ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1. The name of the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis:
   __________________________________________

2. Contrary to popular belief, Francis was ______ just a lover of animals and nature. He was a real, ___________ man (like _____________!).

3. St. Francis…
   a. Was probably cold on a regular basis because all he wore was a simple ___________
   b. Climbed up a small, forest-covered ______________________________ to pray on a regular basis
   c. ______________________ for 40 straight days on numerous occasions
   d. Was in constant pain from receiving the ______________________________
   e. Allowed a “doctor” to try and fix his __________ with a red-hot iron
   f. Jumped and rolled in a big pile of _______________ in order to clear his mind from impure and tempting thoughts

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

1. Clare was about ______ years younger than Francis and grew up in a family that had even more _____________ than Francis’ family. She was very ___________________ and had all kinds of guys “knocking on her door”. In her late teens her parents wanted her to marry a great and powerful ____________ but she kept saying “No” because she believed her heart belonged solely to ________________.

2. One day, with nothing to do and looking for a form of ___________________________, Clare’s aunt took her to the town square to watch the poor, crazy man Francis, preach. Instead of laughing at Francis, Clare was deeply moved by him. __________ spoke to her through
Francis and from that day forward she ____________ out of her house to meet with him and figure out how she should follow Christ in her life.

3 Eventually, late on Palm Sunday night, Clare snuck out of her house through the little “_________________________” (the side door in many homes which was opened only to carry out the dead) and headed to Francis’ friary wearing a _______________. Upon arrival, Francis ______________ her long, beautiful ______________ and dressed Clare in a beggar’s ______________ just like his. Clare then took her vows of __________________, __________________, and __________________ and was declared married to Jesus that night.

4 Similar to what Francis did with the Franciscans (originally known as the “Little Friars”), Clare started her own order of sisters called “The Poor Ladies”, which would later become known as __________________________ .

5 These sisters wore no ___________ on their feet, slept on the _______________, abstained from ______________, and ______________ only when absolutely necessary or to share the love of Christ with someone. They owned no possessions or property and lived entirely on daily contributions. Eventually, both Clare’s ______________ and ______________ joined her order.

6 Clare is typically pictured holding Jesus in a _______________. This is because in 1244, when a Muslim army attacked Assisi, Clare, even though ill, carried the Blessed Sacrament outside to face at the army. When Clare (and Jesus) arrived at the scene of the impending battle, the Muslims immediately ______________.

7 Clare is the patron saint of __________________. This is because one time, when she was so sick that she couldn’t get out of bed and go to ______________, she received a miraculous vision of ______________ taking place on the brick ______________ of her room.