



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE 40TH JUBILEE YEAR

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MARYMOUNT'S RUBY JUBILEE

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM & Photos by Helen Glidden



Bishop Peter Christensen begins the 40th Anniversary Mass on Oct. 12, 2024 at Marymount Hermitage, Mesa, ID, with the Knights of Columbus from Risen Christ parish in Boise adding solemnity and elegance to the celebration.



Sherry and Ron Moore bring up the offertory gifts which Father Jerry Funke receives. Sr. Charlene looks on.



Bishop Peter elevates the paten and chalice for our great Amen.

About 50-60 people joined us for this special Mass and we were able to sing well, even without any musicians.



Bishop Peter gives the sign of peace to Paula Roberts and Jack Roberts, the general contractor for Jubilee Guest House. At the end of Mass, Bishop gave Jack a special blessing meant for him and for all the crews, past, present and future.



Sister Mary Beverly receives communion from Bishop Peter and she then assisted the Bishop and the two guest priests with distribution of communion to the congregation.



Before the final hymn, Sister Beverly gave her remarks which included expressions of gratitude to many and some archival stories. There were 3 people present, who also came to Mass on Nov. 19, 1984 with Bishop Sylvester W Treinen.

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HIGHLIGHTS from BISHOP PETER CHRISTENSEN'S HOMILY at the JUBILEE MASS



"This is a joyous occasion. By the crowd, it is obvious how impactful Marymount Hermitage has been to such a wide and varied group of people. I want to thank Father Jerry Funke and Father Tom Keller for being here as guests and concelebrants. Sister Charlene was here for the first Mass 40 years ago. Welcome to Sister Anna, who is also from the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon. I am glad you are all

here today. Sister Beverly, thank you!"

"The name Marymount Hermitage was chosen by the founding bishop, Bishop Sylvester W. Treinen. 'Mary' was chosen because the original two Sisters were Hermit Sister, Sister Rebecca Mary and Mary Beverly, who were dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Mother. 'Mount' was chosen because this Hermitage is surrounded by mountains. 'Hermitage' was chosen because the two Hermit Sisters who lived here made it their home. The name is perfect!"

"As Hermit Sisters of Mary, their vocation is prayer for the Church and for the salvation of souls, with the special intention of praying for the priests of the Diocese of Boise and for new priestly vocations for Idaho. This vocation has rung true as I see the fruit of their prayer that takes place here and throughout our diocese."

"Before I ever met Sister Beverly, before I ever set foot in the diocese, I had great respect for Sister. She wrote me a letter letting me know what she saw as the greatest need of the diocese as I prepared to enter Idaho. As it turns out, for an unknown reason, I had been finding myself praying for the priests serving here before I ever arrived. Sister, in her letter, said that the needs of the priests were first and foremost on her mind and heart."

"Confirmation—a great lady! When we met in person, the truth of my anticipated respect for her was validated. For these past almost 10 years, that has not changed!"

"I would like to expound on some of Bishop Treinen's thoughts with comparisons. The land: it is expansive, not complicated, a desert with hidden treasures of beauty that come alive each spring, filling the landscape with tiny wildflowers not seen in other places."

"Sister Beverly in her somewhat ordinary denim wear. Nothing extravagant, but a treasure of wisdom, grace and a deep faith that gives witness to her love of God within. There is always more to Sister Beverly than what meets the eye."

"The desert and the mountains offer a warm welcome. There's plenty of room to contemplate the mysteries of one's relationship with the Trinity. The seasons too give a wide variety of vistas. They are always the same and always new. There is a stable balance and support in this land that holds you secure."

"Sister Beverly cares for those who come to Marymount



by the hospitality she offers. Priests feel especially welcomed here. They feel safe, comforted, encouraged and nurtured by their times of retreat at Marymount. Sister lets her guests move at their own pace, taking in all that Marymount has to offer. It is a sanctuary of peace and comfort, which she offers. The promise of her prayers lets you know that she cares for you and, more importantly, God does too. We are held by her deep faith before the Lord."

