



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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RETREATANTS WRITE...

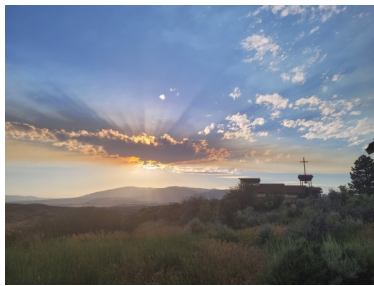
June 2022-May 2023: From the Guest Books in the four hermitages, here are selected quotes...

June 26-29, 2022

A much needed breath of fresh air to my soul! Lord, show me how to incorporate more silence and peace in my life at home. Being more “unplugged” will be a good first step! Thank you as always, Sr. Beverly, for your hospitality and friendship.

It was a joy to get acquainted with Father Bill McCann as well! May God continue to bless all you do here!

Love & prayers always,
April A.
Meridian, ID



*Magnificent sunset with
Cuddy Mt. in background and
Chapel in foreground.
(Photo by April A.)*

June 26-29, 2022

My first night here, I read through the entries in this [guest] book. I was interested in what other retreatants had to say. I came to the entry dated June 24-July 2, 2019 and it spoke directly to my heart and my head. Father St. Hilaire wrote, (not a direct quote) *Marymount is not a place to escape the troubles etc. of the world, but to discover they are all in God's hands.* That led my time here. As always the joy and love of Sister Beverly is intoxicating. And Father Bill is a wonderful addition to our time here. Many thanks. God bless until next time.

Maryann S.
Holy Apostles Parish
Meridian, ID

June 11-July 5, 2022

God bless Sister Beverly for her hospitality and prayerful presence. I shall return. Once again I responded to God's call to “Come apart and pray.” I

was weary and burdened with responsibilities. I return home rested and refreshed.

Blessings!

Sister Josephine P. SSMO
St. Mary of the Valley Convent
Beaverton, OR

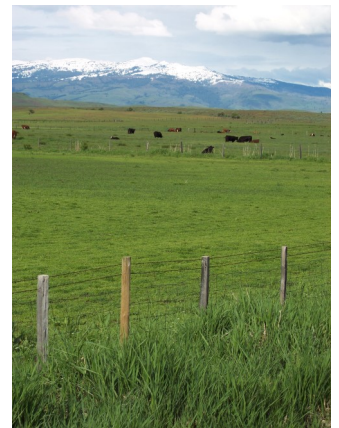
July 27-30, 2022

My plan was to trek by bicycle from Boise to the western shore of Cascade Lake via U.S. 95 and the Middle Fork Road/ Forest Service Road #186, pausing here at Marymount Hermitage for a short, inexpensive day of rest before beginning a 35 mile charge through the wilderness on a gravel road up 3,100 feet to the far ridge then down to Cascade Lake.

My plans are my plans, not God's plan for me. An irreparable flat tire has kept me here for four days in the peaceful, loving, restorative company of the grace-filled Sister Mary Beverly.

I am better for it and hope dearly to return.

Earl B.
Ben Avon, PA



Mt. Council

August 7-11, 2022

*The best thing that goes on in
a hermitage is nothing.*

(Thomas Merton from *Thomas Merton-Brother Monk*)

That must be why I'm always in such a hurry to get here to Marymount. It seems to others that I'm really doing something—“going to a hermitage”. Sounds a lot like something. But I agree with Merton—the best part is the “nothing”. The space in between. M. Basil Pennington, OCSO calls it “when we simply are to God and God is to us.”

Once at a family gathering, I was leaving to come here. I pushed back from the table &

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said, "Well, I better get going to Marymount." My son wryly quipped. "Yea, you wouldn't want to be late to do nothing!" I don't. I never want to be late to Marymount, to do nothing. Because nothing is the best thing that goes on in a hermitage.

Heidi G.
Boise, ID

October 2-6, 2022

Thank you, Sr.
Mary Beverly, for
your Benedictine
hospitality and for
creating an

environment of solitude to meet God heart-to-heart, to walk on Holy Ground to ground myself in calm and to allow the wings of my soul to soar. So very grateful for your vision and the Father Bill's priestly service and gifts. I can't wait to come back and refill my thirst!

