



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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RETREATANTS WRITE...

May 12-22, 2020

Thank you, Sister Beverly, for your kindly hospitality and prayerful friendship. I depart Marymount feeling rejuvenated and with new resolve to be faithful. God has given countless graces and many great insights for me to take home with me and ponder some more. I look forward to seeing the fruit born of this retreat and—after another “little while”—returning for more!

God’s blessing be on you, Sister!

Father Kenny St. Hilaire

Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Colville, WA



A friend of Father Kenny wanted him to use this car for his trip to Mesa, ID.

May 24-25, 2020

COVID-19—the world has changed—“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

Being at Marymount always feels like being at home x 10! All is as it should be here—all is right in the world...peaceful and surrounded by and immersed in God. “Silence is not an absence. On the contrary, it is the manifestation of a presence, the most intense of all presences.” (from *The Power of Silence* by Robert Cardinal Sarah)

My stays are always too short, but always just what I need. Looking forward to the day when I can spend a week in the beautiful silence with God!

Thank you, God, for saying hello & goodbye with the song of the meadowlark.

Lesley M.

Meridian, ID

June 13-14, 2020 Weekend of Silence & Prayer

I have come this weekend to begin healing many wounds I have been holding on to and to reconnect with the Lord before beginning a new season of my life. Thank you, Sister, for this beautiful & restorative place of refuge. Holy Spirit continue to dwell in this place. Saint Zelig Martin, pray for us.

Ally T.

Boise, ID

June 22-28, 2020

Lord, thank you for another retreat in this beloved space. Thank you for books, prayers, walks, silence and talks—especially with SMB and Lilly, my daughter, who joined me here for a few days. Thank you for the sunshine and rain, for midnight stars and afternoon thunderstorms.

Lord, please continue to watch over and bless all the pilgrims who come and go through this wonderful, sacred place!

Suzanne S.

Boise, ID

September 5-7, 2020

It was my first stay here at Marymount Hermitage. I was invited by a friend to travel together, but stay here separately to have hours on end for quiet, solitude, and rest. I am so thankful that the Holy Spirit was working to prepare a place for me here and prompted my friend to ask me to come! I didn’t know how much I needed this. I am so thankful that in the face of an unusually hard, chaotic, and uncertain school year to prepare for with my 4 kids at home



Sunset in May, 2018 Photo by Renee Williams from Las Cruces, NM

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RECIPE FOR A RETREAT (Cont. from pg. 1)

that I had a space to come and begin it all from a place of grace and rest. Praise Our Lord God that in Jesus, we begin a work with a Sabbath rest FIRST.
DeAnn S.
Boise, ID

September 5-7, 2020

My fifth retreat and first time to stay at Mary's House. It was wonderful. I'm grateful for the rich time with God and the beauty of this area.

I was able to introduce my friend to Marymount this time. She stayed in the nearest hermitage. It was a much-needed rest for her.

This is my quote from Isaiah 40:28-31: "Do you not know or have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not grow tired or weary and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary. Even youths grow tired and weary; young men stumble and fall. But all those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."

Mary Beth H.
Meridian, ID

seemed to be a fire in the Hells Canyon area of eastern Oregon. I was not overly worried. Then about noon on 9/8, Tuesday, I started getting phone calls from local people worried about my



safety. The fire is actually west of Cambridge and Stage 2 Evacuation orders have been issued for several areas, including Goodrich Road, which runs just below our mesa to the SW. The scene above shows the smoke to the west of St. Helen's hermitage during the day time. Mesa residents like me are just in a wait-and-see mode. Prayers for protection and for the gift of rain would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

LIFE OF PRAYER: In the midst of what can be the drama of nature, prayer, especially the liturgy, continues. This is the bouquet I made to decorate chapel for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I always celebrate this as my Jubilee, since it was the day I began religious life 54 years ago.

CYCLES OF NATURE: This year for inexplicable reasons, there were only two mature does, who gave birth to fawns, one single and one set of twins. I was sad not to have a large herd and many fawns as usual. However, this morning I was delighted to see this very large buck.

Nature's cycle continues and, hopefully, next year there will be more deer again. Out West here, this buck is called a "4 point", but, in the Midwest, an "8 point". God bless you!



COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

SEASON:

Fall brings autumn colors to the mesa. I rejoice that the newly renovated old Common House,



with its new brown roof, looks so well in this terrain at this season.

WOODHEAD

FIRE: As of 9/7, Monday evening, this huge smoke plume was visible from Marymount. It



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