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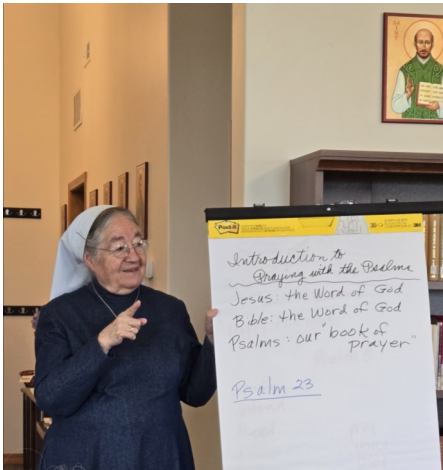
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DAY OF PILGRIMAGE on May 2

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM



The second Day of Pilgrimage for 2026 began with a welcome to the 34 pilgrims, short introduction to Sr. M. Beverly and Father Jerry Funke as presenters, and a description of the campus and buildings of Marymount Hermitage for those who were new comers. We then walked over to the library for the first class.



The theme for the day retreat was prayer with a focus on praying with the psalms. Sister Beverly's morning class was on the psalms as the inspired Word of God. The fact that the psalms are Hebrew poetry, made to be sung, is also an important aspect of their literary structure which helps us to understand them better. What did King David's inspired prayers sound like when they were sung accompanied by instruments? We know because the melodies would sound like Gregorian chant.



It is astonishing that prayers thousands of years old would have sounded familiar to us! The content of the psalms was put in the historical and religious context of the times in which they were written. "Lord of lords and King of kings" is an expression which makes more sense to us with such insight. The psalms need to be understood to become our



personal prayer. Pilgrims then had an hour of private prayer with the psalms. After that was Mass at midday. This photo of Father Jerry reverencing the Gospel expresses the attitude with which we receive everything in the Bible: Jesus, the Word of God.

Father Jerry is such a great homilist and teacher. Many of the pilgrims came because he was their beloved pastor at St. Paul's parish in Nampa and at St. Agnes parish in Weiser, ID. I thank Wendy Quarve from St.



Paul's who played the piano and led the songs so beautifully!



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After Mass, we all gathered at the Jubilee House to get our catered lunch from a Council restaurant and to have a leisurely meal and conversation. All photos are by Helen Glidden. The one at left shows pilgrims in the Jubilee House kitchen getting sandwiches, salads, cold or hot drinks and chips. I thank

Michele Long, from Cambridge, who graciously hosted lunch for us.



Walking from one building to another gave us a chance to enjoy the early spring weather and see the abundance of spring wildflowers such as this elegant lupine.



After lunch, we met again in the Mercy House library to listen to Father Jerry give the afternoon class. This was a deep and detailed explanation of the Liturgy of the Hours as "The Spirituality of the Church". This is the official prayer of the Church with psalms and other Scripture readings prayed seven times a day. The class encouraged us all!

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUBILEE GUEST HOUSE: I am happy to report that local pastors are beginning to use the new facility for days of prayer and planning meetings for their parish staff members. Father Julie Vicente, from Our Lady of the Valley in Caldwell, has brought parishioners twice now. The group of 20 in early May was about half of his catechists. A day like this includes Mass, time for private prayer, an hour for Eucharistic adoration, lunch and meeting time. Their day activities use the chapel, the grounds, and the guest house for lunch and meetings.

Secondly, another example of a group using the Jubilee House is a friend of mine organizing her 4th Day Cursillo group to make a retreat for five ladies for a weekend in October. They also asked if I was available to teach a class on Our Lady for them, which I will do for an hour on Sat. morning. Happy to do so! What about your group?

HOUSE OF HIS NAME: Hermitage #7 is being renovated inside and out. In the interior, Fred Mattivi, with help from his wife, Cindy, removed the old, deteriorating grout from the seams of the ceramic tiles on the floor, and installed new grout and caulked the perimeter of the floor. It is amazing how the floor looks entirely new now, even though the tiles are about 26 years old. On the exterior, the Mattivis are constructing and installing a new railing for the front edge of the deck. Fred wisely observed that since the deck is above a steep hillside, it is dangerous not to have this protection for people who could fall off!

When this is finished, Cindy will apply new stain to the wooden deck. This work of weeks is a volunteer project!

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING: I ask prayers for the annual Board meeting for Marymount Hermitage, Inc. on May 26. Two Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon will come from Beaverton. Sister Michael Francine Duncan, the Superior General, is on the Board. Mike Wack is on the Board and he and his wife, Denise, will come from Indiana for a week, which will give them some days for their annual retreat. Deacon Derrick O'Neill from the Cathedral parish is newest on the Board and will join us from Boise for the day. Lastly, Joanne Wood, from McCall, has been on the Board for the many years and brings so much history and perspective to our discussions. These friends are so generous in offering their faith-filled and professional advice to me for the best interests of Marymount Hermitage currently and in the foreseeable future.

MAJOR DONATION: I recently received, from the estate of Susan Diridoni of California, a major donation. This is the third installation of the estate distribution and Marymount will receive the last donation later this year. Donations like this are put into a CD, so that this money is available for more expensive and necessary maintenance at Marymount. Prayers and Masses are regularly offered for our generous benefactors, both living and deceased.

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