2005 Archived News From Jim Wade

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****Christmas 2005 News From Jim Wade****

Blessed Mother's Requests: The requests of projects at the "Farm" from the Blessed Mother continue to be given to Ruth Ann. In 2005 we completed the Confessional Building (7 confessionals.) Anyone wishing to make contributions to this project please see

"Helping Hand Supporters" under the newsletter section of this website.

Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate have been in residence at the "Farm" since February of 2005. The three priests from the order assigned here are Fr. Michael, F.I., superior of the Friary, Fr. Joseph, F.I. and Fr. Jerome, F.I. Fr. Norbert and Br. Rudy, C.S.C. continue to serve God in their respective vocations.

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein O.S.B. invited both the Friars and the Nuns: We are very appreciative of Archbishop Daniel Buechlein O.S.B. who invited both the Friars and the Nuns to set up a Friary and a convent on the "Farm" property. In early 2006 the Franciscans of the Immaculate will be setting up a convent at the "Farm." We look forward to the Nuns helping us in various aspects of the ministry at the "Farm." The Nuns will reside in the residence currently occupied by Fr. Norbert and Br. Rudy. And they will move into a duplex.

The Friars in 2006 will assume a more active role in the monthly retreats offered at the Retreat Center. The three priests assigned here will each be the retreat master for the monthly retreat and Friars from other friaries will be coming for different months throughout the year. We are excited that the Friars have agreed to fulfill that role for the "Farm." We will have exposure to the many different priests from their order.

The Blessed Mother in a message to Ruth Ann requested to have the Friars invited. The Blessed Mother says, "Now that the Friars are here, all is in place."

Ruth Ann hasn't been to the "Farm" since Pentecost Sunday, 2004. At that time Ruth Ann was told she was to be absent from the "Farm." During the time of these messages it was implied that one day she would be asked to return. In recent months she has been told that in early spring of 2006 she is to return to the "Farm" and adopt the Franciscan Spirituality. Fr. Michael, F.I. has been Ruth Ann's spiritual director since July of 2005 at the request of the Blessed Mother. The return to the "Farm" will be for Monday through Friday. We will attend the 6:30 a.m. Mass with the Friars each morning and Holy Hour/Vespers each evening from 7 – 8 p.m. Monday through Friday we will reside in the house to the west that adjoins the "Farm". We have been told by Our Lady to return to our current residence for weekends.

The Blessed Mother has told Ruth Ann that her return to the “Farm” will not be as before —that this time it will be as a “novice” in training. In prayer, when Ruth Ann questions, “Why?” Our Lord and Our Lady respond, “It is a necessary act of obedience and sacrifice because so few people are willing to sacrifice. As a result of this act, God can use it to save souls who would otherwise be lost.” With a statement like that, how could one not continue on with the requests even though we don’t always understand them? They also tell her all of this is in preparation for the final phase of her ministry here on this earth. The Blessed Mother almost always ends her daily messages to Ruth Ann as follows: “Not your will, but God’s will be done!”

We request your prayers for us and our family as we will soon begin to fulfill this next request. Be assured that we pray for all of you who have been touched by God’s graces through the “Farm.

May God continue to bless us all!

Jim Wade