



SACRED HEART BEAT

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The Vocation Story of Sister Rebecca Otter, OP

No, I wasn't born a Sister! Like most of you, I grew up in a family! I was the second born of 12 children who grew up on a farm near New Almelo, KS. Due to a dust storm, I was taken to St. Joseph Catholic Church and baptized Dorothy Marie, the same day of my birth.

Living the Catholic faith was top priority in our household. Sundays were kept as holy days, which meant that we all went to Mass, and didn't do any unnecessary work (there were always chores and meals), but no field or garden work. My dad would not allow any of his crops to be harvested on a Sunday. He believed that God would provide, and he placed his trust in God. Morning and evening prayers (Rosary) were prayed together as family. We all had responsibilities as long as I can remember: milking cows, feeding pigs and chickens, cleaning house, doing dishes, learning to cook, hoeing the garden, helping put up hay, and whatever else needed to be done.

There was always some kind of recreation on Sundays: fishing, playing ball, or other outdoor games during the summer and fair weather; in the winter months it was card games, ice skating when there was ice, and building snow forts when there was snow. During the summer the town baseball/softball teams played their games on Sunday afternoons, so when there was a home game, we went to watch it. My parents were both on ball teams. I don't remember my mother playing, but I have pictures of me with my dad in his uniform. My dad played until arthritis set in at an early age, then he became the umpire for many years.

I attribute my vocation as a Sister to my family, parents, grandparents, my community, the Sisters and Priests, and the example set forth by other religious vocations from my home parish. There were at least 24 religious vocations including Sisters, Brothers, and Priests from my tiny little parish of tiny New Almelo, KS! Other little towns around also had large numbers of religious vocations.

I attended Catholic Grade and High Schools, both taught by Sisters of St. Joseph from Concordia, KS. Grade school was in my hometown, and since we only lived a mile away, we walked to school; high school was 20 miles away in Leoville, KS, so we drove there every day.

During high school I belonged to the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). We would meet on Sunday afternoons for religious instructions, then play a game of softball. We often had socials, card parties, and dances and invited other youth groups from nearby towns. Our parish and school activities were our social life!

Involvement in my parish also included helping with the bazaar each year, cleaning church on Saturday mornings, and singing in the parish choir. I also worked in other peoples homes, cooking, cleaning, and child care. After high school I moved to McCook, NE,

and worked in St. Catherine's Hospital with the Dominican Sisters of Kentucky. I also sang in the St Patrick Parish choir there.

When did I feel called to religious life? What led me to this way of life? It was that involvement and being around the Sisters and Priests in the parishes that inspired me. I heard the call, I knew it was there at a young age, but other attractions led me to ignore it for some time. One morning while attending Mass in my home parish when on vacation from work, I had a spiritual experience of the Holy Spirit flooding over me during the consecration, and at that moment, I felt that God was calling me, and that I needed to get serious about religious life. I knew that if I didn't at least try it, I would never be happy in any other way of life. So here I am 68 years later, and so grateful and happy that I followed that call from God!

I chose to join the Dominican Sisters in Great Bend, KS, in August of 1956, with 23 other young women. We had a regimented schedule much like the cloistered Nuns at first, but as time went on, strict rules were lifted and we gradually came to where we are today. Religious life continues to change as we strive to meet the needs of the people in our world.

After one year as a Postulant, I entered a 2 year Novitiate taking the name Sister Mary Rebecca, followed by vows as a Professed Sister. After that I finished my college degree at Sacred Heart College (now Neuman University) in Wichita, KS, and was sent out to teach: 2 years at St. Mary's in Garden City, 4 years at St. Rose in Great Bend, then back to Garden City for 8 years. During that time I became interested in parish work, and was invited to join a parish team in San Angelo, TX. I barely arrived there when the Bishop asked if I would be Campus Minister at Angelo State University which, after the Bishop's 4th plea, I reluctantly said yes and did for 7 years while also being involved in parish ministry. That ended with a call from my religious community to formation work for 5 years.

