

Dear Readers and Benefactors,

Summers are always a busy time for the Sisters. Following high school graduations and end-of-year events, the Sisters entered their annual eight-day retreat. Bishop Fliess, Father De Saye, and Father Palma delivered a series of conferences to all of the Sisters. We give special thanks to Father Palma who delivered his virtual conferences from Australia, despite the early morning hours. At the close of this retreat, seven Sisters took part in the vestition and profession ceremony. Sister Mary Bernard of Clairveaux and Sister Mary Cupertino made perpetual profession.

At Queen of All Saints Academy, the teaching Sisters spent the rest of their summer readying the school for the 2025–2026 academic year. The renewal of Catholic education in our age is not the work of a season, but the steady labor of years. Sister Mary Francis and her curriculum development team once again dedicated their summer entirely to the advancement of the curriculum by refining existing texts and developing new materials and classflows for the school. Some of the Sisters research old Catholic book lists. For example, this summer, Sister Mary Savio added a new book to the middle school reading list, *The Young Crusader*, written in 1855 by a Sister of Notre Dame. Once a new text is found suitable, the curriculum team retypes the text and enhances it with beautiful images. This ongoing work in curriculum advancement is vital for Queen of All Saints, and we ask for continued prayers that it may continue to improve over the coming years.

In July, the Sisters had the opportunity to record sixty minutes of Gregorian chant and polyphony, an important step towards completing a music project long requested by our benefactors and friends. Two recording engineers, Blanton Alspaugh and Anastasia Lukina, traveled to Brooksville to capture the sound of the Sisters' chapel. This project is being produced by Sound Mirror, a company with an expertise in location recording which focuses on using the sound of the live space. We look forward to hearing the final mix in the coming months, which will be made available for streaming and download once complete.

Also this summer, two modular residences were installed on the convent property to provide additional housing for our growing community of Sisters. This project required the securing of permits, the digging of a new well, and the construction of a privacy berm. As soon as these modular buildings are completed, our current Sisters will occupy the new housing.

The school year began successfully with 302 students enrolled at Queen of All Saints Academy. The Kindergarten class welcomed fourteen new students this September. Please continue to pray for vocations to meet the growing need for teachers.

On September 23rd, four postulants were welcomed into the Congregation. Postulancy, the first stage of formation, introduces the young woman to religious life. During this period, she studies *Introduction to the Spiritual Life* and *Introduction to the Religious Life*, and receives practical instruction in time management and home economics—assisting with daily tasks such as meal preparation, laundry, and maintenance of the motherhouse. Upon receiving the habit and entering the two-year novitiate, her studies expand to include *Catechism of the Vows*, Latin, Philosophy, and Sacred Music. According to her prior education, she may also begin courses in Rhetoric, History and Pedagogy.

Be assured of our daily prayers for you at the Mass, the rosary, and the Divine Office. Please remember the Sisters and our apostolate of Catholic education in your prayers that our efforts may be pleasing to God and resound to His honor and glory.

If you would like to support the work of the Sisters, visit sistersofaquinas.kindful.com or scan the QR code. It is through the generosity of our donors that we continue to expand our apostolate.



June 2025 QAS Commencement



Tarcisius House claimed the house trophy for the 2024/2025 year.



Please remember in your prayers this year's graduates, that they may be faithful and pleasing to God in their vocations to the religious or married state.

Summer Music Production!

This July, the Sisters partnered with Sound Mirror to record sixty minutes of chant and polyphony. The recordings will be available on streaming platforms.

Blanton Alspaugh, our sound producer, discusses the chant notation.

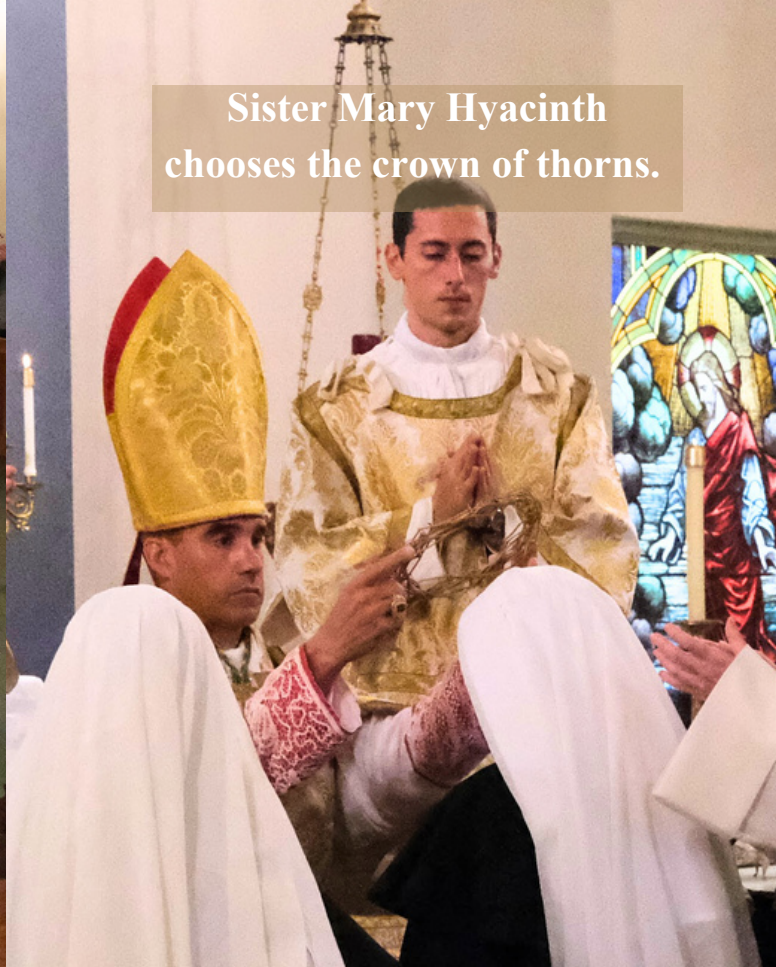
The live chapel sound was monitored from the convent parlor by our recording engineer, Anastasia Lukina.



The postulants are
received into the
Novitiate.



Sister Mary Hyacinth
chooses the crown of thorns.



Sister Mary Joan receives
the fifteen-decade rosary.



The professed Sisters welcome the new Sisters with the Kiss of Peace.



Mother Mary Theresa and Sister Mary Francis had an opportunity this summer to visit the Sisters in Verrua, Italy. The Sisters teach Catechism and assist the priests of Mater Boni Consilii. Here, the Sisters enjoy the picture book of the chapel consecration.



From left to right, Sister Josephine, Sister Lucy, Sister Sophia, and Sister Olivia were admitted to the postulancy on September 23.

One of the first steps in discerning a religious vocation is to attend a Vocation Retreat. Our upcoming in-person vocation retreat is scheduled for February 5-8, 2026, beginning Thursday evening and ending on Sunday after brunch. Registration is available at sistersofaquinas.org/vocation-retreat-in-person.



2026 Young Ladies' Retreat
Registration is Open.





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