



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER EVENTS

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

The highlight of the summer for me each year is August 15, the Assumption of Our Lady. In 1967, I was received as a novice as a Sister of St. Mary of Oregon in Beaverton, OR and it was the beginning of my vocation as a consecrated woman. The memory and grace of that day is a treasure of my heart and spirit. Becoming a canonical hermit of the Diocese of Boise and making vows as a Hermit Sister of Mary here at Marymount Hermitage continued and deepened my original consecration and dedication to Jesus and to His Church.

Now that Sister Rebecca Mary has returned to St. Mary of the Valley in Beaverton, OR, I no longer has someone with whom to celebrate our special day. I have developed the custom of renewing my hermit vows publicly at one of the Idaho parishes where one of my priest friends is pastor. Last year, I was privileged to renew my vows at Mass in St. Stanislaus Church in Lewiston, Idaho. Father Brad Neely kindly received me and blessed me afterwards.

This was also an historic event because the three parishes of Lewiston are building a new church, All Saints, and being merged as one parish. Since last year, the Church of St. Stanislaus has been sold to the nearby hospital and is no longer a Catholic church. I thank Father Brad and the community at St. Stan's for welcoming me so warmly last year on August 15. It is a beautiful and poignant memory for me.

Please prayer for the parish in Lewiston which will celebrate the dedication of their new church on Sept. 24, 2014. God willing, I hope to attend that special Mass. I also ask prayers for Bishop Michael Driscoll who retires August 8, 2014 and for the new Bishop of Boise, whoever he is to be. Thanks!



Sister M. Beverly, HSM and Father Brad Neely, pastor of All Saints' parish, Lewiston, ID on August 15, 2013. Photo at the front door of the old St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Lewiston. You can see by the local stone with which this church was built that it is very old and historic.

I ask prayers for my trip to western Oregon in about a week. I will be visiting Sister Rebecca Mary and the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon at their convent in Beaverton. I will also be making my annual week-long retreat at the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lafayette. I look forward to this time of spiritual renewal and refreshment. I promise to pray for you, your loved ones and intentions. The friends and benefactors of Marymount Hermitage are remembered monthly with a Mass. God bless you!

RETREAT INVITATION

Father Brad Neely and I give a silent weekend retreat at Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise, Idaho every year. In 2015, the retreat will be held on Feb. 27, 28 & March 1. You are welcome to attend. Mark your calendar! For more information, contact Nazareth at www.nazarethretreatcenter.org or call the office at (208) 375-2932.

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Sister M. Beverly renews her hermit vows at Mass at St. Stanislaus Church in Lewiston, Idaho on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, August 15, 2013.

(Photos on page 1 and page 2 by Janel Ambrosion)

LIGHT THROUGH CLEAN GLASS

Kevin Kelso, owner and operator of the All Valley Window Cleaning Company, is a new friend and benefactor of Marymount Hermitage. I met Kevin when I was asked to teach a class for the RCIA program at Sacred Heart parish in Boise last February. In getting to know Kevin, who was baptized and received into the Church at Easter this year, I discovered that he did window washing professionally. I had been looking for such a worker for several years. Kevin was generous enough to be willing to make the long commute from Boise to Marymount to wash our windows. The chapel and the nine buildings make for more than a day's work for one person. I invited Kevin and his wife, Suzanne, to make a nice outing of their time here and spend the night at Marymount which they did in late May. I fully expected to pay Kevin the full price for his work, but he declined and made a substantial donation by refusing his pay. Kevin was kind enough to agree to work here yearly.

Suzanne wrote an interesting detail in her e-mail thanking me for their hospitality. I share it here to remind you of another feature of Marymount Hermitage which I do not mention often: the library. I hope to have more work done in the library in the near future and make books available for loan either in person or by US mail. More on that as work progresses.

SUZANNE KELSO'S NOTE

“When I was a teenager, my church youth group used to go down to Mission San Miguel in California for a week in the summer to ‘work.’ It is one of the original missions from the 1700s when California belonged to Spain. It was owned by the Franciscans and used to be a novitiate where hundreds of young men came to enter the order.

It was in decline in the ‘70s when I was there. But what a wonderful place! Fr. Reggie was in charge, and he was such a kind man. We stayed in deserted, individual rooms that used to be the novices’. The walls of the mission were about 3 feet thick, so it was cool in the middle of 100-degree summer weather. Especially wonderful was the library with its two-story-high vaulted ceiling. Fr. Reggie told us kids to go in there anytime to read, or hang out, or get a Fresca from the fridge, so we did. Your library reminded me of the library at the mission. What a wonderful reminiscence I got when I walked into your library. It was like coming home again. Thank you for the opportunity to reminisce about a time that was formative in my life.”

RETREATANTS WRITE...

Quietly, subtly at first, but with increasing fervor, the Lord has been awakening my heart to a deeper understanding of who and how He has made me, (Psalm 139) and how He has, by way of His Holy Spirit and His holy Mother, not left me orphaned. I am so grateful for this place, this time, the books, the birds, the breeze, the encouraging guidance in Sister M. Beverly's words, and the humble hope for what He has planned in my continuing journey with Him.

Under His Mercy,
Suzanne M. Sieker
Boise, ID
June 2-8, 2014

FINAL NOTE:

Please make a virtual visit next month to Marymount Hermitage and read the newsletter for September, 2014. I will have very big news to share. In the meanwhile, let us pray for each other daily remembering that God is good. Very good.

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