

Community Coordinators' Corner

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OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

by Linda Folmar

something unnamed keeps calling, beckoning, rooting, growing
 something unnamed asks for surrender, vulnerability,
 given-over-ness, abandonment, powerlessness
 ah yes, the truth takes time to be named and even more time to be accepted

(Excerpt from poem by Joyce Rupp)



Change is inevitable and requires us to be vulnerable. The season of Autumn reveals much about the seasons of our lives individually and as community. Trees give themselves over to "letting go." They intrinsically know how to trust in the new life that will surely come. A few leaves will continue to hold onto their branches deep into December. Like those leaves, many of us hope that new life will come without the letting go.

However, we are all blessed to be part of this amazing faith community that began with the full knowledge that we are a pilgrim people who were unafraid to create something new. We built this community with hard work, ingenuity and a deep commitment to one another. We had our eyes and hearts wide open.

Queen of Apostles Community

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God has blessed us with fellow travelers who support us and lift us up whenever we despair. Together we have faced many hardships and celebrated with joy each blessing. We have built a home where everyone is welcome and respected. Our faith in Jesus, the greatest pilgrim, has sustained us and continues to call us ever forward to new life and greater purpose.

"Follow me", he said. "You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last." *John 15.*

In this new season of our life together, we need only awaken our pilgrim hearts. I believe we will grow stronger and continue to spread our unique charism as the dandelion spreads its seed.

Yet how can an everlastingly new covenant
 Retain its freshness and vitality
 Without injections of the new,
 The daring, and the untried?
 ~ Edward Hays

Recommendation for a New Season of QAC – September 2022

During last Sunday's town hall meeting, we made the recommendation that QAC become a new Marianist Lay Community in our next season. Text of that recommendation is included below in case you missed the meeting or would like to read the detail, and some printed copies will be available in the vestibule on Sunday.

After reading the recommendation, please take a few minutes to complete the survey, which is available at <https://forms.gle/zK74d3n2vRzT1k7L9>, to let Meghann and Matt know your feelings, questions, etc. about this way forward. (Printed copies of the survey will also be available in the vestibule.) The survey will remain open through Sunday, October 9.



The Naveau Family

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Come, Holy Spirit, as we build something new to serve our community and our wounded and wandering brothers and sisters.

Given the responses to the New Season Survey and the additional listening and research we've completed to this point, we recommend QAC becomes a Lay Community within the Marianist family. We believe this would meet many of the needs articulated by our community, including:

- ◆ Providing some structure to continue to meet as a group regularly (even weekly!)
 - Content for the gatherings of the QAC Marianist Lay Community (MLC) would be determined by our community and could include prayer or communion service, music, speakers, social justice work, formal education in the Marianist charism, and more
 - We loved this idea from a QAC member response: “...a simple service could include music, prayer, scripture, breaking open the word together, and a sending out into the world for service”
- ◆ Occasional (perhaps monthly?) Mass celebrated with a Marianist priest (pending confirmation from the Marianist Province)
- ◆ Opportunity to partner with a parish or many different parishes, especially as many parish families are in flux with Beacons of Light and perhaps more willing to consider new ways of working together; this could be for Sacraments, Mass or service and ministry opportunities; specific possibilities to explore include St. Leonard, Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Grace parish families
 - Through the Dayton Marianist Family Council, there are some potential partnerships with Our Lady of Grace that the Holy Spirit is guiding at this time, too!
- ◆ Opportunity to open our community to other lay and vowed Marianists in the Dayton area; at this time, there are more than 70 lay Marianists in Dayton who do not belong to a specific MLC
- ◆ Continue existing ministries where the energy, calling and resources exist

Being a Marianist Lay Community would likely not provide QAC with:

- ◆ Weekly Mass
- ◆ Ability to regularly have Sacraments in our chapel (though this will be part of our discussion with the Marianist Province about a monthly Mass possibility)

We envision QAC becoming a missionary Marianist Lay Community in this new season. This would be something that looks a little different than a traditional Marianist Lay Community and a little different than a parish-like community, although it would incorporate pieces of both.

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As a Marianist Lay Community, we would work to form ourselves in the Marianist charism, to build community, and to commit to living out the charism in our lives. As a missionary community, we would work to continue Mary's mission as a community, focusing on bringing Christ to the Dayton area and the broader world through social justice efforts and outreach to our wounded and wandering neighbors.

To sustain our missionary efforts, we would gather regularly to be fed by the word of God and perhaps the sacraments (for our community or in partnership with a parish) when possible. This community would intentionally have both "Martha-like work and Mary-like listening to Christ" at its core, and would make a strong effort to minister to and build bridges in the Dayton region and the Marianist family.