Mary Therese A.
Joseph, OR

October 2-6, 2022

Psalm 92:1-5

A Hymn of Thanksgiving for God's Fidelity

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
to proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness
in the night...for you make me jubilant, Lord...*

I am so thankful to be refreshed, re-oriented, re-birthing at Marymount once again. From the moment we passed through the entrance gates, He has directed my paths and loved me back to Life.

The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords truly does reign in the chapel with the Heavenly Hosts! I cherish my night alone with Him as the sun sets with all its colors and one by one the stars reveal themselves in the dark sky while the moon steadily smiles upon us.

The Communion of Saints is strong here—they leave unmistakable touches throughout my retreat. Butterfly kisses? Definitely much wisdom, love & laughter.

With Mother Mary, I leave with a song of praise on my lips and in my heart:

*The Mighty One has done great things for me
and HOLY IS HIS NAME!!!*



Totally BLESSED!!!

Janel A.
Asotin, WA

October 15-16, 2022

Another wonderful & reflective time at Marymount! The pilgrimage with Father Dominique V.S. teaching about Saints Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux and how to become closer to God was very enlightening. Along with Father Bill's reflections at Mass both Saturday and Sunday, this time at Marymount has been the great calmer downer! It is so peaceful & beautiful here, comforting & refreshing. Thank you, Sister Beverly, for your gracious hospitality, sense of humor & joy and your love! You are a true Blessing. God continues to do great things for us!

Freda M.
Meridian, ID

October 15-16, 2022

God's mercies are
new every day!

Thank you, Sister
Beverly and Father
Bill, for your gift of
hospitality & service.

I had a wonderful day of retreat with Father Dominique, V.S., and the "Doctor of Perfection" and the "Doctor of Mercy & Hope". It was a great blessing since I am discerning with the Secular Carmelites & this is a great "warm-up" & focus for next week-end's three-day silent retreat with the Carmelites.

May God continue to bless you, Sister, and Father Bill, and all things at Marymount Hermitage.

Mary most holy, pray for us all.

Lesley M.
Meridian, ID

March 18-26, 2023

Dear Sister Mary Beverly,

I am again humbled and grateful and full of graces from this week's love-gift of time with Jesus and with you!

I never want to see the time here end, but one of the graces from this week is the thought that every moment forward, whether in joy or in sorrow, is one moment closer to eternity, where there is no time and where we will ever be in the presence of the Lord and never have to leave!



Mercy House at dawn

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With love & prayers,
Suzanne S.
Boise, ID

April 21-25, 2023

Once again, I am so deeply thankful for Marymount, for God's goodness and grace in bringing me here to be held in His embrace and for you, Sister Mary Beverly, for your prayerfulness and faithfulness. We are all reaping the fruit of your faithfulness.

It is good to know that the peace of Marymount's silence and prayer—God's nearness—will enrich and protect us as we head home.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ's love,
Nancy V.
Bozeman, MT



Deacon Caleb Cunningham, Dcn. Timothy Segert, Fr. Bill McCann and Dcn. Nelson Cintra (L to R) ready to pray Lauds and Mass on May 10, 2023 while the deacons were on their canonical retreat before priestly ordination in June.

April 21-23, 2023

Another peaceful, refreshing retreat at beautiful Marymount. I so enjoyed your teaching about the Eucharist. You always go into such detail that imparts so much meaning & understanding. Thank you so much for a beautiful lesson & your warm loving Hospitality! God's beauty surrounds this Holy Place—the beautiful snow-capped mountains—the songbirds especially the meadowlarks (we had in OK and KS), the sage grouse putting on their show! The quiet & peacefulness. Thank you, Father Bill, for your service to the Lord, Masses and confession! In Christ's love,
Freda M.
Meridian, ID

April 21-23, 2023

Everything is Grace: St. Therese the Little Flower

As always time at Marymount is full of graces & always way too short! Thank you for a beautiful

lesson on the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist and for your ever-gracious hospitality.
Until next time...God willing.
Love & prayers in our Risen Lord,
Lesley M.
Meridian, ID

May 7-13, 2023

This was my first time staying at Marymount, but hopefully not my last. I love it here—the quiet, the scenery, the people. It is a great reintroduction to Idaho after getting back from seven years on and off in Oregon [at Mount Angel seminary]. Many blessings to this place for all the good God brought me through your hands.
Deacon Tim Segert



Deacon Timothy Segert reading the Gospel at Mass on May 12, 2023.