"The readings for today were chosen by Sister Beverly and it is not surprising why they were selected. The account from the Acts of the Apostles follows immediately from Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. The Apostles were in the Upper Room devoting themselves to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus." (Acts. 1:14)

The Gospel account is when Jesus, from the Cross, spoke the words: 'It is finished.' (Jn. 19:30) Mary must have immediately known that her Son had completed what he came to do. Earlier, at the Wedding at Cana (Jn. 2:2-5), when she interceded for him to act upon the need of the bride and groom who ran out of wine, Jesus replied 'My time has not yet come.' Then Mary had said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Jesus responds to his mother's request and we have the miracle of water being transformed into the best and abundant wine for the wedding celebration. Yet it was only a foreshadowing of a much greater work that he already had in mind. At the Crucifixion, immediately following Jesus' death, a soldier thrust a lance into his side, and blood and water flowed out. (Jn.19:34) It was a new cleansing in the waters of baptism and a new life in the shedding of his blood as those who receive from the chalice of life, the most abundant and transformative gift of all, Jesus Himself!"

"Mary knew Jesus' mission was being fulfilled. Jesus knew that we would benefit by having a share in her life as well, for she understands the mysteries we are to receive from her Son."

"Sister Mary Beverly, we celebrate your walk with Jesus today that has provided for us during these 40 years, a place of sanctuary and support for our souls, a place of tender love as we too are presented to and held by a deeper relationship with our loving, Blessed Mother, who shares with us the source of all love, her beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Thank you, Sister!"



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Bishop Peter Christensen, flanked by the KC Color Guard, with Fr. Tom Keller and Fr. Jerry Funke, guests and concelebrants, who are retired priests of the Diocese of Boise.



Sr. Charlene Herinckx, SSMO and Sister Beverly have been friends since high school!



Father Jerry Funke with Sister Beverly outside chapel after Mass on October 12, 2024.

COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

JUBILEE GUEST HOUSE: According to Jack Roberts, the general contractor, the new building is about half done. The roof is complete, the building is enclosed with house wrap and the crews have finished their “rough ins” and passed inspections. We made a pause in work in October, except for the electricians’ rough in work which is now complete also.

FUNDRAISING: I am still working hard at getting the information about this project out to the public in an effort to inspire donations to Jubilee House. \$350,000 was raised to date and has all been paid out to workmen for labor and materials for the period July–September, 2024. \$270,000 is needed just for the work projected to be done, God willing, in November. The first task is installing hardboard siding to complete the exterior of the Jubilee House. Please join me in prayers to St. Joseph that money will be forthcoming, so the guest house will be finished, open and operative in the spring of 2025.

DONATIONS: In writing a check, please make it out to Marymount Hermitage and send it in the US mail to 2150 Hermitage Lane, Mesa, ID 83643. If you intend for the donation to be used for the Jubilee Guest House, please write the designation on your check or in your note. Unspecified donations will be used for the regular bills, maintenance and upkeep of Marymount Hermitage. Tax receipts are available upon request. Donations are acknowledged with a hand-written *Thank You* note.

SALT & LIGHT RADIO BOISE: Natalie Lair, the new social media manager at the station, interviewed me as a part of her series on Discerning Vocations in the Church. I tell my vocation story with regard to religious life as a teacher and now my vocation as a diocesan hermit. The visual podcast was broadcast on October 23, 2024. The title is “100 Acres of Faith: The Story Behind Marymount Hermitage.” You can access it on the S&L website.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Thanks to the efforts of Philip Anthony Janquart, editor/reporter of the Weiser Signal American, an article about Marymount Hermitage and the construction of Jubilee Guest House was published the week of October 7, 2024. Visit their website for the text.

Philip also offered to attend the Jubilee Mass on Oct. 12 and take photos and write an article for the Idaho Catholic Register. His article, accepted by the editor, will be published on November 1 (Vol. #67 No. 14) and available on the website of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise.

MEMORIAL
FATHER THOMAS MAHONEY
by Michael and Sarah Mahoney
of McLean, VA

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