The inspiration for this idea comes from several places: work of Marianist founders Fr. Chaminade and Blessed Adele in building lay communities when no priests were readily available, how many remote parts of the world have to operate without enough priests, and a lot of prayer, conversation, and reflection.

Next Steps:

1. Gather community input on this approach (via individual responses and online/printed community short survey)
2. With affirmative community feedback, share recommendation with the Marianist Province (Meghann and Matt to coordinate with Fr. Tom)
3. Work with Marianist Lay Communities of North America (MLC-NA) to begin establishment of QAC as a Marianist Lay Community
4. We'll be looking for help forming committees to take on parts of creating our next season. More details to come soon!

While we'd probably all like this to be a linear process, we realize that many of these steps aren't one and done. There will continue to be a lot of discussion and dialogue and adapting as we go. Matt and Meghann will continue to lead the transition and look forward to bringing in other members of the community to help with these items, too.

If there is something you're especially interested in helping with, please contact us!

Religious Education News....

Religious Education classes begin this
Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM in Si Lounge
and will be held the first three Sundays of each month



If you have not completed the registration forms, please bring them with your children to class. If you need another copy of the forms or have any questions, please email me at amherbert@sbcglobal.net. The teachers and I are looking forward to seeing all of our returning students and a few new faces, too!

Thanks! Amie Herbert, DRE



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Season Of Creation On The Eve Of Destruction

By Chris Bohmer Stewart

Pope Francis seemed to be quoting Bob Dylan as he addressed the Global Interfaith Conference in Kazakhstan recently, “How many deaths does it take?” obliquely referring to faith leaders taking the lead in seeking peace in the war in Ukraine.*

Dylan’s lyric continues on with, “How many deaths will it take till we know that too many people have died?” Pope Francis went a step further in his Season of Creation World Day of Prayer message on September 1. He emphasized that God’s creation is not meant to be anthropomorphic and that climate change and consumerism is impacting not just humans, especially the indigenous and poorest populations, but the life of the entire planet. “Countless species are dying out and their hymns of praise are being silenced.” The Season of Creation is celebrated from September 1 – October 4, the Feast day of St. Francis, patron saint of ecology. The Season of Creation is a time of grace, celebration, advocacy, and learning which aims to renew humanity’s relationship with the Creator and creation. Pope Francis exhorts us to confront the “double crisis of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity...and weep with the anguished plea of creation...and respond with deeds, so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation’s sweet song of life and hope.”

The worldwide effects of climate change can be poignantly made more real for us at Queen of Apostles as our beloved Kevin and Linda Murnane prepare to answer their call to the Marshall Islands, an island nation where they need to find housing inland due to the rising sea level that is predicted to put the entire atoll under water by 2035. We are all connected.

The Social Justice Committee is attempting to make the small steps we can to encourage that call to peace, and ecological conversion, and listening to the cry of the poor and disenfranchised with the participation of many in our community. Bill Meers said he would be honored to lead a docent tour of the Peace Museum some time this fall. Martie Holda would like to arrange a presentation by the Miami Valley Immigration Coalition. Tom McCrate is working to schedule a presentation to promote volunteering with the Beaver Creek Wetlands. Meghann Naveau is suggesting a much-needed drive for Food For The Journey as the weather begins to cool (eventually...). Social Justice is inaugurating a monthly Eco-Tip in The Spirit. And finally Social Justice will be distributing yet another survey to seek your input on times for our activities and recommendations for issues you would like to see addressed...we just have to find time to get consensus on the survey between all our celebrations and times of discernment! Stay tuned for further details!!



*Blowin’ in the Wind (1963) and Eve of Destruction (1965)
– a good time for good thoughtful songs “back in the day”

ECO-TIP from Social Justice:

As we approach the conclusion of the Season of Creation on the Feast of St. Francis on October 4, it seems appropriate to address the impact of our largely human pandemic on God's creatures. Numerous animal protection and scientific organizations are emphasizing the safe disposal of single use masks and plastic gloves. The single use masks are especially dangerous to birds as they get caught up in the ear pieces, sometimes to the point of death. Such organizations have recommended cutting off the ear pieces before disposing of the mask to eliminate the possibility of entanglement.

respect life



Respect Life Sunday and Collection – October 2:

The national celebration of Respect Life Sunday will be the weekend of October 1-2. This is also the weekend of the Respect Life Fund Collection, which provides critical support for many local agencies in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, support that is particularly needed in our post-Roe world.

