

Sister Mary Beverly's 50th JUBILEE Mass celebrated on August 23, 2017

To commemorate my Jubilee of consecration to the Lord, I had an icon card printed. The image was written by Brother Claude Lane, OSB of Mt. Angel, OR and the holy card is printed and sold by Conception Abbey, MO. The icon is

Mary, Star of the New Evangelization



In the Gospel of St. Luke, Mary, pregnant with Our Lord “rises and goes in haste to the hill country” to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth. **This is the first evangelization journey.** Mary brings the Word of God, flesh incarnate, to her cousin.

Mary comes to the New World as **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and appears on the hill at Tepeyac to St. Juan Diego, a member of the indigenous people. **This appearance is truly a sign of evangelization in the Americas.**

Mary, daughter of Zion—out of Zion will come forth blessing and refreshment. God’s Word will come from the hill of Zion. **We are evangelized through the Word, so we in turn can evangelize.**

The Jubilee Mass liturgy was that of the Visitation of Mary. The Visitation is my feast day, my name’s day for the “Mary” part of my religious name. This icon is a beautiful expression of the theology of Mary the evangelizer beginning with her visit to Elizabeth. I love the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in honor of my Mexican heritage from my mother, Vera Echeveste Greger. You will notice in the icon that Our Lady has already given birth to Jesus (the black sash is missing). This is our vocation as Christians, to bear Christ within us to others and to give birth to Jesus in our world. Mary is the model of evangelization.

As Bishop Peter Christensen said in his homily: “Sister Beverly, thank you for sharing with us the Lord’s visitation to you and your visitation of His goodness to us. We are given a light for our journey, knowing that Our Lord is present in our world and in the heart of Our Hermit. This is the meaning of Evangelization lived.”

*“My soul magnifies the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God,
my savior...
God who is almighty has done
great things for me,
and holy is his name.”*

Lk. 1:46-47, 49

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Please pray for me.