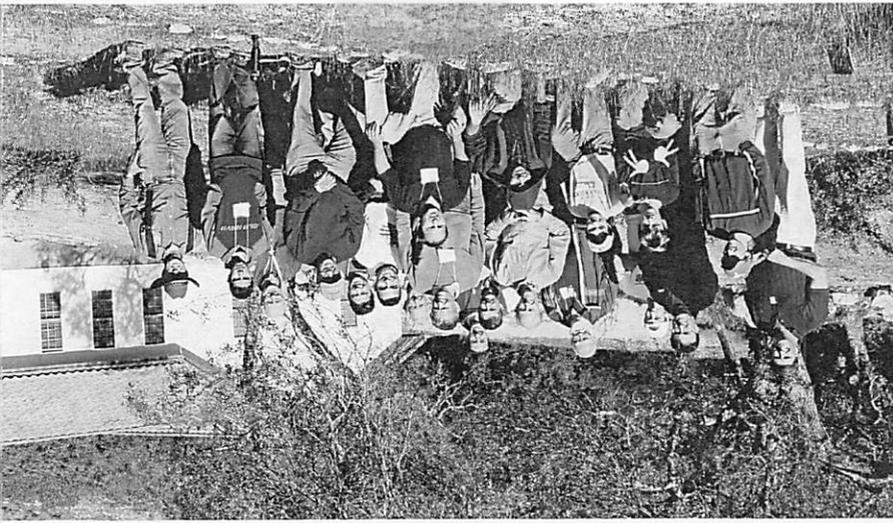
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Christmas Cards....

If you would like to order **Christmas Cards** with Sr. Amapola's drawing of the Madonna and Child you may place an order through **Pat Fox** at **(830) 625-4254**. (Ivory paper with light sepia ink; 4.25" by 5.5". Suggested donation: \$15 for 12 cards w/envelopes.) ♦

Continuing saga of our Website...

What would our Newsletter be without some mention of our struggling website? We have changed servers and are still fine-tuning the details of this transfer. For now, to view our website **please use the extension '.org'** instead of '.com' when typing the website address. (Soon, both extensions should be working). Thank you for your patience. ♦



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*"Am I not here Who am your Mother... Are you not in the folds of My
Mantle, in the crossing of My Arms? Is there anything else you need?"*

Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego, December 12, 1531

MISSION CALENDAR

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

December 2006:

- December 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**
10:00 p.m. Refreshments afterwards.
- December 25 — CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS ,**
11:00 a.m. Reception afterwards.
- December 31 — FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
10:30 a.m. Mass followed by a blessing for families.
- December 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL**
10:30 p.m. Holy Hour, with a reception afterwards.

January- April 2007:

MISSION WEEKENDS — February 24-25
March 17-18

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT — April 5-8
Schedule to be announced.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION — April 15
Schedule to be announced.

Summer 2007: *Dates to be announced.*

ST. MICHAEL'S SQUADRON CAMP FOR YOUNG MEN

For young men of **high school and college age** who desire to grow closer to Our Lord and to become authentic friends of His. This is a different kind of summer camp, one in which we seek to *live for Him* each day—through work, prayer, sports, and other activities—and **to be formed in His Spirit**, something that requires sacrifice and work, but which has great rewards.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SQUADRON CAMP FOR BOYS

For boys entering **6th to 8th grade**. Similar in spirit to the St Michael Squadron Camp.

QUEEN OF PEACE CAMP FOR YOUNG WOMEN

An opportunity for young women of **high-school and college age** to draw closer to Jesus through a week of **prayer and spiritual formation, work, and recreation**. It is also an opportunity to live this time with other young women who desire to be faithful to Jesus and who also face that challenge in their daily lives.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS

Sunday Community Mass — 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Mass — 8:00 a.m.

Refreshments and fellowship follow Mass each Saturday unless other activities are planned.

On the second Saturday of each month the Mass is offered in Spanish.

Thursday Evening Holy Hour 7:00pm – 8:00pm

A quiet hour of Eucharistic Adoration interspersed with meditations and hymns and concluding with solemn Benediction.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available.

Friends of Christ MDM

For laypersons interested in becoming **spiritual members of the Mission of Divine Mercy**. Meetings are every **2nd Sunday** of the month: **8:30 a.m. Gathering; 9:00 Spiritual Conference; 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by pot-luck lunch.**

St. Michael's Squadron

For young men of high school and college age. It's very challenging to follow Christ faithfully as a young man in today's world. This group is for those who desire to be formed in the Spirit of Christ and to become **authentic friends of His, and to be strengthened by one another in that daily battle**. Please contact us for more information.

St. Michael's Junior Squadron

A similar group for boys of 6th- 8th grade.

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

For young women of high school and college age. Young women are under **heavy attack by today's culture** and it can be very difficult to face the daily challenge of fidelity to Jesus by oneself. This group is for those who want a **deeper union with Jesus**. We strive to support and pray for each other, and to intercede for the whole world.

