

As the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest to settle her young,

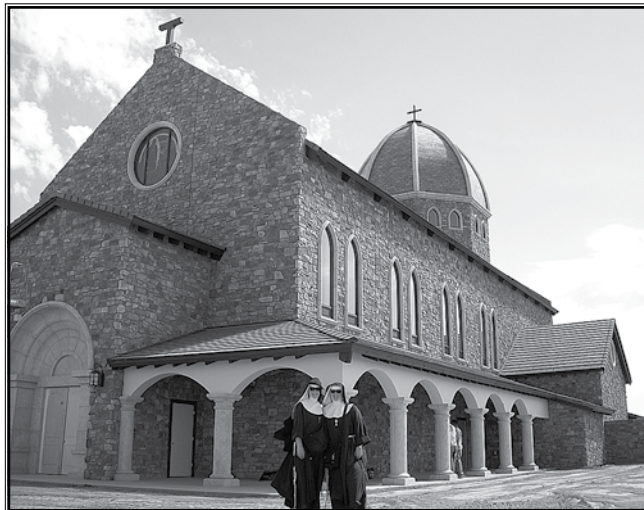
My home is near

Your Altars.

Psalm 84



We are preparing to move, getting ready to fly to a new nest, preparing to plant our roots in Tonopah soil! Keep updated about the latest progress and our new mailing address online at: [www.desertnuns.com](http://www.desertnuns.com)



### Introducing the newly created Crest of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration of Our Lady of Solitude Monastery

Thanks to the creative ingenuity of Kym Kienitz, this new crest was recently completed. The symbolic significance is as follows:

*MONSTRANCE* = Charism of Perpetual Adoration

*TAU CROSS* = Honoring Our Holy Father Francis

*CORD* = Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience

*STAR* = Honoring Our Holy Mother Clare

*BURNING BUSH* = Honoring Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception

*WATER* = Tonopah, literally means "Hot Water Under the Bush."



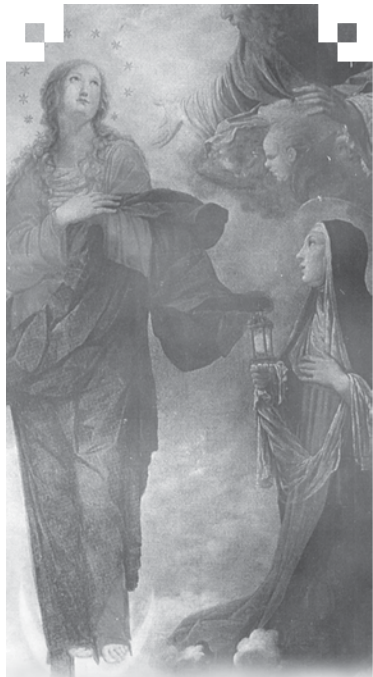
For a more detailed explanation, please check out our website!

We have a glorious heritage. Our Order spread from France to Poland, from Austria to the United States, from Alabama to Arizona. We follow in the footsteps of holy and fearless women who dared to follow Christ with all of their hearts - their hearts that are as big as the world for which they offered their life in prayer and sacrifice.

They were contemplative missionaries who loved souls with the love of Jesus, their Bridegroom. We are so grateful for our magnificent history. We hope to follow in the 'light step' of these Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration whose vision now brings light to the stark and beautiful desert of Arizona. The Foundress Window (pictured on the left) traces our Order's history and hangs in the cloistered Mass choir.



From left to right: Mother Marie Claire, PCPA Foundress, Servant of God Mother Mary of the Cross Morawska, Mother Agnes who brought the Order to the USA, and our beloved Mother Mary Angelica...complete with her satellite dish which sends the Gospel of Christ to the very ends of the earth. We love you, Mother Angelica!



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Claraz



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Just Let it Be by Sr. Marie Andre

I told the Lord I know what I am about! After all, I have spent my entire life moving from one place to another (even as a Religious, the count is at four already!!!) Hence, had I been the one in charge, we would have been moved, settled and living in THE MONASTERY by now! Good thing the Lord is patient with me; He told me to leave the outcome to Him. Without Jesus, it is easy to become enslaved to the 'strained pursuit of results' as Pope Benedict said. But the Lord gently reminds us that if we don't bother incessantly about ourselves, we can do anything with God's grace, and we can do it without anxiety, free and cheerful, even when it comes to moving Poor Clares from one place to another in one piece! We have to have a willingness to risk ourselves by displaying a little hope in Jesus. Amen to that!

### One Small Step by Sr. Marie St. Paul

At the thought of FINALLY moving to Tonopah, I think I may just collapse on the floor and have a good cry. First, for the joy of having made that HUGE step in the journey of our foundation ("one small step for man, one giant leap for nunkind,") and secondly, for the daunting task that lies before us putting together all those pieces of furniture! Ack.

### A Tonopah Tale by Sr. Augustine Marie

Tonopah is another chapter in the beautiful story God has written for my life. I'll cherish the memories of our years in Black Canyon City, but now I'm excited to jump into another uncharted part of this tale...with my hand always in His!

We are getting ready to move. Anyone who has ever moved knows that it can be stressful, joyful, nostalgic, and turbulent.

We want to share our thoughts with you during this MOVING TIME!