May 8-16, 2023

Thank you, Sister Beverly and Father Bill, for the hospitality and direction in my canonical retreat in preparation for priestly ordination. I very much look forward to returning to once again encounter the Lord in the silence on the Mount of Mary.
+Deacon Nelson Cintra

Deacon Nelson (at left) at prayer in chapel in the early morning during his time of retreat.

NOTE: Deacon Caleb is being ordained for Diocese of Baker, OR. The other two are being ordained priests on June 8, 2023 for the Diocese of Boise.

May 29-30, 2023

We were blessed to have had the opportunity to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary at Marymount this visit; something we would love to make a tradition! This is such a holy place! And now to learn that our Church, in her wisdom, has declared the Monday following Pentecost a feast in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church—the title selected by Sister Beverly at the founding of Marymount—how great that we could celebrate both events with you and Father Bill!!!

The time of prayer, of rest, of silence was so beautiful! Thank you.

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Our holy conversation with you and Fr. Bill was a joy as well. We look forward to seeing you both again soon down in Boise, and to deepening our friendship with you both. God bless you and all who find respite in this oasis of God's Grace!
Keith P.

With our love and prayers, always, and our deepest thanks+++
Michelle P.
Boise, ID

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEW ICON: This icon of the Holy Family was Fr. Bill McCann's gift to me this Christmas. I thought the only worthy place for it to be was in the chapel over the tabernacle. It was installed for Pentecost, on May 28, 2023. After Mass, Father Bill blessed it. With marriage and family under attack in our country and culture today, it seems best to be reminded of the Holy

Family and ask them to help us protect the dignity of every human life, even unborn or disabled, and true marriage between one man and one woman for life.

MmH, INC.: Marymount Hermitage is a non-profit corporation in the State of Idaho. As such, there is a legal requirement to have an annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board Meeting for this year was on June 6. We prayerfully remembered the sudden death of Bill Bader on June 26, 2022, our Board member and treasurer and the unexpected death of our former Board member and near neighbor, Mike Nourse on Sept. 2, 2022. R.I.P.

One topic under discussion was the need to raise prices for some sale items and the retreatant's fees given the



(L-R) Joanne Wood, Sister Michael Francine Duncan, SSMO, Sister M. Beverly, HSM, and Michael Wack are the current Board of Directors for Marymount Hermitage, Inc.
(Photo by Sister Krista, SSMO on June 6, 2023.)

current financial situation in our country. I will share those specifics when they are implemented. We still remember and abide by the injunction in the Rule of St. Benedict that we offer what we make to sell under the going commercial rate.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: From May 7-13, Fr. Bill was retreat master for the three deacons who were preparing for ordination to the priesthood. Pastores Dabo Vobis: Give Us Pastors by St. Pope John Paul II was the theme for their daily reflections and discussions. By all reports, the retreat was a grace-filled time. Then on June 8, 2023, Father Bill and I drove to Boise for the Ordination Mass for Deacon Nelson Cintra and Deacon Timothy Segert. It was a truly joyous and glorious celebration, totally unforgettable.



The heart of the ordination ritual is the Bishop laying his hands on the head of the man to be ordained a priest. Then the Bishop anoints the hands of the new priest with chrism. This gesture imparts the sweetness and strength of the Holy Spirit. In photo at left Father Timothy's hands are anointed by Bishop Peter Christensen, Bishop of Boise, in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

There are some ritual prayers for the new priest and in one, the Bishop hands him the paten as a symbol of the new priest's role to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass. In photo to right, Bishop Peter offers the paten to Father Nelson. Deacon Caleb Cunningham assisted at the altar for this Mass, seen in photo standing between Bishop Peter and Father Nelson.



(2 photos taken by Jerry Doherty, who was sitting next to me during the Ordination Mass. His daughter, Mary Ruth, graciously emailed this set for my use.)

DAY OF PILGRIMAGE: The last group retreat for 2023 is on September 2. Father Dominique, V.S. will be the presenter on the theme of the Book of Revelation. Only 30 people will be accepted, so please apply early if you wish to attend. See this website's **Calendar of Events** for more details for this day.