



# June News



May Jesus be loved by all hearts!  
Dear friends and lovers of Mary!

**Thank you** for your ongoing prayers for the Order of the Mother of God! I've just relocated to Tulsa and I'm excited to tell you about it! Although the political news is depressing, and even alarming because Satan appears to have the upper hand, the Mother of God has a plan to triumph over **everything**. It's our duty, as Theotokans, to radiate hope, confidence and encouragement! Bear witness with your smile! Yes, weep over sins in your heart, but when you radiate Christian joy, it throws the demons into despair! **Here are some reasons to smile!**



## Sarah

My companion Sarah discerned a contemplative vocation. She had a wonderful visit at the Lufkin Texas Dominican monastery. They are eager to accept her, but the entrance process takes time. She is living near her aunt in Wisconsin and she sends her love to all of you, and asks for your prayers.

## God Loves the Virtue of Hospitality

Our kind friend Byron Sketchler who gave us hospitality in New Orleans, successfully sold his house and moved to a suburb to be close to his children and grandchildren. This house features a beautiful Marian chapel with stained glass windows! Congratulations Byron!



## Houma, Louisiana

I fell in love with the deeply Marian diocese of Houma. I accepted hospitality in Natchez while waiting for an opportunity to meet its Bishop. I had an appointment the very week in August that Hurricane Ida struck the area violently. In February, a second "wind" of the Holy Spirit struck Houma because the Bishop was named Archbishop of Louisville. The See is now indefinitely vacant, so Mary's new Order will have to begin elsewhere. I left my heart in Louisiana. Many friends of Mary will welcome Theotokans convents, as soon as the Order is ready to expand. But where will it begin? The Mother of God must continue to knock on doors, as at Bethlehem.



## ***Natchez, Mississippi***

I spent the latter half of 2021 in Natchez, waiting for developments in Houma. Mrs. Hedy Boelte acquired the beautiful 1851 Edgewood plantation for the



purpose of hosting Catholic events. She invited me to meet her friends and speak several times. Hedy is now an ardent Lay Theotokan! The contemplative monks of the Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE) have recently converted the plantation to St. Joseph Monastery and continue Hedy's mission of hosting events. Maybe you can attend. <https://saintjosephmonastery.wordpress.com/>

## ***Tyler, Texas has Growing Pains***

A friend arranged for me to have a brief, unscheduled meeting in Tyler, Texas with the gracious Bishop Strickland. He accepted my material and said he would peruse it. Subsequently, I sent him a formal letter proposing the founding of Order of the Mother of God in Texas. He is busy! Catholics around the nation are moving to Tyler to attach themselves to a strong shepherd. Meanwhile . . .

## ***Tulsa, Oklahoma***

Cathy Miller, invited me to be a house-sitter while she and her husband were working in Mexico. Cathy was the motor behind our Wichita *2020 Spiritual First Responders Conference*. [Videos still on *MarianNews*] She brought many of her Tulsa friends to that conference. I didn't realize that they subscribed and have been praying for an OMD convent to open soon! The fervor, the reverent piety, the homilies, the beautiful churches and vestments, was breathtaking. Bishop Konderla is much-loved and I can judge his "tree" by its fruits. Tulsa is a thriving metropolis with a small-town friendliness. When Bishop Strickland responded with regret that he had too many new projects, I was already thinking that Tulsa would be a perfect Bethlehem for the Order's birth. In fact, the Star of Bethlehem is on Bishop Konderla's coat of arms and a Marian inscription *Auspice Maria*, "Under the Protection of Mary."



## ***In a "House of Mary" in the heart of Tulsa!***

Providence opened up a live-in situation for me as nighttime caregiver to 92 year-old Mary. During the day I am free to work at my computer. My plan is to hunker down this summer and, with the help of fresh volunteers sent by Our Lady, bring many projects to a conclusion: upgrade the website, write the Constitutions now that most of the French documents are in English,



complete the Gregorian hymns-on-video project, produce new videos on various topics, etc.

***Please subscribe to “Chant with the Church!” our new YouTube Channel***

Our first videos in this new channel feature the voice of Father Andrew W. Bowden who contributed his talents to our Theotokan Holy Hour videos. The purpose of this new channel will be to help Catholics learn to sing Gregorian chant. The members of the Order of the Mother of God are obliged by its Rule to chant the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours). It is also the desire of recent popes for the custom of past ages to return, namely for the laity to join the clergy and religious at the parish church for Lauds (Morning Prayer) and Vespers (Evening Prayer). The Theotokans of the



OMD wish to enhance the beauty of the liturgy by offering hymnals in the vernacular, with square notes on a 5-line staff which any musician can play on a modal instrument (organ, cithara, wind instrument) [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0xsmwWisIHb2Vwn\\_ei4bHg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0xsmwWisIHb2Vwn_ei4bHg/videos)

***MarianNews has IMPORTANT new uploads!***

These Holy Hour videos are the work of many hands. Thank You! to all who helped! To get your own copy of our prayerbook:

*Mary's Prayers: From Approved Apparitions Arranged in Five Weekly Holy Hours*

--- FREE Digital Download: <https://tinyurl.com/yckkr4mr>

--- Booklet (80 1/2 letter pages): \$4 +postage <https://maryshelpers.org/>

**Theotokan Holy Hour: Week 1 for Families**

<https://youtu.be/oxB68VoDiWQ>

**Theotokan Holy Hour: Week 2 for All Nations**

<https://youtu.be/35aAEi8ZIKQ>

**Theotokan Holy Hour: Week 3 for the Church**

<https://youtu.be/pWVN9GenIBg>

**Theotokan Holy Hour: Week 4 in Reparation**

<https://youtu.be/ZGzfyB0VnPk>

**Theotokan Holy Hour: Week 5 for Persecuted Christians, . . .**

**and for the Dying, and the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

<https://youtu.be/1wu-Wx38-Xw>

***We hope you'll love these Marian Prayers! God bless you! "Sister Anne"***