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DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

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Introduction: What is a Day of Pilgrimage like at Marymount Hermitage? It is basically a day-long group retreat. Through photos taken by the pilgrims on April 22, 2023, I hope that these images tell as much or more than words to answer this question.



Arriving at Marymount Hermitage in Mesa, is the beginning of this pilgrimage. The chapel, amidst sky, desert, and mountain in spring grandeur, invites you to consider our Creator/Father.

The day begins at 9 AM in chapel for a short prayer and welcome talk. This is important for those who have never been here.



After the orientation talk, people walk over to the library.



Mercy House is the center for hospitality. The largest room is the library where classes are held morning and afternoon.

Pilgrims are awaiting the beginning of the first class at 9:30 AM. I was able to teach for the first time for a Day of Pilgrimage, thanks to volunteers who helped with hospitality chores. The classes were based on the book by Dr. Brant



Pitre, [Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper.](#)

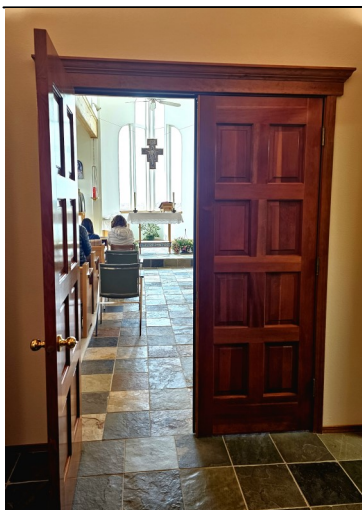
In this photo, Fr. Bill McCann, resident priest at MmH, is seen concentrating on my presentation.

At 10:30 AM, Father Bill McCann and Father Dennis Day were available for confession, while the hour was dedicated to private prayer until time for Mass at mid-day.



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The time for private prayer can be spent in chapel, walking outside or sitting on the patio at the back of Mercy House. Scripture passages based on the Eucharistic teaching were offered as suggestions for Lectio Divina. The morning and afternoon prayer times are the heart of the retreat. The silence and solitude contribute to the atmosphere necessary for heart-to-heart talks with the Lord.

We are joined by neighbors who regularly participate in daily Mass at Marymount Hermitage.



Father Dennis Day, seen above and to the right, concelebrated Mass with Fr. Bill McCann. Father Day generously joins us, driving here from Boise where he lives in the St. John Vianney Center for retired priests of the Diocese of Boise.

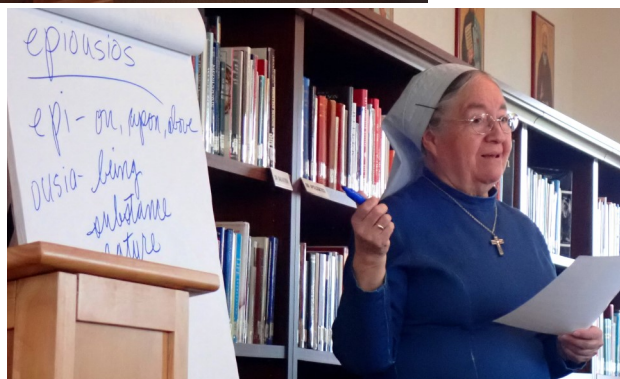


After Mass, at about 12:30 PM, we return to Mercy House for lunch and a social hour.



I said to a pilgrim photographer, "I sure do make a lot of faces when I talk!" She was kind enough to say that it was because I am an animated speaker. Okay.

Here what I have written is all Greek to me!



Kristin Koskella (at left) was kind enough to help me with the many aspects of preparing for the Day of Pilgrimage and hosting it with her daughter, Amanda Carson, who was visiting her from CA. The two ladies managed the lunch and relieved me of most of the end of day work.

The Day of Pilgrimage ends in chapel at 3:30 PM with a short prayer and closing remarks by Sister M. Beverly and



comments by any of the pilgrims. Anyone, who wishes to purchase items from the Gift Shop, is welcome to stay before departing. The tables in the library have the display of offered hand-made gift items.

