



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETING & JUBILEE HOUSE TOUR

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

Marymount Hermitage, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. As such there is a Board of Directors which is responsible for the financial decisions, policies and management of the 100 acres and 13 buildings, which make up most of the assets of Marymount. I am deeply grateful to these very talented, hard-working and loyal friends, who volunteer their time to help me as Superior of Marymount and President of the Board. We meet once a year and it is intense, productive work and an enjoyable time to be together.

This year we met on May 28. Since we had a priest on retreat from the Archdiocese of Seattle, we began our day with Mass. The current Board of Directors include Sister Michael Francine Duncan, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon in Beaverton, who serves as our secretary; Michael Wack from Etna Green, IN, who is our treasurer; Deacon Derrick O'Neil, from the Cathedral parish in Boise, ID; and Joanne Wood, from McCall, ID, who has been our friend from the earliest days of Marymount Hermitage. There is an amazing variety of professional backgrounds and life experiences in this group, which contributes positively to discussions and decisions about all the issues raised during a meeting.



MmH Board Members from L to R: Mike Wack, Sister Mary Beverly, Joanne Wood, Sister Michael Francine, SSMO, and Deacon Derrick O'Neill in front of the fireplace in Mercy House after our May 28, 2025 meeting.

Since Jubilee Guest House is costing just under a million dollars, the Board made a special review of financial statements, accounting practices, and legal status to make sure every technical aspect of the corporation was in good order. We completed the update to the Bylaws of the corporation, which is submitted to Adams County. One new practice, which I have now instituted, is the formal, legal letter donors receive for gifts of \$100 or more. Donors who send monthly donations, will receive a tax acknowledgement letter at the end of the year. To help with accounting and federal reporting, I have hired Michael Muir as CPA. Mike is a Catholic and very active in his parish of St. Agnes in Weiser, ID. It looks like there is enough money to complete the construction of Jubilee Guest House this month. If so, approximately \$100,000 is available yet to buy furniture and household supplies for the new facility.



Naturally, since the Jubilee Guest House featured so prominently in the Board meeting, the directors were eager to tour and see the building for themselves, which we did at the conclusion of the meeting before lunch. From the photo above, you can see that it was a regular work day for various tradesmen and crews. The photos for this article are from Sister Krista von Borstel, SSMO, who accompanied Sr. Michael Francine on this visit. Sister Krista gifted me with wonderful cedar wood signs, which she had made for all the buildings at Marymount Hermitage. The sign for Jubilee House was installed while the Board members were still here. They had an opportunity to meet the general contractor, Jack Roberts of PMR, Inc. from Council, ID. Also accompanying us on the Jubilee House tour was Denise Wack, Mike Wack's wife. The radiantly, beautiful, sunny, spring day seemed to capture the aura of both

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the Easter season and our joy at the near completion of the Jubilee Guest House.



This photo shows Joanne, Derrick, Jack Roberts and SMB entering the kitchen from the dining room. The feature of the white kitchen is the black quartz top for the island.

This custom-made buffet dominates one side of the large dining room. The other side will have a custom-made table with 12 chairs.



Sister Beverly and Sister Krista hold the new sign she created for the Jubilee House. The front door of Jubilee House is open behind us.

Jubilee Guest House as it appears as you walk to it from the Mercy House library.



We were out for a walk before sunset and the direct light from the west gave the Jubilee House a warm, welcoming, yellow glow. The sign was installed earlier in the day. Mike and Denise Wack are seen in the photo to the left.



Mountains surround us on all sides at Marymount. We were walking toward chapel before sunset as this stunning photo shows. The one pine tree has gotten very tall!

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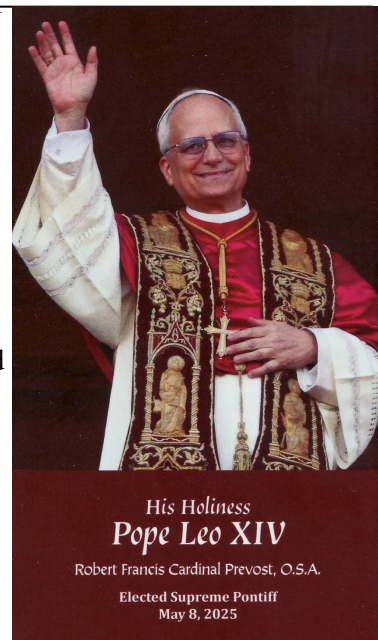
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OUR NEW HOLY FATHER, POPE LEO:

It was love at first sight! I admit I fell in love with our new Holy Father when he presented himself on the loggia on May 8, 2025. There was a warmth and peace, joy and humility in his person and power and depth in his words. I heard him in Italian before I read an English translation and even so I was thinking, "He will be a bridge-builder." It was later that I found he was using that very image in his address. PONTIFEX...Latin for BRIDGE BUILDER.

May we Americans be proud to call this Pontiff our own and may he help us to be more courageously Catholic in public. Jesus wants us to be the bridge, so that God can approach people, who are so lost and in need of Him. With all our hearts, let us pray for Pope Leo XIV.

GRATITUDE: Thank you to those who continue to support Marymount Hermitage and the new Jubilee Guest House. I am using money this month to pay the last of the construction crews, for furniture and household supplies, so the building is functional and ready to open. Blessings!



His Holiness
Pope Leo XIV

Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, O.S.A.
Elected Supreme Pontiff
May 8, 2025

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