



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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RETREATANTS WRITE...

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

With the addition of the new Jubilee Guest House, I am hosting more retreatants these days. Now retreatants have the option of asking to use a private room in the Jubilee House or one of the hermitages. Each option has its own set of advantages. One detail is the same however. Each bedroom and hermitage has a guest book where retreatants can write a message if they wish. These books are treasured by future retreatants, who like to read what others wrote about their lodging and views from those windows, their experiences and spiritual reflections. Once a year, in one of the summer months, I select some of these notes to publish. Enjoy the passages and photos from the past year in this July 2026 newsletter.

From August 2025 to June 2026



August 3-5, 2025

Thank you, Sister Beverly, for welcoming me here to spend time with the Lord in quiet and solitude. I have long wanted to come and make a retreat here. I am so glad I finally did! Thank you for opening your doors up to me at a time I needed this more than anything else. God has been so good to me in these days. I am grateful beyond words.

Thank you also, Sr. Beverly, for taking the time to

visit. It was such a blessing and your words to me a real gift. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness in sharing Marymount with me!

With love and gratitude,
Maura U. Grangeville, ID
P.S. I already look forward to coming back!

August 15-19, 2025

Such a blessed time! I have come to notice after numerous times here, how easy it is to sense God's leading at Marymount...how to spend my days, which books to read and take home! Maybe because here I'm always asking Him for that guidance and then actually listening. But the good news is that I think over the years I'm getting better and better at taking what I learn and experience home with me! I pray so anyway!

Thank you, Sister Beverly, for the warm hospitality and the good talks. I will continue to pray for you daily.
April A. Meridian, ID

August 15-18, 2025

Robert and I feel privileged and honored to be the first guests in the "Anniversary Suite" of Jubilee House! Sister Mary Beverly gave us a jubilant welcome and even an anniversary bouquet in our new, lovely, master bedroom. We thoroughly enjoyed the amazing view from the inside in the corner chairs and outside on the private porch. We also appreciated the air conditioning in this hot August.

We were blessed in so many ways: watching deer graze just outside our room, having a humming bird that kept coming back to say "hello", stars at night, the stillness and peace, the huge heart-shaped cloud God sent to remind us of his loving gaze—"His banner over me is love". We cannot imagine a more delightful way that we could have spent our 28th Anniversary!

Thank you, Sister Mary Beverly!!

Love in Christ,
Suzanne & Robert S. Boise, ID



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August 15-19, 2025

I am giving thanks to God as I write the first entry in this guest book. What a gift he has given me in making it possible to visit Marymount, to be the first person to occupy the St. Joseph bedroom and to experience the comfort of Jubilee House. It is all so wonderful!

As a first time visitor, it has been amazing to spend time outdoors. From the back deck, I was able to see countless deer and wildlife. The swing outside the library was a favorite spot to relax & read.

Gratitude for morning prayer at the chapel with Sister Beverly. My body, soul & spirit receiving God's love and in time offering God worship & praise. My hope is to return to this place that has brought me great joy and strengthened my faith.

And to Sister Beverly, thank you for your kindness & welcoming spirit. Thank you for the gift of Jubilee House!

Sylvia L. Meridian, ID



September 25-27, 2025

I am struck most by the reality that Marymount and now this Jubilee House is holy ground. For more than 40 years, Sister Beverly and many others have made this a sacred space, through their prayers, through their work, through their obedience, which produces hope. This time of retreat has given me hope! It is fitting that we are still living this Jubilee of Hope! I pray that God will continue to bless you, Sister Beverly, that many more souls will come and experience the grace and love that you have generously poured out into this holy ground.

Your faithful bell-ringer,
Keith P. Boise, ID

November 14-16, 2025

Sister Beverly,

What an awesome, quiet, holy place to spend time with my Lord. This weekend has been a peaceful respite from

the rat race. Focusing on Jesus has brought to the forefront some things I need to be doing! Come, Holy Spirit!

I loved spending time with St. Joseph whom I've become closer to recently. And of course, Our Lady, Momma Mary.

Thank you for your gracious hospitality & for asking Lesley and I to help you "decorate" this Jubilee House. Thank you for your welcoming & sending prayers, Lauds & Vespers.

With love, prayers & gratitude,
Freda M. Meridian, ID

November 14-16, 2025

As I sit and look out at the marvelous creation of God that surrounds Marymount, I feel I could never pray or give enough thanks to God for such beauty. Outside of Mass, Marymount is one place where heaven meets earth for me. A place where time stands still and yet, is gone in a flash. Thank you, Sister M. Beverly, for such wonderful hospitality! In thanksgiving for this beautiful and peaceful Jubilee House that has definitely been home away from home. I can't wait for my next visit!

Love & prayers from under the mantel of Our Lady & St. Joseph,
Lesley M. Meridian, ID

November 28-30, 2025

Dear Sister,

Thank you so much for providing such a beautiful and peaceful place to find rest. Everything about the Jubilee House makes one feel right at home.

"I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart." Indeed! Thank you again. You've created a "thin space" where one can clearly, easily and readily find God and rest. My prayers are with you always.

With Gratitude,
Anna G. Boise, ID [but a traveling medical pediatrics provider from Ohio]

December 27-31, 2025

Thomas Merton wrote, "Just as the Church of God can never be without martyrs, so too she can never be without solitaries, for the hermit, like the martyr, is the most eloquent witness of the Risen Christ."

Thank you, Sister Beverly, for your profound witness of the Risen Christ. I am deeply grateful for your hospitality and for the grace of this retreat at Marymount.
Rev. Lucas E. Tomson, Rector of Bishop White Seminary
Spokane, WA

January 25-27, 2026

Thank you, Sister! I love Marymount. I never feel closer to Christ than when I am here. I'll be back!!
Caleb B. FOCUS missionary BSU, Boise, ID

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January 25-27, 2026

Every year St. Paul's staff comes out here for our staff retreat. Every year, I leave here wanting to be a better man. Now that I'm married, and we are trying to start a family, I couldn't think of a better place to ask for the intercession of the Most Holy Family. Please pray for my family.

Love,
Alberto J. BSU Chaplaincy staff member, Boise, ID

January 25-27, 2026

Dear Sister,

I am so grateful for your hospitality to me and the staff at St. Paul's Student Center. This silent retreat has been restorative for me. I thank you for allowing us to stay at Marymount. The Jubilee House is such a gift. I can tell that you put in a lot of time and intentionality into it. You will be in my prayers. Thank you so much!

May God bless you!

Clare F. FOCUS Missionary at BSU, Boise, ID

February 2-16, 2026

Proverbs 24:3-4

*"By wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches."*

Sister, I read this right after our tour of Jubilee House. Well described!

Father Ed White, Forks, WA

February 20-22, 2026

BSU Men's Silent Retreat

Beautiful setting—still—fine, new accommodations—sweet, helpful, caring Sister—so grateful!

Father Matthias L. of the Immaculate Heart, O.C.D.
San Jose, CA

March 6-7, 2026

What a beautiful couple of days (24 hrs.) even with the clouds & sprinkles. We were here for the Day of Pilgrimage & as often happens, received much inspiration & many blessings. I'm excited to plan a return trip! Thank you! Hugs & Love,

Laura S. Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, ID

March 6-7, 2026

My heart is full of gratitude for this beautiful time away in the solitude of the desert. Thank you, Sister Beverly, for your kindness and dedication. It has been a grace-filled time of Pilgrimage, Prayer and Peace. Hugs,
Linda G. Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, ID

March 13-15, 2026

What a blessing it was to spend this weekend here at Marymount. The peace and the silence calmed my heart. I pray the Lord may work through all who come and enjoy a retreat at Marymount, that they be filled with the grace they need to go back out and carry their cross with

Him. Thank you so much, Sister Beverly, for all you are, and all you do. I leave renewed and filled with joy.

Gabriela V. B. Meridian, ID

April 6-10, 2026

This is still one of my favorite places to be in Idaho. I wish everyone could experience all the blessings that come with taking some time alone with the Lord here.

May the peace of Christ be palpable for anyone who stays in this wonderful place.

Father Tim S. St. John's Cathedral, Boise, ID

April 9-11, 2026

My first visit to Marymount and what a beautiful, hidden surprise. The beauty of the mountains, wild flowers, rolling hills and the herd of deer that seem to be "locals" is amazing. The silence and stillness remind me to pause and hear the voice of God. Sister Beverly is a beautiful servant of God and a witness of His love.

Thank you, Sister, for sharing your special place.

Caroline G. Cathedral Parish, Boise, ID



April 15-16, 2026

We were only here for one night just checking it out for future retreats. If you are reading this [guest book] now, you already know about the 360* beautiful scenery, the quiet, and peaceful surroundings.

Sister Beverly's hospitality and prayer-filled blessings have been very welcoming. Our short visit has been a respite and we will recommend Marymount Hermitage to our friends. Blessings!

Earl and Barbara A.

Saint Pope John Paul II Catholic Community,
Idaho Falls, ID

May 1-4, 2026

We came from Southern Oregon back to our homeland in Idaho seeking an intimate experience with Jesus. We received it! Here at Marymount the Holy Family blessed us deeply in our retreat. Learning to pray from Sister Beverly and learning about the Liturgy of the Hours from Father Jerry Funke was amazing and enriching. We look forward to deeper prayer in our marriage going forward.

The Jubilee House is a work of art and Sister's gifts are all around with her heart of hospitality. I love this beautiful place of respite and beauty. We are so grateful for the rest and healing we experienced here. "Praise God

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from whom all blessing flow” from the life and vision and vocation of this lovely hermit! We receive your gift and the love of our Lord Jesus with humility and joy!

Eileen & David R. Medford, OR

May 3-4, 2026

A blessed brief retreat here. God truly extended the time. I hope to return soon.

Leah F. Boise, ID

May 15-22, 2026

Mary’s House is my new favorite hermitage! What a delightful week spent with my friends—Jesus, Mary, Sister Mary Beverly, and St. Francis of Assisi. I loved every minute and am so incredibly grateful!

Suzanne S. Boise, ID



Chapel at sunset: photo by Sherry Moore 2025

May 23-28, 2026

Wow! It was so nice to see how Jubilee House turned out! It is obvious that every detail was planned meticulously. We felt like we were staying in a good friend’s home!

As usual, we had a very good retreat here at Marymount. As it’s only our sixth time, we’re not quite “veterans”, but we’re getting there! Sister Beverly, as usual, was so kind and holy! We so enjoy praying with her, and we were fortunate to go with her to the Boise Cathedral for a diaconate ordination [of Ian Willnerd], as

well as Mass in Cambridge [on Sunday].

We saw many animals and birds while we were here: deer, grouse, quail, rabbits, lizards & snakes. And the scenery...beautiful!

Looking forward to our next trip here! Blessings to all!
Mike and Denise W. Etna Green, IN

May 31-June 2, 2026

Thank you, dear Sister Beverly, for the opportunity to stay together in the lovely Jubilee Guest House, “Mary, Mother of the Church” guest room for this [wedding] anniversary and the pre-diaconate ordination retreat.

Your friendship is a great gift, Sister. We give thanks to God for you and for the many blessings that flow from your life at Marymount, which you share so generously.

Having been to “Mary’s House” in Ephesus in Turkey, I can’t help but see some parallels here. Jubilee House is also Mary’s House—a home for the Church in Idaho. Thank you for your vision and courage to build it for us, Sister Beverly! It will surely be a blessing for many years to come. God bless you and all who will stay here!

With our love and prayers always,
Keith & Michelle P. Boise, ID

COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM

RENOVATION OF HERMITAGE: Thanks to hard, diligent, and generous work by Fred and Cindy Mattivi during April and May, hermitage #7, called “House of His Name”, has a new white railing and the deck sanded and sealed. Interiorly, old grout was removed from the ceramic tile floor in the main room and replaced with new grout. The cabinet for the hot water tank at the end of the kitchen counter was also re-painted. Inside and outside the hermitage looks bright and new!

DIACONATE ORDINATION: Ian Willnerd was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 27, 2026. This photo of him and me was taken just before Mass began. He is not yet wearing his stole. I have been praying for Ian since he visited Marymount just before beginning seminary. Now he is one year away from being ordained a priest. Please pray for all young men discerning their vocations at this time.



IN MEMORIAM
Mathias & Bernadette Fernandes
by Gerald D’Souza, Boise, ID