

## MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Spring Visitors**

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

On April 2, I had the pleasure of hosting Nicole Kemnitzer and her three daughters. Elise, the oldest, was celebrating her 13th birthday and asked that the gift from her family be a visit to Marymount Hermitage for the day. Her younger sisters, Angelina, age 11, and Rachael, age 8, accompanied her. Last summer Nicole and the girls came and we went up into the mountains to collect wildflowers and have a picnic lunch. Apparently, they look forward to this once-a-year visit with me. I thought you would enjoy reading the beautiful thank you notes they wrote.

Dear Sister Mary Beverly,

I had a WONDERFUL experience at Marymount. You are really friendly and welcoming and the place is amazing. Marymount's views are so calming and peaceful and the chapel...It is INCREDI-BLE! There is a peaceful and joyous atmosphere. It's so easy to pray and it's very refreshing at Marymount. It made a wonderful birthday! Thank you SO much, Sister!

> Love. Elise Kemnitzer

Dear Sister Mary Beverly,

Thank you for letting us visit! It was so much fun! It was so beautiful. My favorite part was the chapel. I loved the icons. I also liked the deer.

> Thanks. Angelina Kemnitzer



Elise Kemnitzer, *April 2, 2014 on her* 13th birthday at Marymount Hermitage in the living room of Holy Family House.

Dear Sister Mary Beverly,

I loved the views and the peace and quiet. I had so much fun there. I loved the chapel. I loved to talk to Jesus there. Thank you so much to let us visit your home. (two smiley faces here)

> Love. Rachael Kemnitzer

I had hoped to scan their notes into the computer, so I could reproduce them for the newsletter as they were written. The girls used lovely note paper and their very best penmanship in view of that hope. Alas. I am betwixt and between. I have a new computer and a new program, but have not yet had the time to master it. Hence this newsletter is still being published on my old computer with a familiar program and even then my publishing date is somewhat late. SMB

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Angelina thought the wood-stove would be a fun thing to take care of, seen here in my living room.

Dear Sister Beverly,

Thanks so much for a wonderful day! I love the quiet, reflective atmosphere that surrounds Marymount. It is so beautiful to get away from the sounds and noises of our everyday life and come to a place rich in silence. Even my children quiet down when we are there. We had so much fun praying in the chapel and gazing upon the beautiful icons and images there. Adoration is amazing in your chapel! Thanks. You are such a blessing in our life. It is so special how all my kids love coming there!

We will continue to hold you in our prayers.

Love.

Nicole Kemnitzer



Nicole at prayer in chapel.
Kurt and Nicole
Kemnitzer from
Eagle, Idaho are obviously doing a great job handing on the faith to their daughters and teaching them how to love God and how to pray.



Racheal seems the most drawn of the three girls to the baby grand piano in chapel but they all play.



Elise, Nicole, Rachael and Angelina Kemnitzer (from left to right)

I close this newsletter with a prayer: May this Easter season be a time of grace for you and your loved ones. May the two great Popes, who were canonized on April 27, be a source of powerful intercession for the Church and especially for young families. May Our Lady of Guadalupe help parents to give the great gifts of life and faith to their children. May God bless you and thank you for your prayers.

With love and prayers in the Risen Lord, SMB

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