



# MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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## SPEAKING TO GOD

*By Sister M. Beverly, HSM*

**PRAYER HOT LINE:** If you have a special prayer intention and want to have the Hermit Sisters pray for you, please leave a phone message at (208) 256-4354. You can call any time, day or night, and be assured of confidentiality and anonymity. The Lord rewards you for your humility in asking and faith in believing in the power of prayer.

**CHRISTMAS THREE TIMES A DAY!** I ring the Angelus bell morning, noon and night. These are the times for the Scriptural prayer recalling when the Angel Gabriel came to Our Lady to ask her to be the mother of the Messiah and “the Word became flesh” with her “yes.” It is a beautiful prayer and even though there may be no one to hear the bell but me (besides all the angels and saints, of course), I ring it faithfully and thank God for his greatest gift: Jesus.

**DECEASED BENEFACTORS:** Even though you may not know these individuals, I would like to name our benefactors and friends who have died in 2013.

Father Don Riffle, Boise, ID

Michael McPheters from West Chicago, IL

James Plumtree from Garden City, ID

Peter Nihill from Boise, ID

Len Nida from Lewiston, ID

Please join me in prayer for the repose of their souls and for peace and consolation for their families. It is a venerable practice to have Mass offered for our deceased loved ones on the anniversary of their births and deaths. This is what I will do for my own mother whose birthday was today, January 14, and who died 31 years ago in March.

## GIFTS FOR THE SEASON

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**CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE:** Because of my responsibilities, especially in November, I began addressing Christmas cards early this year. I had all 2500 post cards ready to mail by early December. I hope you got yours! Since it is the only piece of US mail that I send to you, I try to put the essential news in it for the sake of those who do not have a computer or access to the Internet. This note encourages me in the belief that the post card is important for many:

*Thank you for your Christmas greeting. Appreciated all the information on the card, since I do not have any type of computer setup...My caring and prayers, Melva T. (of Fruitland, ID)*

Many people mentioned how much they appreciate our prayers and sacrifices for the Church and the world. This is a note from Father Dat Vu who is a friend and Vietnamese priest of the Diocese of Boise: *May your silent place become God's dwelling for those who seek peace and joy in this Holy Season and in your ministry. A priestly blessing indeed!*

I am happy to report that enough donations came in to fund the renovation of my old hermitage. God bless all who contributed! This note spoke to this aspect of the last year's effort and this year's work:

*Here is a small gift to put towards your hermitage renovation. Your devotion to prayer and His work is a comfort and blessing to us and many, many others. Thank you. May you have a Blessed New Year.*

David and Doe Y. (currently of Cambridge, ID but past neighbors at Mesa) Please pray for Dave and the many who have been so sick last year. Thank you!



*Sister M. Beverly with her Dad, Robert A. Greger in San Antonio, TX, December, 2013. In the almost 50 years that I have been a consecrated woman, I have never before had the opportunity to be with my family for Christmas until recently. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been able to be with my Dad, my sister Lucille, and her family at their home these past three Christmases.*



*Mary A. Greger and Bob Greger in their apartment in San Antonio, TX, Christmas 2013. My Dad's wife turned 85 last December and my Dad turns 91 in February. Ad multos annos!*

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