To access the resources for the Respect Life Fund Collection, [please click here to go to this page](#) on the Archdiocese site.

Ministry of Consoling

The Ministry of Consoling will host a Grief Circle on Sunday November 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Si Lounge. Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to host Circles for the past few years. A Grief Circle is focused on folks who have lost a loved one, whether recently or in the past. A Circle encourages folks to share only what they feel safe in sharing while respecting everyone's private sharing. There is no magic right way to grieve and your grief is always just below the surface ready to overwhelm you on any given moment. Participation will be limited to 8 folks. If the demand is greater, then we will host an additional Circle. If you are interested in participating, please contact Steve Guilfoos, sguilfoos@woh.rr.com to reserve your spot.



In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. This day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

There will be a special collection on Sunday, October 23 to support Catholics in 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide. There will be a box for contributions in the vestibule.

On Sunday, September 25, we joined together as a community to celebrate QAC's 49th Birthday, and what a wonderful celebration it was! Over the next twelve months, we will share some of the highlights from the last 49 years that will lead us to our 50th!! Below, we start with the wonderful meditation that Marilyn presented during our Mass, and continue on the next two pages with a list of our founding members and pictures from the early years. If you have any pictures you want to share from the last 49 years, please send them to qacspirit06@att.net.



A QAC Day Meditation 2022

By Marilyn Nagle

QUEEN OF APOSTLES COMMUNITY

It all began with a Chapel on a hill, some Marianist Brothers and Priests, and a small group of dedicated people still fresh from the teachings of Vatican II. They had a dream of creating something new in the way they came together to pray. And so the journey began. They became the Queen of Apostles Community. And soon the word spread and the Chapel began to fill and draw new Pilgrims to help fulfill this dream of becoming God's Holy people.

We did everything together as a "Family" for forty-nine years.

WE PRAYED TOGETHER

With just one Liturgy every Sunday – We planned our Liturgies – baked our own Eucharistic Bread – Put girls on the altar as servers – had a choir to fill the chapel with heavenly music – celebrated Liturgies in our homes, outdoors and at campgrounds – held retreats - we baptized, confirmed, married, gave some members our farewell, and most of all, prayed and cared for each other every step of the way.

WE WORKED TOGETHER

We formed Committees to take on the every day duties of being a Worshiping Community with a focus on giving back by forming a Christian Service Committee that received 10% of our income for reaching out to those in need in the larger Community and all the way to Africa.

AND WE PLAYED TOGETHER

We celebrated Birthdays and Anniversaries, including our own, went on camping trips, white water rafting, canoeing, biking, New Year's Eve parties and more.

AND NOW WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND A NEW BEGINNING

We don't know what the future holds but we have great expectations of what lies ahead and we believe that together we will continue to be the Holy People We Are Called To Be.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY QAC!

*May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary
Marianist Doxology*

*"We proclaim our willingness to build a community of love
and to be the holy people God calls us to be"*



We Celebrate
Our first QAC Day
Sept 9th 1973



Founding Members:

Jack & Rita Barry
Dick & Judy Blommel
Rita Cochrane
Cathy Emmers
Ken & Rita Flohre
Leo & Evelyn Gambone
Fr Phil Hoelle, S.M.
Norma Hunter
Dick & Mary Luthman
Mike & Roberta McClimens
Neil & Ellen McDonald
Gloria Requarth
Enrique Romaguera
Kathy Trangenstien
Walt & Anne Trangenstien
Charles & Marian Weiss
Tom & Agnes Wren



Through our liturgical celebrations, our prayers, our religious education programs, and our daily activities, we strive to follow our founders' vision. We laugh together in happy times and support each other in times of need. Those who have moved on continue to feel the bond of "we will always be family."

Our Early Years . . .



Keeping your Eye on the Goal



Kevin Skinner

With Football season in full swing, I recently read an article from an assistant football coach at a local college. The number one question he would get from his players was "How can I express myself as a Christian in such a competitive atmosphere?" He said "the problem is a matter of stewardship and it applies well beyond the athletic arena."

It got me to thinking that Stewardship and football have something in common...**Motivation**. The players on the field are motivated to score touchdowns to win the game. Football players love what they do and they use their talents to do their best even when they are hurt.

So, what should our motivation be? Without a doubt, it should be about QAC becoming a new Marianist Lay Community. The QAC Team needs you as we all strive to the same goal. Whether you are the quarterback, defensive linebacker, or providing support on the sidelines, it takes all of us using our time, talent and treasure.

