

Newsletter - Fall 2022
The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas



The chapel lighting has been installed.

[Submit a Prayer Request](#)

[Make a Donation](#)

Dear Readers and Benefactors,

New Campus - The past few months have been unusually busy for the Sisters. Many projects are nearing completion. As many of you know, Queen of All Saints Academy has outgrown the Florida facilities. We had hoped to move into the new school campus before the start of the academic year; however, this transition was not possible at that time. Therefore we have been obliged to conduct classes from several locations, with some teachers at the old school building, some at the new campus, and a few teaching from the convent. It has been quite challenging to manage operations from three locations! Meanwhile, the Sisters, with the help of many devoted volunteer parishioners, have been using weekday evenings and Saturdays to finish the renovation of the new building. The move will take place over Thanksgiving break, and the new campus will be fully operational by December. We are so grateful for the generosity of our school families in helping us with this transition. Be assured that you are in the Sisters' prayers; God will reward you a hundredfold.

Boys' School - We have finally opened a boys' high school, attaining a goal we have worked towards for many years. Having a separate campus operated by our priests is most beneficial for the young man's formation. We thank the priests, Father Barnes, Father DeSaye, and Father Larrabee, for their sacrifice in bringing our vision of a boys' high school to life. The Sisters continue to run K-8 and the girls' high school.

Pray for Vocations - Vocations are increasing, so much so that the convent is already in need of an addition. However, the number of religious Sisters is still insufficient to accommodate the training of the ever-increasing number of students in the school. Thankfully, two of our graduates, interested in pursuing a career in education, have signed on as volunteers and have been an immense help with the teaching. But even with our thirty-two staff members, we still must limit the class sizes to ensure that the quality of education is not lost. Many student applications remain on our waiting list, and requests for new schools in different states continue to grow. We ask all of our readers to pray for vocations. May God bless our apostolate and send us souls devoted to His glory.

As a temporary solution, a few Sisters taught their classes remotely from the convent. The students sat in the back of a classroom and experienced what it is like to be an online student.



"Ora et Labora."

Sister scrubs the tile of the new campus building. Once the tile is scrubbed and rinsed, Sister can apply the sealant.



Preparing for the convent addition is a complex and arduous task. But great joy can be found in any task done for the glory of God.



Prayer and recollection are most necessary for any work to be pleasing to God. The schedule of hours provides the Sister with peace of soul by setting aside time for meditation and Divine Office.



With the change in weather, the Sisters enjoy preparing their lessons outside the classroom.



Chapel Progress

The chapel lighting is complete. Workers have begun laying the floor of the chapel and preparing the sanctuary for the altar.



The last of the inscriptions are being installed. Our benefactors, who have made this chapel possible through their generosity and sacrifice, choose an inscription to be carved into the stone.

Virtual Vocation Retreat

In addition to the three-day Vocation Retreat in February, the Sisters are hosting a Virtual Retreat Day for Young Ladies on Saturday, December 3rd. Devoting a day to prayer and recollection is of great help in determining one's religious vocation. Join the Sisters in a live-streamed retreat for conferences, meditation, Q&A, and the chanting of the Divine Office. [Visit this link for details and registration.](#)