I sincerely thank the three pilgrims, who sent me these archival photos:
George Bevan, Jr.
Amanda Carson
Helen Glidden

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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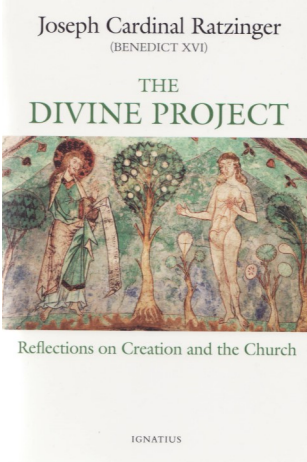
NEXT DAY OF PILGRIMAGE: July 1, 2023 will be the next Day of Pilgrimage at Marymount Hermitage. Father Bill McCann will be the presenter on the topic: "How to Grow in Holiness". Please see the Calendar of Events on the website for more details.

SOLITARY RETREATS: Prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to himself for a time of private prayer. The Hermitage calendar is open for reservations from July through November, 2023. E-mail me to request the dates you are considering and I will reply to help you complete your application process. There is one hermitage, which can accommodate a couple, so any married couple is welcome to reserve the hermitage for their shared retreat.

EUCCHARISTIC PRESENTATION: I will be giving the class on the Eucharist, which I gave for the April 22 Day of Pilgrimage, for the parish of Our Lady of the Lake, McCall, ID, the mission church of St. Katherine Drexel, Cascade, ID, and the mission church of St. Jerome, Riggins, ID in August. I am open to giving this presentation in other parishes to enhance our U.S. Bishops' Eucharistic Revival efforts these two years. A parish group could also invite me.

RECOMMENDED READING: I miss Pope Benedict XVI very much. I pray for him and to him. I regret not being able to read any more new books or encyclicals of his. His writings are so rich and will always be a treasure for the Church. Now recently, someone discovered a set of tapes (misaid in an Austrian Abbey) of Cardinal Ratzinger giving teachings on Creation and the Church. This presentation has been transcribed and published. These topics were the fruit of his profound analysis and meditation in 1985. It is amazing how relevant they are to the Church and the world today. Pope Benedict is beginning to be recognized and hailed as prophetic. I believe that as time goes on, we will appreciate all the more how wise, enlightened and insightful this great theologian and inspired Pope was. This book was published by Ignatius Press in 2022, a small volume of 177 pages. Remember, you can always borrow this or other books from the Marymount library.

NEW SIGNS: The welcome door mats in front of chapel get a lot of use. I was looking for just the right kind and design for use there. By God's providence, I found the perfect one in Reilly's Church Supply &



Gift store in Boise. Jesus saying, "Abide in me,"

(Jn.15:9) is just what we need to hear in our hearts when we enter the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Major road work made Hermitage Lane so smooth that the tendency has been to drive too fast on it. My first concern was the safety of pedestrians. There are often neighbors or retreatants out walking, saying their rosary. My second concern was for the maintenance of the road. When the newly improved road starting quickly to develop washboards, I consulted a local road builder to ask him why this was happening. First of all, it takes about 5 years for the gravel to settle in and be more stable. So that was reassuring. He also was definite about the point that, if people drive too fast on it, it will develop washboards. So I asked him what speed he recommended, to which he replied, "15 MPH, max!" So this is the reason why Hermitage Lane now has four new speed signs: 3 coming in and 1 going out. The only trouble with this new rule is



that I will have to observe it! However, the good news is that, if I can do it, so can you!!! This is important information not only for neighbors and retreatants, but also delivery trucks. Now, the expectation will be clear to all. The signs were actually researched and purchased by Mike Nourse. It was his last gift to Marymount before he died. He had offered to install the signs, but I knew he could not. He was too sick already in May of 2022, so this work was done by our good neighbor from Mesa, Tim Moyer. **PRAYERS REQUESTED:** I ask prayers for some intentions and developments with regard to Marymount Hermitage. Our next non-profit Board meeting is June 6. We will have important details to discuss. We also pray for you, especially at daily Mass. Peace.