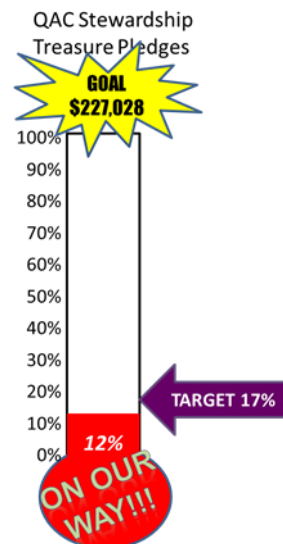
I can picture Meghan Naveau taking the snap from Matt, faking to Tom Quakenbush, passing it to Marti Quakenbush who completes a 30-yard reception into the end zone! Touchdown! Of course, Dan Nagle, Joan Ivory and Linda Folmar, and so many more provide excellent pass protection from a safety blitz.

Coach put me in ...I want to be on this team!

QAC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 2022			
	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date (Budget)
Collections	\$ 11,555	\$ 26,837	\$ 37,839
Other Income	\$ 791	\$ 836	
Total Operating Income	\$ 12,346	\$ 27,673	
Operating Expense	\$ 13,176	\$ 27,762	
Income Expense	\$ (830)	\$ (89)	
Thank you for your generosity!			

This scale shows our weekly offering (Sunday collections) and our planned budget (target) for the 2022/2023 fiscal year, which started July 1, 2022. Please remember that 10% our weekly offering goes to our Social Justice Ministry.

Thank you for your support!



For those unable to attend Sunday Liturgy, please don't forget that we still need your financial support. Please mail in your weekly donations (address on front cover) or better yet, set up Online giving.

View the instructions to setting up online giving at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRMfgKncvhM&feature=youtu.be>

CORRECTION IN VIDEO—QAC Zip Code was changed, so please disregard the last four of the zip code



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Happy Birthday to...

- 2 PHILLIS HAMILTON
- 3 BRANDEN SMITH
- 5 DEACON GREGORY CECERE
- 5 SIERRA GROFF
- 5 SARA REPASY
- 6 TEESIE LUPP
- 7 CARMEN PERRY
- 8 KELLEY COX
- 8 CATHY DEMPSEY
- 8 MARY LOU YOUNG
- 9 ANDRA BANE-NELSON
- 10 DANIELLE RENEE BRODE
- 10 JOSEPH COX
- 10 ARVIN NANDA
- 10 DON RAMMEL
- 12 DENNIS BRODE
- 13 DAN BERRIDGE
- 13 JOHN ZADAIN
- 15 STEVEN WILKINSON
- 16 CAROLYN BREINING
- 19 SIAN HERNIT
- 22 SHARON MCKENNY
- 24 OWEN SEIBERT
- 26 DAVID JENNINGS
- 27 JEAN BROOKEY
- 29 CATHY ADLER
- 30 MARIE RESTIVO

Blessings to all those celebrating a Birthday this month!

Our prayers are offered on your birthday that God will bless you with infinite peace, love, prosperity and happiness.

Please let us know if we missed your birthday! And if we did, we sincerely apologize!



Seniors' Corner

by Chuck Bauer



Repeated from last month and just as true for October - **Fall is for Festivals**. This month, I am highlighting the Waynesville Sauerkraut Festival, which is reported to be the largest festival in Ohio, along with several other lesser festivals.

The Waynesville Sauerkraut Festival - October 8-9. Ohio 42, 15 miles south from Xenia. You can park in the old parking lots on the south side of 42 and then be bused over to the center of the festival. The festival is more than just a weekend of fun, it is also a weekend where the entire Waynesville Community comes together in a very dramatic way for the support and good of all. Everything (almost everything) is made with Sauerkraut. Of course, I always talk about the entertainment that occurs on Saturday from 11:00AM to 7:30PM and Sunday from 10:00AM to 5:30PM. There are several very good groups including FIN TAN and Irish group on Sunday from 12:45PM to 1:30PM. If the weather is good, this is a very popular festival.

Oktoberfest at The Greene - Saturday, October 15, 6:00PM to 10:00PM - Summer block party. Join the band **Spungewurthy**, one of the most popular in Dayton, for a German beer.

Ohio Renaissance Festival - Waynesville OH 73, 2 miles east of Caesar Creek Bridge. A different theme each weekend in October runs from 10:30AM to 7:30PM. The festival is \$28 for adults and \$10 for children.

