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*D*ear Friends of the Sisters,

It is my privilege to invite you to join or renew your membership in the Auxiliary of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood for the year 2015. Your membership brings you all the wonderful graces that flow from each Holy Mass that is offered for our members. At the same time, you are giving financial support to the Sisters in these difficult times.

*The New Year offers us many opportunities to grow in wisdom and joy, as we journey back to the Lord. Let us use Mary's response as a guide throughout the year: **"Let it be done to me according to Thy Word."** Notice her response was immediate, without arrogance, without fear and unconditional. Let us pray the Magnificat and have many "Mary" moments this coming year.*

Thank you for your continued presence in our Auxiliary. Enclosed is information that you may share with others. If you are in the Watertown area and would like to help with our mailings, please contact me at mjkoster@twcny.rr.com.

Remember, YOU make a difference!!!

May you be strong in Courage and Confidence.

May you be Wise in choices and decisions.

May you be caring of all relationships and compassionate to those in need.

May you meet life's adventures with a clear mind and a bold heart.

May your integrity be a gift to the world, and

May the Spirit of God be with you always. Amen.

(Pat Bergen, CSJ)

May God bless you abundantly!



Myrajean Koster, President of the Auxiliary



Echoes of 2014

The most wonderful and memorable event was certainly the **First Profession** of one of our novices, **Sister Linh Therese Nguyen**, in October. Sister's Mother and Dad, along with several family members, came to share with us the joy of that happy day.

*So I shall always sing
of your name,
fulfilling the vows
I have taken
day after day.*

Ps 61:8



Glory to the Blood of Jesus



Daughters of Mother Catherine Aurelia Caouette
Constancy . Fidelity . Generosity



In mid-summer, our London, Ontario Sisters hosted a memorable week of prayer, study and play, giving our novices the opportunity to meet personally with so many others in our extended religious family.

Our Canadian Sisters, with typical generosity, provided follow-up material consisting of DVD's and CD's that will allow those of us who did not attend to share in the riches of those special days for years to come. The miles between us may be many, but our Sisters are very close to our hearts!



Jesus, I Trust In Thee!

Sisters Rose Mary and Marilyn admire the beautiful gift given to our community by Judy Jacobs, a local journalist and good Friend to us all.

The Divine Mercy painting on canvas is absolutely beautiful! It hangs in our choir, facing the Sisters and reminding us constantly to TRUST! TRUST! TRUST! How can we ever for a moment doubt His loving care for each of us?

A NEW LOOK

Perhaps one of the more memorable "events" of 2014 was the installation of a brand, new roof on our monastery. Yes, it involved a great deal of trusting.....first, came the suggestion that maybe only a "portion" need be done.....but it wasn't long before we realized that would be like using a bandaid when surgery was what was needed. We were blessed to have good advisors and an equally competent group of workers who completed the project in record time. Now we are praying that the new roof will not be tested with another ice storm....but if that's what 2015 has in store—well, we'll just keep trusting!



And then, there was that one special night when our two organists-in-training, Sister Linh Therese and Sister Mary Catherine, joined others among Linda Ravelle's students to delight us with an evening recital. Music filled the monastery that evening...piano, flute, trumpet and memorable soloists—all contributed to making it a night to remember—to say nothing of how proud it made the devoted teacher, Linda!



*Well, here I am! Heaven had arranged it all (or was it Mollie's doing?) I landed in at "400" - a pure gift to the Sisters, weighing less than 20 lbs. and **looking** as meek as a lamb.*



Took a while for me to catch on, but it seems there are rules around here—too many to count—and lots of people to enforce them.

*I happen to have very definite ideas about most things and a **will** that is not to be crossed.*

*Every now and again, I've heard rumors about my losing this happy home unless I shape up. But let's leave that for another day.... for the present, I just wanted to introduce myself...I'm a black lab and my name is "Mandy". I'm 6 months old. My Mom is a yellow lab and Dad is chocolate! Pray for me 'cause I really think this place has possibilitiesit is just that folks have to understand that I kind of like things **my** way! Doesn't everyone? Sometimes, humans can be tough to train! I'm willing to give them all some time, but I need to let them know who is in charge.*



Charles is showing you how I've grown!

