



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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MORE HANDS MAKE LESS WORK

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

Ancient History: Let me take you back at least 30 years in the history of Marymount Hermitage. There was a family living on the mesa and this young couple would eventually have nine children. In the five years that they lived near us and attended daily Mass, I asked the parents for permission to collect four of their oldest kids and bring them here to help me with chores. Danny (9), Bridget (7), Stephanie (6) and Bernadette (5) were happy to help me for an hour or so on Saturday mornings. We dusted inside chapel, did ironing of the Mass linens, weeded, and cleaned out the chicken coop. Danny learned how to serve at Mass and did so when they did not have school. The children helped me wash the car regularly and even do noxious weed mitigation, as only children could do...by hand, picking up every harmful seed. I would give each of them a paper bag and show them a bad plant. Each would sit by that plant and pick up all the seeds out of the gravel. And you do know what? We eventually eradicated that noxious weed. Years later as a teenager, Stephanie asked me if the puncture vine ever came back along Hermitage Lane. I said "No," to her great pleasure and satisfaction. (Mine too.)

Once when the children and I were working along the roadway, I said, "You know, people form a team and create a business to do work of some kind. They give their business a name. What shall we call your business?" They, of course, had no idea. So I suggested: "What about calling this company of yours 'More Hands Make Less Work'?" After all, your last name is Moore." They all giggled and said, "Yes," they liked that name. I think the three little girls had no idea that More and Moore were two different words. Maybe Danny did, but he never said anything to reveal he knew this was a play on words.

Present Big News: If you are wondering why I am telling you this quaint little story, this is my previously promised "big news". The children's parents,

Ron and Sherry Moore, have asked to live permanently at Marymount Hermitage. They have moved from their home in Weiser, ID as of June 29. Their new home is St. Frances, building #1, and they will work in exchange for rent. Sherry will continue to help me with the cleaning, as she has done for 29 years. Ron will be my on-site maintenance man. Once the Jubilee Guest House is open, there will be even more work for all of us to do. The gift that they are to me is timely in a way only God could accomplish.

Ron and Sherry's children are all grown and most have children of their own now. Ron and Sherry have decided that in their retirement years, it is time for them to pursue a life-style, which will give them both real satisfaction and spiritual nourishment. We have known each other for 39 years and they are two of my best friends. After we talked about all the practical details of our arrangement for their future life here, I summarized it by saying, "We will be family." Ron, in his usual wise and caring way said, "We have always been family with you."

So there you have it, "Moore Hands Make Less Work". It was a prophecy and I did not even know it. God is so good! Please pray for them and for me. We could not be happier or more content. I am eager for Ron and Sherry to meet my extended Marymount community: our visitors, retreatants, benefactors, all who support us with their good will and who pray for us. Be assured of our humble and grateful daily prayers for you.

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Ron & Sherry walk together mornings and evenings.

MORE HANDS...

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Four in the foreground (L to R): Mary Lorton Dunne, Sherry Moore, Sister Mary Beverly & Ron Moore in Weiser, ID on June 1, 2024.

[Photo by Wendy Martell]



By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

Jottings from my Journal on the Eucharistic Congress

Roots. Heritage. Connections. Home.

I was born and raised in Illinois. My Dad was born and raised and went to college in Terra Haute, IN. I have always considered myself a Midwesterner. As I flew into Indianapolis, IN on July 15, 2024 to attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, I was moved to tears. My nostalgic emotions surprised me. These arose so powerfully from the depths of my heart and memories. **Roots:** geographic roots. The lush, green, abundant trees, the vast fields of tall corn, the many lakes and rivers drew me home: a land I left at age 12 for the West with roots which still hold me.

Heritage. My Dad was a reader, knowledgeable about his faith and articulate in teaching it to us, his 7 children, to non-Catholic friends, and to Catholic parishioners wherever we lived. Catholic. Both my Mexican-American mother and German-American father were faithful and devoted to the faith of the Catholic Church. Mass, the sacraments, prayer, the lives of the saints were an integral part of our family's life. The Church, as the communion of saints, was part of every day. This was our heritage; those were our connections.

Home. Where are we going? Home! It is always in our hearts. Life is a pilgrimage to our heavenly home. My earthly home now is not Edwardsville, IL, but Mesa, ID. But geography does not change the destination. Heaven is my eternal home in the heart of God the Father, in the divine life of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our food for the way, *viaticum*... "with us on the way".

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress held July 17-21, 2024 was, for me, a profound experience and celebration of roots, heritage, connections and coming/going home.

July 24, 2024

COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

UP-COMING EVENTS: We have had to cancel the planned Tea Party for September 7, 2024. We are hoping to host it in the spring of 2025. Watch the Calendar of Events to be informed.

October 12, 2024 is still the date scheduled for Bishop Peter F. Christensen, Bishop of Boise, to offer Mass celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Marymount Hermitage. Mass is at 2 PM, open to the public. All are welcome! **WEBSITE HOME PAGE:** Please notice that there is a new section of the website on the home page. Look to the left and see the architect's sketch of the Jubilee Guest House. Click on that button. Construction is underway. I am adding items of interest each month. You will find texts, illustrations, photos, videos and a graph for reporting on fundraising. I ask prayers for the safety and success for the workers and for blessings on all who are generously donating to this new facility to house retreatants at Marymount Hermitage.

WELCOMING THE MOORES: The Moores live at Marymount Hermitage, but their U.S. mailing address is P.O. Box 650, Council, ID. So many people are moving to Mesa that there are no longer mail boxes available there! If you want to welcome Ron and Sherry and promise prayers for them, please use their new address to write to them. They will be pleased to hear from you.

JUBILEE GUEST HOUSE:

Concrete pours for the footings and stem walls, excavation and installations for the water, electric and telephone lines have been done to date. Lots of work has occurred since Jack Roberts, the general contractor, and I walked to the building site in mid-June to discuss details of construction and even landscaping. Native grass & bushes will be saved as much as possible around the Jubilee Guest House and the circle driveway.



[Photo above by Tina Nold; photo below by Sherry Moore]



PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the souls of two dear friends who died recently. John Hayes used to play music with us for major liturgical seasons and was a published poet. Dorothy Mann is the sister of Sister Rebecca Mary, HSM. Both were benefactors of Marymount Hermitage and will be remembered at Mass and in our daily prayers. R.I.P.

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