After formation work, I took a sabbatical, and finally got to do Parish ministry, serving in Sweetwater and Abilene, TX, Perry and Meridan, KS, and now in my 13th year here at Sacred Heart Parish in Larned. During this time, I also have done more vocation/formation work for my larger Community of Dominican Sisters of Peace.

In 2009, the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend joined 7 other Dominican Sisters Communities, becoming the Dominican Sisters of Peace with our Leadership based in Columbus, Ohio, where our Assembly and Chapter meetings are held. Our Mission Statement reads: *Impelled by Love, we give ourselves to the journey. Called by the Spirit and formed as women of the Church within the vibrant tradition of the Order of Preachers, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, with our Associates, commit ourselves to seek truth and to speak the truth in love.*

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Sr. Rebecca Otter

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met May 15, 2024
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Tom Giessel, Jenny Ramsey, Kathy Couchman, Pam Huffles, and Fr. Anselm. Unable to attend: Jacques Molleker
- ❖ Minutes of the April 2024 meeting were approved following a correction.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for April 2024 which showed income of \$25,561.09 and expenses of \$24,720.20 for a monthly gain of \$840.89. The April 2024 balance sheet showed cash of \$495,236.67 compared to \$458,676.00 at the end of April 2023.
- ❖ Discussed ordering permanent missals which could save considerably on the yearly cost from that of our current order. Pam will get quotes from a couple companies.
- ❖ Still waiting on the roof replacement for Church, Rectory, Annex & Parish Center.
- ❖ The Commission reviewed and set the Budget for 2024-2025.
- ❖ Next meeting: June 19, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US FOR THE FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



AND

THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF SR. REBECCA OTTER'S VOWS TO CONSECRATED LIFE

SUNDAY — JUNE 9TH

5:00 PM MASS

(THERE WILL BE NO 10:30 AM MASS)

WITH MEAL AND GAMES FOLLOWING
(MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED, WE ASK THAT
YOU BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE)

BLESSING OF JUNE BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

COME ENJOY AN EVENING FULL OF
FOOD — FELLOWSHIP — FUN!!



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday, June 2nd at the end of Mass there will be a procession from the Church around a few blocks for the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

We invite the First Communion Class to wear your First Communion attire and other children of the parish to join in the procession to scatter flowers.

JUNE AT A GLANCE

- June 2 ~ Corpus Christi Procession following Mass
- June 4 ~ Vocations Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM
- June 4 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- June 4 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- June 6 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- June 7 ~ Columbus Club Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner, 5 to 7
- June 9 ~ Celebration of the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus / 65th Anniversary to Consecrated Life for Sr. Rebecca Mass @ 5:00 PM with Meal & Games following
- June 11 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- June 14 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- June 18 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- June 19 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
- June 19 ~ Holy Hour in Holy Rosary Chapel, 5:00 to 6:00 PM Mass following Holy Hour, 6:00 PM
- June 25 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM



Mark Your
Calendar

TOTUS TUUS
SACRED HEART SUMMER PROGRAM
FOR GRADES 1-12
JULY 14TH-19TH
SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY
GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND
8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD
8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER

Items can be brought to the parish center on Wednesday, July 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Thursday, August 1st from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Winter coats, stocking hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and snow boots accepted. PLEASE NO OTHER CLOTHING OR SHOES



