



The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas

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Dear Reader,

The feast of Christmas was celebrated with special joy this year, for all of the Sisters were able to come together at the Motherhouse in Phoenix. The Sisters from Florida arrived on December twenty-first, in time to assist with the preparations for Christmas. United as one community, we were able to sing the Divine Office as well as the three Masses to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas.

During the following days, we enjoyed several outdoor excursions together. One of these was a trip to the city of Flagstaff, where the Arizona scenery drastically changes from desert terrain to snow-covered mountains. As you know, both of our Houses are based in southern locations; so the chance to see a "white Christmas" for a day was greatly appreciated by all of us.



The students of Queen of All Saints have returned from vacation with semester exams right around the corner. Many of the students have already begun their studying, and we hope that they will merit enrollment in the "Corona Mariae." This privilege is given only to those who achieve an "A" on their report card in academics, effort, and conduct. With good study habits and adherence to the academy rules, the students will be rewarded at the end of the semester with ten homework coupons!

We wish to thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout the past year. May The Blessed Virgin Mary keep you under her mantle in this new year.

In Jesus through Mary,
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A postulant busy at work



Prior to Christmas break, the Brooksville academy spent the last days of school in practicing for the annual Christmas concert. As a result of their time and efforts, the children succeeded in presenting to their families a beautiful performance of both choir and ensemble pieces. In Phoenix, the elementary students presented a Christmas pageant that depicted the journey of the Holy Family to Bethlehem and followed the Gospel narrative through the Nativity scene.



Sisters demonstrates correct table manners to the students during one of our monthly etiquette classes

