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JUBILEE HOUSE: BETTER THAN ADVERTISED!

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How many times have you been disappointed when you've actually seen something described to you? Too many, probably. When Denise and I took our sixth annual retreat at Marymount Hermitage in May, though, we found the Jubilee House to be "better than advertised"!

When we were there last year, much of the construction had been finished. We took a tour of the place, and it looked like it was going to be a fantastic guest house. Seeing it (and staying in it), though, surpassed even our high expectations. Sister Beverly has managed to do something I didn't think could be done: taking an "ordinary" five-bedroom house and turning it into a special place to stay in a special place.

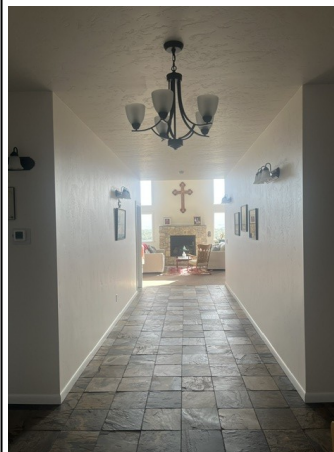
Here's what makes it special: each of the five bedrooms feels like its own "hermitage". Each has its own name: "Our Lady of Guadalupe", "Saint Joseph", "The Child Jesus", "The Holy Spirit", and "Mary, Mother of the Church". Each bedroom has its own distinctive color scheme and furnishings. Denise and I stayed in the Mary, Mother of the Church" master bedroom. We couldn't help but step into the other rooms, though, and imagine how nice each of them would be to occupy during a retreat. It truly feels like your own little place. You can have as much privacy as you want.

If you'll permit me, now, I'll show you a few of the highlights.

The exterior is nice and simple, and blends in with the other buildings and landscape.



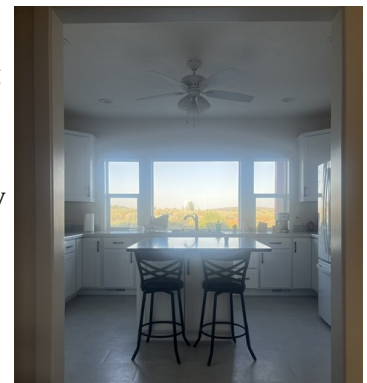
The front entrance is very welcoming! When you walk in the front door, you're greeted with a view of the common room (I'm not sure if there's a better name). The common



room is fabulous! There are several different areas for small groups or solitude, and I told

Sister it very much reminds me of the Mercy House library.

Step around the corner to your right, and you're looking at one... fantastic... kitchen. Beautiful! Everything you could possibly need is there.



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Turn around, and you'll see the impressive, large dining room with the common room in the background.



I know, I know: this is starting to sound like a realty or Airbnb advertisement. I'll just finish with this: there are also two small "studies", a laundry room, patios or decks, etc. Oh, and two more things: the furniture was extremely comfortable, and the views from the room are different and wonderful. This is the view from our master bedroom.



Even the wildlife is comfortable at Jubilee House!

If you haven't been to Marymount in a while (or especially if you've never been there), I encourage you to request a retreat reservation date from Sister Beverly. I am so happy to see that all the time and effort she put into the place turned out so well. It's readily apparent that she considered every detail, and made it happen. Thank you to all the donors who made it possible. As one of Sister's Board

members, I'm especially pleased to see what this will mean for the future success of Marymount Hermitage!

(Photos by Michael Wack)



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