



# MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE 40TH JUBILEE YEAR

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## JUBILEE GUEST HOUSE: Part II

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

The newest building at Marymount Hermitage is about half done now...astonishing progress, especially for a rural area, and considering I am fundraising as we go, constructing only what I can pay for at the end of each month. The exterior is only in need of siding & window trim boards. The roof is completely finished. The various tradesmen have their "rough in" work done on the inside: plumbing, HVAC, electrical. These are the ways God has shown us this is his will and he is blessing this work for the benefit of future guests. Thank you to our many and generous benefactors, who have helped to date, some more than once. Please pray too. God bless you all!

Jubilee Guest House is about 4,000 sq. ft. and has five bedrooms to accommodate either single retreatants or married couples.

Each bedroom has a queen size bed and its own full bathroom. Rooms are large enough to be used as a sitting room, with space for an easy chair, a small table & two chairs or a desk. The back will have a large patio.

The Guest House is meant to have the feel and look of an old farmhouse, warm and welcoming, by design. The building is in the shape of a cross and the Crucified Jesus will be a special feature of the large living room. That great room will have niches created with the furniture, so that retreatants can find their own day-time private space to read, write, pray or study, while enjoying the many

windows facing the spectacular mountain scenery to the NE. Silence and solitude are the hallmarks of a retreat

and so it is for this building. There will be no phone line, no computer, no Internet, no Wi-fi, no TV. Real silence for seeking the Lord!

Jubilee Guest House can also accommodate a reservation by a small group to host their annual retreat. The entire building can accommodate a group of 10-12 people easily. The large dining room can be used comfortably, if such a group decides to share one or more meals together each day. The kitchen is also large enough to allow small groups of people working to prepare food for the communal meal.

One feature of the Guest House, which I am excited about, is the master bedroom, or the "Anniversary Suite". That wing of the building is the same size as the wing with the four bedrooms. It has a bathroom with two sinks. The room is actually the size of a small apartment, designed with some special retreatants in mind, such as those celebrating their wedding anniversary, or an individual or couple staying more long term, such as for a month or more. Couples scheduling a retreat, which include their wedding anniversary, will have that day free of charge, to thank God for the gift your marriage and family are to the Church.

### Frequently asked questions:

*What's in a name?* This is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Marymount Hermitage. This new Guest House will be a permanent memorial to our Ruby Jubilee.

*When will it be finished?* By spring of 2025, God willing.

*When can I request a room reservation in the new building?* Send an email in February or March, and we will see where we are by then.

*Will the four original hermitages still be avail-*

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## JUBILEE GUEST HOUSE: II

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able for retreat reservations? Definitely! Building #6, Mary's House, has had major interior renovations these past three years and, now that Father Bill McCann is not living here, the hermitage is available again for retreatants. *What is the cost for making a retreat?* Beginning January 1, 2025, whether the reservation is for a hermitage or a room in the Jubilee House, the fee for a single person is \$85/night for 1-2 nights and \$75/night for 3 or more nights. The fee for a married couple is \$120/night for 1-2 nights and \$110/night for 3 or more nights.

Catholic priests can make retreats for free in exchange for daily Mass, as long as there is not a resident priest or the presence of another priest with a prior reservation.

Please let me know your questions and I will gladly try to answer them in the November newsletter.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

**MARYMOUNT MAINTENANCE:** Besides the new construction for Jubilee House, the summer has been a time for a variety of major and minor repairs to the older buildings. Holy Family House, the house I live in, has never had a real front porch and after 24 years, this was desperately needed. Thanks to the dedication and combined work of Bryan and Mariah Wells (daughter of Jack Roberts, the main contractor for Jubilee House), this new porch is now installed as well as upgrades to the window trim and paint on the front of my house. The old windows needed replacing, so Jack and Bryan had installed the new windows to my house. Next spring Bryan and Mariah will hopefully be able to finish the exterior of the other three sides of my house, with help maybe from their little sons, Sawyer and Stratton. It has been probably two generations since children worked at Marymount, so that was a special joy for me this summer. In the old days, I did interior and exterior painting, but now my contribution to hard work is baking brownies to treat the appreciated strong workers.



Stratton (R) helping Mom, Mariah, and Dad, Bryan, build the new porch on October 2.



Wells family work day, September 13, 2024.



The new house and hallway windows also needed new mini-blinds, which Ron Moore (L) adeptly installed.



This new porch with re-purposed lumber from the Roberts and Wells families was finished by Bryan on Oct. 3, 2024. I appreciate the many ways individuals and families contribute to the support of Marymount Hermitage.

### MEMORIALS MICHAEL E. NOURSE

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### SALT & LIGHT RADIO

**BOISE:** Oct. 23 will be the broadcast date for the first visual podcast I have made with Natalie Lair.

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