Larned Columbus Club
Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner

Friday — June 7th

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Dine In or Carry Out

Adults: \$12 • Ages 5-12: \$6

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive — 1216 M Road

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) David McMillan | (16) Sofia Gonzalez |
| Adaeze Udaku | Summer Hoss |
| Chris Ryan | (17) Levi Couchman |
| (02) Skyler Denning | Robert Hammeke |
| (03) Lyle Whitten | (18) Pat Birzer |
| (04) Jessi Phelan | Jacques Molleker |
| (05) Rick Carlson | (20) Ron Quimby |
| (06) Madelyn Hammeke | Addison Townsend |
| Phil Martin | Kadence VanSickle |
| Pat Quimby | (23) Shane Foster |
| Vera Schmidt | Danette Unruh |
| (07) Terry Stanton | Dylan Weiszbrod |
| (08) Stacie Kozlowski | (24) Tim Schaller |
| (11) Georgia Bauer | (25) Eli Kelty |
| Joe Garcia | Carolyn Zook |
| Margaret Garcia | (26) Evelyn Smith |
| Clayton Hammeke | (27) Brock Skelton |
| (12) Mallorie Cenicer | (29) Emerson Sullivan |
| Bode Dooley | (30) TaWanna Callahan |
| (13) Lynn Ryan | Trevyn Morris |
| (14) Onyinye Udaku | Drew Smith |
| Kade Scott | |
| (15) Mike Burdett | |
| Sam Sullivan | |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Elmer and Faye Hogan
Phillip and Susan Perez
(02) Skyler and Summer Denning
Joe and Ashley Garcia
Tracy and Jenny Rector
(03) Robert and Jan Alford
(04) Mike and Jana Schartz
Stephen and Kay Schartz
(06) Ron and Pat Quimby
(09) Tony and Linda Lemuz
(12) Cory and Kate Reece
(13) Bob and Sue Haymaker
(16) Jeremy and Liz McDonald
(18) Matthew and Megan Fitzsimmons
Richard and Barbara VonFeldt
(21) Matt and Elizabeth Fisher
(24) Matt and Kathy Stucker
John and Jacque Wasinger
(25) Karl and Cathy Grover
(28) Dennis and Joan Wilson
(29) Rick and Colleen Carlson

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023

	APRIL	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	15,907.00	177,678.87
Special Donations	2,875.00	17,165.00
Endowment		8,000.00
Interest	25.53	253.95
Farm	4,587.56	11,451.05
PSR		23,109.00
Fundraisers		1,887.50
Miscellaneous	2,166.00	98,006.83
TOTAL	\$25,561.09	\$337,552.20
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,921.60	19,016.53
Salaries	14,832.86	143,068.25
Insurance	2,732.00	21,753.00
Utilities	1,928.99	24,257.29
Maintenance	605.26	8,277.11
Improvement		
Office	428.41	9,983.41
PSR	217.46	21,648.14
Farm		1,385.33
Miscellaneous	2,053.62	19,034.40
TOTAL	\$24,720.20	\$268,423.46
		YTD: \$69,128.74

June 2024 ~ MINISTRIES

Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, June 1 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Lector – Dennis Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major)

Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Brian Haberman

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

June 2024 ~ MINISTRIES

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, June 2 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu Udaku / Mary Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac Lemuz (major)

Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Nolan & Emily Dreiling

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Collection Counters: David & Rita O'Gwin



CONGRATULATIONS!

Elmer & Faye Hogan ~ Married 71 years
Bob & Sue Haymaker ~ Married 65 years
Tony & Linda Lemuz ~ Married 62 years
Dennis & Joan Wilson ~ Married 55 years
Karl & Cathy Grover ~ Married 50 years
Phillip & Susan Perez ~ Married 50 years
Tracy & Jenny Rector ~ Married 40 years

June 2024 ~ MINISTRIES

Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, June 8 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major)

Toni Novotny (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Regis Lopata

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, June 15 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Regis Lopata

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major)

Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Todd & Tami Keenan

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, June 22 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major)

Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Toni Novotny / Lee Gilcris

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, June 29 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major)

Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Cindy Perez / Usher

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

June 2024 ~ MINISTRIES

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, June 9 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 5:00 PM / No 10:30 AM Mass

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / John Kelty

Eucharistic Ministers

David O'Gwin (major)

Mary Mitchell (minor)

Servers – Slade & Darby Sundahl / Zoe Fitzsimmons

Ushers – Isaac Lemuz / Tony Lemuz

Gifts – Amanda Clark / Vicki Perez

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, June 16 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Kathy Couchman / Kristy Hagerman

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major)

Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Jenna / Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – Alvie Axman / Shane Sundahl

Gifts – Jason Hammeke Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, June 23 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major)

Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Daniel / Eli / Faith Kelty

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – Tony & Linda Lemuz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O'Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, June 30 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Mary Mitchell / Amy Simmons

Eucharistic Ministers

Kristy Hagerman (major)

Pam Hutfles (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Sharon McGinness / Usher

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez