



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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SEASONS WITH RETREATANTS: Guest Book Notes

What a treat—to be able to spend time in quiet contemplation and in such a beautiful place. Amazing. Surrounded by such abundant blessings. It is inspiring and refreshing. We had a wonderful visit and we can't wait to return. Thank you. God is so awesome!
Derrick & Patty O.
Boise, ID
October 21-23, 2016

The stillness and silence here are like good friends, as are the subdued fall colors, laid-bare bushes, fleeting brilliant colors of sunrise and sunset. All my life I have been drawn to the out-of-doors, to nature, and to the land for its quiet, awesome, peaceful and sometimes challenging affect on me. It is very, very good to be here again. Thank you for the privilege.
Pam O.
Eagle, ID
November 5-7, 2016

Thank you for providing a wonderful atmosphere to experience peace and solitude, to be still and to feel God's presence. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay and intend to return when I can stay longer and go for long walks...although the "snowed in" feeling was pretty great!
Darbie D.
Weiser, ID
December 30, 2016

Found Marymount Hermitage on the website looking for a retreat location while visiting a sick friend in Boise. This place is quite a gem! 5+

days of R3 (Rest, Relaxation & Reflection). Ready to go back. I'll miss the snow however.
Father Charles Zlock
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
St. Monica's Parish, Berwyn, PA
January 4-10, 2017

This time of complete solitude came at the right time, at my place of need...need to have peace and quiet of heart restored which many cares were attempting to steal. Thanks be to God I felt quite wonderfully the love of Jesus touch my heart the day I arrived. Also I received clearer discernment concerning some important life decisions.

A joy to share Lauds, holy communion and Vespers with you-know-who (SMB).

May the Lord's blessings continue for many more years upon this special place of prayer!

Bob J.
Stayton, OR
March 28-31, 2017

I didn't find quite what I was anticipating, but God shows up faithfully and this time of solitude provided much more than I could have asked for. Thank you, Sister Mary Beverly, for your hard work keeping Marymount Hermitage available to us.

Rebecca W.
Carlton, OR
April 2-9, 2017

I'm so grateful for this place. It was just what this weary mother needed. The scenery and



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time with God were beautiful. Thank you, Sister, for your hospitality. I hope to see you again for a third visit to Marymount.

Mary Beth H.

Boise, ID

April 21-22, 2017

Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! St. Francis & Grandpa were here praying for me. In the grandeur of creation and listening to all the birds—especially the meadow lark—brought back great memories from childhood walks through the pastures and fields. Preparing for an Italian pilgrimage, I will soon meet up with St. Francis & Grandpa again in Assisi!

Lesley M.

Meridian, ID

May 28-29, 2017

Marymount Hermitage is an oasis, an island of quiet, full of the presence of God. Here He speaks in His “still, small voice,” yet a powerful and healing voice. At Marymount, all of God’s creation praises Him, and testify to His nearness and His loving kindness. This makes Marymount special. But I believe it’s not nature alone that makes Marymount special and so conducive to sensing our gracious God. It is this way here because this is a prayer-soaked place.

It has been years of prayer by the faithful Hermit Sisters, now Sister Mary Beverly in her prayerful solitude, that gives Marymount its blessed character. We retreatants are able to “feast” and enjoy and be moved by God’s presence—and get a small taste of such prayer—when we visit. It is cause for much gratitude—what a blessing! Thank you for your prayerful faithfulness, Sister Mary Beverly. Thanks be to God who has brought you, loves you & sustains you here!

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!”

In Christ,

Nancy V.

Bozeman, MT

May 15-22, 2017

“What do you want me to do for you?” (Lk. 18:41) Jesus asked the blind man. “Lord, that I may see!” the blind man predictably responded.

Jesus asks me the same question each time I come on retreat. And I usually have a laundry list of requests...

The gift I always receive is a gift of sight, just like the blind man. I see little bunnies; a wee little creature. I saw a new fawn on his birthday. I saw an iris plant teaching me the Pascal Mystery of Life, Death & Resurrection. “Lord, that I may see!”

Thank you a million times over, dear God, for all I have seen! And thank you, Sister Mary Beverly and Marymount, for the chance to retreat.

Until autumn...

Heidi G.

Idaho Falls, ID

May 26-31, 2017

50th Anniversary Mass of Sister Mary Beverly~

Such joy to be able to share this blessed time with you and many holy people.

May God grant you all the joys you deserve for being such a humble and faithful servant. All lives are better for your prayers.

Praise and Glory to God!

Love, love, love,

Janel A. and Jacqueline F.

Lewiston, ID

August 23, 2017

Dear Sister Mary Beverly,

Thank you for your beautiful example of faithfulness. I am so blessed to see faith in action as it encourages me to continue to hope. And I am absolutely sure that God had planned Marymount from eternity to be this place of respite, restoration, and holiness. I am privileged to be able to come here, experience God’s unconditional love, and be restored.

With love in my heart for you, in His Love,

Jacqueline F.

Lewiston, ID

October 4-8, 2017



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Love's immensity is deeply rooted here. I go home re-freshed, renewed, and ready to continue my journey. Thank you Lord, Sister M. Beverly, and all those who pray here!

Janel A.
Asotin, WA
October 4-8, 2017



That's why I have to go into the wilderness, where I let God call me by name to a deeper place. This is the peace the world cannot give. But I promise you that it's also the peace the world can no longer take from you. Fr. Richard Rohr, Simplicity—the Freedom of Letting Go.

This retreat was about letting go—stepping gingerly into a more simple life. The life at Marymount is simple...simple meals, simple clothes, no frills, and yet it is the richest time of the year for me.

Can I take this simplicity back to the “real world” and find this richness there? Please God!

Until spring...

Love,
Heidi G.
Idaho Falls, ID
October 6-11, 2017

These days at Marymount Hermitage have been restful, prayerful and above all God-centered. Sister Beverly extended a warmth and hospitality that is Christ-centered. The Liturgy of the Hours with Sister and the other guests, with the Eucharist as central, re-freshed my body and renewed my soul. God willing, I look forward to return. Your brother in Christ,
Father Philip Wells
Diocese of Sacramento
Anderson, CA
October 8-14, 2017



COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

Winter seems to be moving in early this year. We have had a light dusting of snow recently and temperatures in the 20's overnight. Snow has come to stay in the high mountains surrounding Marymount Hermitage. You can imagine my consternation when

I got the news that the furnace in my house needed to be replaced! I am waiting for that installation this week. I appreciate those who reach out to me generously in my time of unexpected big expenses. Other work which is pending is having a cord of red fir split and stacked on a new wood rack out behind my house before the snow comes to stay.

Mercy House: house of hospitality and library is all but finished with regard to construction. This is the last week that the workers will be here. Mercy House is attracting visitors already because I see cars drive in slowly, look around and then slowly drive out. Yesterday, I received a small group of seniors from the Salubria Center in Cambridge. They were not able to get out of the van but saw Mercy House from the windows and listened to me explain about it and my way of life. Suzanne Sieker and her husband Bob stopped by on their way to McCall; my blue parka shows how cold it was that afternoon.



Several

volunteers and paid workmen have been moving books from the old library to the new. Jacqueline and Janel are shown in the old building boxing up books to move. Mercy House, in addition to awaiting the books, also needs to have appliances and furniture moved in. I am grateful to my Mesa neighbors who will help me with this prodigious work. Calvin Conley, the stone mason, besides finishing the four pillars at Mercy House, has also completed the two pillars in front of chapel. They look so beautiful!



With regard to my own work, I did the last parish sale in Meridian on Oct. 14 & 15. I am teaching a series of class on Our Lady at Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise; the last two classes will be Nov. 9 and Dec. 7. I have also been invited to give a Day of Prayer at the parish of Corpus Christi in Fruitland, ID on Oct. 18, and to give a vocation talk to the youth group in the parish in Nyssa, Oregon on Oct. 28. Please pray that my efforts to earn my living are successful and that my work is a contribution to the life of the Church and the faith of people.

God bless you & thank you, dear readers & friends who pray for me and support Marymount Hermitage.