

In Formation

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Mission Quite Possible

This is your mission should you choose to accept it . . .

Sister Joan Connell gave a special mission to our novices, which they joyfully accepted. The challenge—to build rather

than bake a four-layer cake to hide “Mother Camilla” until she was ready to make an appearance at Camilla Hall’s 50th Anniversary celebration on June 2. Mother Camilla was dressed in a 60’s style habit thanks to the habit wizardry of S. Thomasine. The veil she wore was borrowed from an adorable sister doll who resides in the Villa Maria House of Studies archives. The novices’ reward for successful completion of the mission was to take off in the



tethered hot-air balloon, which was a part of the celebration. The next assignment—perhaps a bit more challenging—was to sing with the choir at the anniversary Mass celebrated by Cardinal Justin Rigali on June 5. The novices enjoyed getting to know the sisters in the choir during their Wednesday night rehearsals led by S. Regina Cecelia. On June 26, the anniversary celebration continued with a cemetery memorial ceremony. The Ancient Order of Hibernians marched into the cemetery playing bagpipes while residents of Camilla Hall were escorted to their chairs. During evening prayer, the novices prepared potted plants to symbolize new life within the community. The novices felt privileged to share in these joyous occasions commemorating the legacy of Camilla Hall.



Preparation for Ministry



Sister Rita James, IHM, has been assisting the senior novices, Sister Bevan and Sister Danielle, in preparing for their new assignments. Classes have included a focus on subject content, lesson planning, technology in the classroom, professional relationships, and classroom management. The sisters have been blessed with a variety of learning experiences including classes with Sister Adrienne Saybolt, IHM, the Reading Institute at Immaculata University, and a workshop on technology provided by the Intermediate Unit. Sister Rita also accompanied the sisters to visit their new schools. During the summer the sisters will continue their classes in preparation for teaching in the fall.