Time Travelers Weekend	October 1-2
Viking Weekend	October 8-9
Romance Weekend	October 15-16
Feast of Fools	October 22-23
Trick or Treats	October 29-30

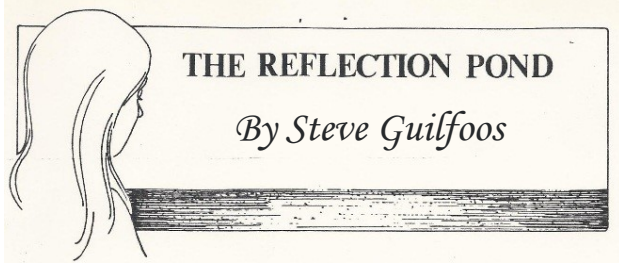
Fall Farm Pumpkin Fun – October 1-30. Youngs Dairy, North of Yellow Springs on 68. Pick Your Own Pumpkins, Cowvin's Corny Maze, Wagon Ride on the Farm, Haunted Wagon Rides and all sorts of fall fun. Pumpkin and other fall food treats await!

Haunt-fest on Fifth - Saturday, October 29. The Famous Oregon District Halloween Party. For the younger at heart group.

Clifton Opera House - Check the boards for the fall concerts.

Amateur Theaters in the Dayton - In October, I will be collecting information on several of them. I will also collect info on The Wright State Music Department recitals and concerts and other related activities in Dayton.

At QAC - What does the community think of a Food Film or Fun Night. Because of COVID we really haven't had any real seniors' activities. Should we restart? Or possibly a light restraint supper and go to Clifton, Wright State, or Beaver creek Theater? Let's get something planned!



Last Dance

Dancing is such a gift
Some dance by themselves
 Often to music only they can hear
Some dance in groups
 With arms and legs all akimbo
Some dance in pairs
 Savoring time and space together

Each generation has created their own dances
The waltz and the foxtrot
The Charleston and Swing
Polka and Cha-cha
Twist and Disco
Breakdancing and the Wobble
Gangnam and the Sprinkler

Do you recall when you last danced
Was it today ... yesterday
 Or too long ago ...
Maybe it was to a special tune
 Remember can you hear the music?
Do you remember our last dance
Perhaps we need to dance again
Perhaps everyone needs to dance ... everyday
 At least just a little ...
As special as it is ...
 You may never recognize your last dance
 until long after its over
 and then all you have left is a fading memory



Share your creative works with QAC!

*We would love to feature your artwork, writing, photo or other
creativity in an upcoming Spirit.*

Send your inspiration to qacspirit06@att.net by the 22nd of each month.

QAC Spotlight



Guest Missionary
Fr. Sebastian Ulkoh



Mark and Arlene Bottenfield
50th Anniversary Blessing



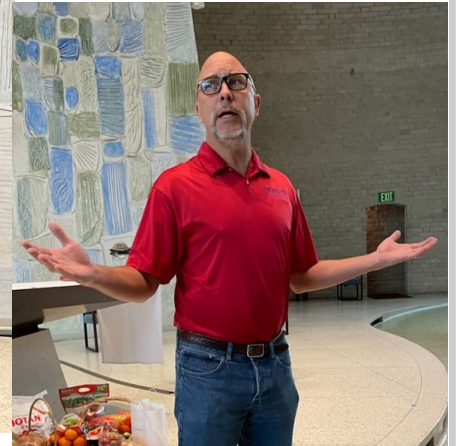
Kelley Cox returning from Honor Flight
Thank you for your service Kelley!



Commissioning of our QAC Coordinators



Men's Choir




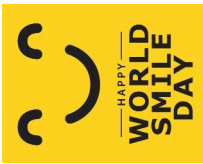

QAC's 49th Celebration

Thanks to Amie for coordinating our birthday celebration and to everyone who helped plan, execute, bring food, set up and clean up! What a fabulous celebration! We hope you enjoy the pictures...we tried to capture everyone! If you have pictures that you want to submit for next month's Spirit, please send them qacspirit06@att.net.





October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Don't forget to bring fresh produce for St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday, October 2</i></p>						<p>1 9:30AM History of the Marianist Family Part 1</p>
<p>2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:45AM Adult Faith Formation 9:00AM Religious Education 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Leadership Team Meeting 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>8 9:30AM History of the Marianist Family Part 2</p>
<p>9 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time 9:00AM Religious Education 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) Liturgy Planning Meeting</p>	<p>10 Columbus Day</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
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<p>23 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available) World Mission Sunday Special Collection</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:30PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time 10:30AM Mass (Live Stream Available)</p>	<p>31 </p>					