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RETREATS OF TWO KINDS

A SOLITARY RETREAT

By Father Brian Kromholtz, O.P.

Dear Sister Beverly,

Thank you for hosting me at Marymount Hermitage for my annual retreat.

Your chapel, simply adorned and beautifully structured, was conducive to contemplative and liturgical prayer. The library's holdings are ample for a retreatant's needs. Despite the late-July heat, both chapel and library were naturally cooler than one would expect. The beautiful 360-degree landscape view of God's creation from all points on the property enhanced the prayerfulness of my time there. My hermitage was comfortable and well-appointed, allowing for quiet meals and rest.

Thanks be to God for this spiritual oasis in the high desert of west-central Idaho!

With gratitude in Christ,

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A GROUP RETREAT

By Sister Mary Beverly, H.S.M.

Exiled to the Greek island of Patmos, St. John the Beloved received a series of mystical visions, which he wrote down so that persecuted Christians of his day (and ours) would anchor their hope in the ultimate victory of Christ and of his faithful Church. In our current culture of despair, the life-giving Word of God has even greater relevance. But do we understand what we read? Under the title of "Food for Our Hope", Father Dominique Faure, V.S. taught two profound, enlightening classes on the Book of Revelation for 30 pilgrims who spent the day in prayer on September 2, 2023.



Mass at midday was a continuation of receiving food for the soul. During hours of private prayer, morning and afternoon, Fr. Dominique, Fr. Bill McCann, resident at Marymount, and Fr. Tom Loucks, resident at St. John Vianney Retirement Center in Boise were available to hear confessions. The day of prayer and peace, silence and solitude made conversation over lunch all the more welcome and rich. A local restaurant catered the lunch which was nourishing, delicious food for the body.

The *Calendar of Events* on the Marymount website marymount-hermitage.org will announce the Days of Pilgrimage for 2024.

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FOOD FOR OUR HOPE

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Sister M. Beverly welcomes pilgrims and explains the goals and schedule for the day.



*Moments at Mass:
Father Dominique
was the celebrant
with con-celebrants:
Fr. Bill McCann (R)*



*and Father Tom Loucks
(center left).*



*Father Dominique, V.S.
begins the morning class in the
library of Mercy House.*



*Brother Juan, Father
Dominique, and Brother
Joseph, walking with Sr.
Beverly. V.S. stands for
Verbum Spei, which is
Latin for Word of Hope.
This new international
community of men has an English speaking house of
formation in Boise, ID named Our Lady of Ephesus
Monastery.*

*Lunch scenes:
Father Tom
Loucks at end
of table and
below, Father
Bill McCann
(center) with
Father
Dominique (R)
at table.*



MEMORIAL
Michael E. Nourse
by
Ceara M. Nourse



*[Photos of the Day of Pilgrimage on pages one
and two by Helen Glidden.]*

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COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister Mary Beverly, H.S.M.

2024 SCHEDULE: July 17-21 is the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. I have already purchased my 5-day pass for the event. I will spend two weeks in Indiana to visit family and friends there and to participate in the grace of the Congress. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to this event.

Marymount Hermitage will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2024. Bishop Peter F. Christensen, Bishop of Boise, will be offering Mass for us here one day in September or October 2024. As soon as a date is confirmed, I will let you know. All are welcome to this public Mass and celebration.

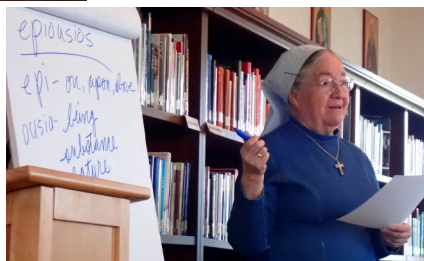
SALT & LIGHT RADIO: I have been invited to teach on our local Catholic radio station. My one-hour class was recorded and transformed into 5 segments broadcast on Wednesdays at 7:45 AM. Once the segment is broadcast, it is archived on the website and can be heard there either under the Morning Light podcast or the Education section. This class is pointing to the Eucharistic Revival in which we are graced to participate in our country. This first class is titled "The Manna of the Messiah" and is a summary of Chapter 4 of the book by Dr. Brant Pitre, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. Three segments have been broadcast already and the next one, #4 will air on Weds. Sept. 13. I will record a second class on Sept. 17 and it will be broadcast in the same way when it is ready to go. The second class is a summary of Chapter 5 from the same book entitled "The Bread of Presence".



"The Manna of the Messiah" was the subject of the Day of Pilgrimage on April 22, 2023. I will also be giving this presentation this year to the parish in McCall, Idaho on Sept. 17, to the

mission church in Cascade, ID on Oct. 15 and to the mission church in Riggins, ID on Oct. 21.

I was invited by the parish of St. Nicholas in Rupert, ID to lead a women's retreat on Saturday, Sept. 9, and this same teaching was the subject of the two presentations for that day of prayer and fellowship. I thank Father Brad Neely and Father Camilo Garcia Delgado for their invitations to their parishes.



AUGUST 15 VOW RENEWAL: I have a custom of renewing my Hermit vows publicly on the day I became a religious Sister. This year I celebrated my 56th Jubilee. Father Brad Neely of Our Lady of the Lake was gracious enough to allow me to renew my vows during Mass on Our Lady's feast day. I see this as a public witness to religious life in general and believe people are happy to see and hear a Sister's vows. Most people have never been to a religious profession Mass, so it is a new experience for them.



This photo of Father Brad Neely blessing me after my profession of vows was taken by someone in the parish and published in the parish bulletin. I was touched by people's heartfelt joy and gratitude to me.

HOUSE RENOVATION: Each of the buildings at Marymount Hermitage has a name. Sister Rebecca Mary and I named the house we lived in Holy Family House (HFH). This house is now 23 years old and nothing has been done to it since it was built and installed next to chapel. The other older buildings have all had major renovations done in the last ten years. This will be the last one to have work done. It needs new steps to the front door and a porch, back door steps, new windows and work on the trim and painting as needed to certain areas. If you would like to contribute to this necessary upgrade, please prayerfully consider it. Any amount small or great is welcome!