### Another Mile with Jesus by Sr. John-Mark

It is 2,020 miles from my home in Hartville, Ohio to Black Canyon City, AZ. It is 89 miles from our temporary home in Black Canyon City to Tonopah. Soon home will be less than 130 paces from the chapel. As the distance I have traveled to follow God's call decreases, my trust and excitement for the future with the Lord increases!

### Something Beautiful by Sr. Mary Fidelis

Mother Teresa once said: "Together we can do something beautiful for God." Reflecting on my 5 courageous Sisters and that beautiful Chapel, I see that this has been accomplished! "The Almighty has done great things in us!" It hasn't been easy. Nothing worthwhile ever is easy! Sometimes, it's been downright messy. The path has been dusty—as are all pilgrim roads. But the goal has been clear and unchanging: To establish a new Throne for Our Eucharistic King in the desert. SHINE ON, JESUS!

### FOR THE SAKE OF THE JOY BY SR. ESTHER MARIE

'THE BLESSING FAR OUTWEIGHS THE CURSE'...NOW I KNOW ST PAUL WAS NOT SPEAKING OF MOVING TRIALS, BUT IT SURE IS APROPOS FOR OUR CURRENT SITUATION. FOR THOUGH THE ACT OF MOVING HAS ITS CROSSES AND DELAYS, THE BLESSING OF HAVING OUR LADY OF SOLITUDE CHAPEL OPEN FOR ALL IS THE GREATEST OF OUR JOYS.

# The (awesome, beautiful, and splendid) Stained Glass Windows of Our Lady of Solitude

- Designed and Produced by Bovard Studios, IA
- 18 - 30" x 114" large windows of Eucharistic Saints
- Beneath each saint will be a Eucharistic quote
- 2 round windows - one small window in cloistered Mass Chapel and one larger Rose window at entrance of Church
- 9 - 30"x 68" angel windows representing each of the nine choirs in the cloistered Adoration chapel
- Windows are being sent to production as donations are received
- First 6 windows installed on August 7, 2010 (*Rose Window of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Round Poor Clare Window, St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Anthony and St. Faustina*).
- Windows yet to be purchased: *St. Agnes of Assisi, Bl. Junipero, Bl. Kateri, St. Maximillian Kolbe, St. Teresa Benedicta, Bl. Charles de Foucauld, St. Therese, Bl. Pier Giorgio, St. Gianna, St. Pio, Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Pope John Paul II*



## Our Lady of Solitude Monastery Stained Glass Window Appeal

Mail check and completed form to: Poor Clares, P.O. Box 92, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324 \* Checks may be made payable to Our Lady of Solitude Monastery

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for:  \$5000  \$1000  \$500  \$250  \$100  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply my donation toward:  St. Pio  Mother Teresa  Pope John Paul II  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized on a commemorative plaque to be placed at Our Lady of Solitude Chapel*

What name would you like to appear on this tribute?  My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not acknowledge my donation on a commemorative plaque. I wish my donation to remain anonymous.

Please do not send me a commemorative postcard

My donation is a gift for the person mentioned above, please inform them of this donation in their honor or in remembrance of their loved one by sending a postcard to the following address:

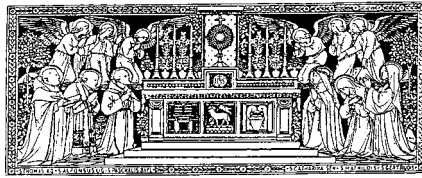
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# A Pew with a View

The question that EVERYBODY is asking is: WHEN WILL THE CHURCH BE CONSECRATED AND OPEN FOR DAILY MASS? If only we had \$1 for each time this question was posed to us, we'd have enough money to begin building the Monastery!!!

Sorry to say: no date has been set yet! YET, being the key word there! The main reason is because we have no pews! We are working with a wonderful company that recently provided us with a sample pew (see photo to the right) and a very reasonable estimate! Therefore, we've recently inaugurated the PEW WITH A VIEW fund! (Sr. John-Mark's brilliant slogan!) There's no better seat in any house, than a pew with a view of the King of Kings! How sweet it is to sit under His gaze! Please consider helping us finance these pews. The Church will seat approximately 150 people which means we need 28 pews. Each pew is \$1500. Thank you for prayerfully considering donating a pew with a view!



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Enclosed find my donation of:

- \$1500 - for one pew
- \$300 - for one seat (5 seats per pew)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied toward the PEW WITH A VIEW fund



## Reredos of Our Lady of Solitude

The Reredos and woodwork of Our Lady of Solitude Chapel are glorious to behold! These photos give you a glimmering of their beauty, but you need to see them with your own eyes to appreciate the fine and devoted craftsmanship. The woodcarving

was done by a young master woodcarver from Italy: Alexander Kostner. With his natural talent and devotion, this husband, father, and ski-instructor sets himself apart with a unique, strong, and devotional style of carving. All of the carvings - including the large reredos, statues, altars, cloister grille, and altar rail were resilient to their long ocean voyage and arrived in nearly perfect condition. Fund-raising continues for the reredos! If you would like to help us finance this glorious woodcarving, please ' earmark ' your donation "REREDOS". A leather bound book will be placed inside the reredos, near the Monstrance. In this book will be written the names and prayer intentions of the reredos benefactors. It will be laid at the Feet of Jesus as a perpetual remembrance of your generosity!



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN: Become a fund-raiser. Get your parish or your school involved. Organize a shadow team. Begin training now!

# Save the Date: Nun Run 2011 - March 12th