By **dedicating this group to Our Lady**, we are asking Her to guide, teach, help, and form each one of us for Her Son Jesus, for whatever mission and vocation He has prepared for us.

Mission Weekend

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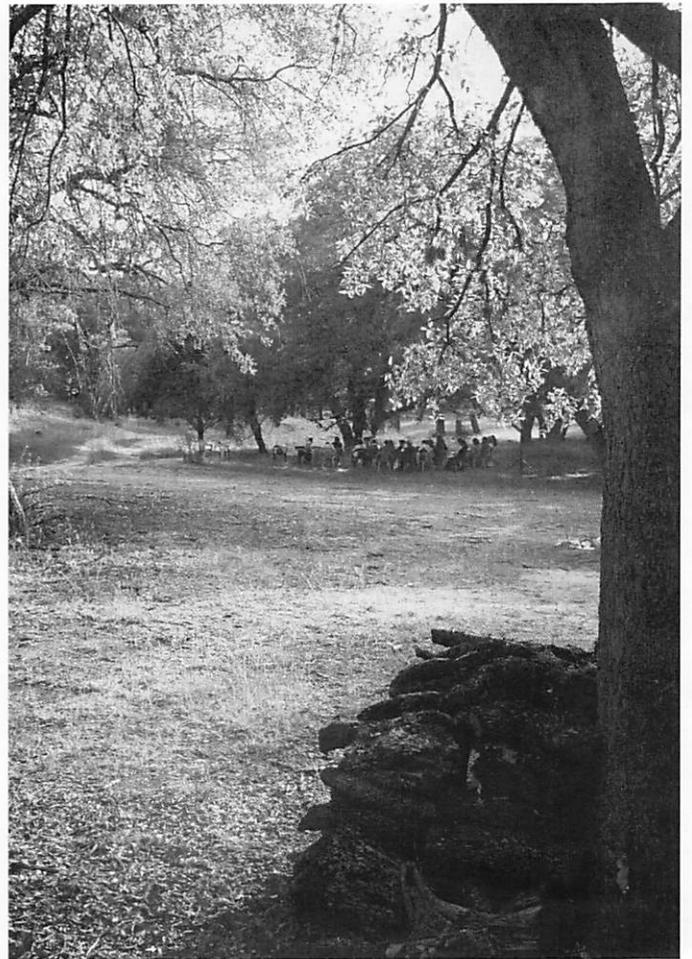
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Mission Weekend

A simple, prayerful weekend in the peaceful setting of the Mission **centered on Eucharistic Adoration**. The activities include Mass, all day Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a Holy Hour. **Guests are welcome to participate in whatever part of the program they wish**, coming and going as their schedules allow.

The Mission will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday**, (no overnight guests) and from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday**. Sunday Mass is at 10:30 a.m.. Most of the Mission will be reserved for silence, but there will be designated areas for talking and visiting.

You may bring your own food or, if you wish to share the simple meal provided, please register no later than the Wednesday prior to the weekend. If during the day you wish to use one of the cots in St. Michael's Hall to rest, please bring your own linen.



For information and updates please see our website:
www.missionofdivinemercury.com or [.org](http://www.missionofdivinemercury.org).

Modest Dress at the Property

This is consecrated land. Out of love and respect for Our Lord, for one another, and for ourselves we are invited to dress modestly:

Please refrain from wearing:

shorts; sleeveless shirts; hemlines or slits above the knee; or any tight, low-cut or provocative clothing.

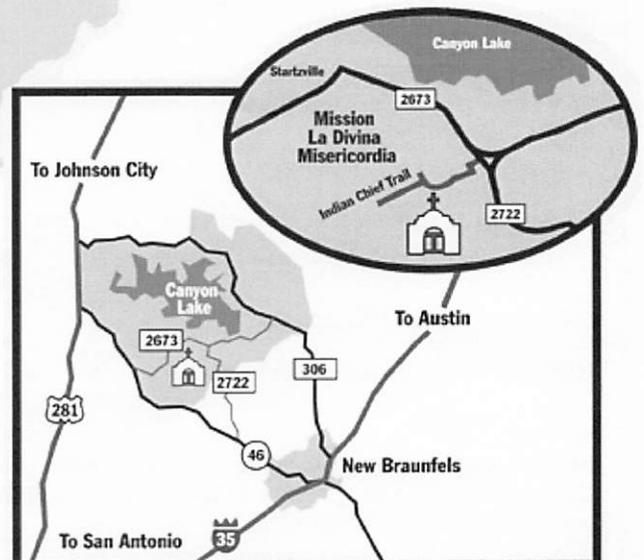
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Going towards Canyon Lake on F.M. 2722 bear left at the fork in the road towards Startzville and then take an immediate left on the dirt road with all the mailboxes marked "Indian Chief Trail." Once on Indian Chief Trail, take the dirt road all the way to the end (about five minutes).