

A Cherish the Flame Campaign Update



*Passionist Nuns of Saint Joseph Monastery
~ Thanksgiving 2021 ~*

Dear Friends

As we near Thanksgiving Day, we thank God for each one of you and for the blessings of 2021 including the completion of the roofing project. We happily anticipate the beginning of the construction of the cloister walkways and the Holy Family wing, grateful that we have Rick Bivins of JMJ Custom Homes as our General Contractor (yes - "JMJ" does mean "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph"!). We are grateful to God for the efforts of the nuns who led us to this beautiful site over 25 years ago, and for those whose generosity made our relocation successful. In the midst of the pandemic we have continued to host guests for solitude retreats and thankfully have been preserved from COVID. God's graces continue to rain down on all who visit this holy ground and take time to be with the Lord in this oasis of peace.

Our Passionist Charism...

The goal of our Passionist contemplative life is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and to lead as many souls as possible to the knowledge of His love and mercy, made manifest through His passion, death and resurrection. This precious Passionist charism is the "pearl" we have purchased with our consecrated lives. You too have glimpsed that spark of divine intimacy with Jesus Crucified that needs to be offered to the world. You are walking with us as partners in our Passionist contemplative mission. Working together, we offer to the world this unique charism of the Holy Spirit, bestowed first upon St Paul of the Cross and passed on to us through our foundresses and sisters who have gone before us the past 75 years since this monastery was established.

Would you continue, or join us anew, in this opportunity to participate in the action of the Holy Spirit spreading this charism of the love of the Father for the world?

The little city where we live out our hidden life of prayer...

As cloistered nuns who vow to spend our lives in enclosure on behalf of the world, our hidden life is compared to the heart that keeps the body alive. It is so precious an organ that it is protected by the rib cage. So too, contemplative life is the heart of the Church, protected by a life of enclosure within a monastery. This monastery is our city, and once we are perpetually vowed, we commit to remaining here until death. It is our home, our work, our recreation, and our worship space. And like any city, there are business transactions and maintenance upkeep, as well as the care for the physical health of the young and not-so-young nuns. It is also a place where we welcome other fellow pilgrims on the journey to eternal life, helping them find refreshment, peace, and their own renewed joy.

AXIOM Architecture



Our current refectory and serving space...

and community room



Renovation: Folding door in center will be removed enlarging our refectory and serving area. We will also repair the water damaged ceiling and install a sound system so all can hear the teaching given during meals. **Construction:** The community room will be relocated to the Holy Family wing with space large enough for nuns and visitors, with push-button doors and acoustical treatment for those with hearing disabilities. It will also include the Chapter Room that was cut from the original building plan, a fitness room, storage space, the foyer will serve as a small museum for cherished monastic artifacts.

FRONT COVER: This group of Sisters ranges from perpetually professed to our aspirant, Hannah, who is seriously discerning Passionist life. We stand in front of a section of the new roof. Thank you so much! We look forward to a first winter of no chapel leaks.

“ Dear Mother John Mary, after spending three days here on a little retreat, a tremendous thank you wells up in my heart to you. Thank you all for making visible to the world the love of Jesus Crucified. May God continued to bless you and this community with vocations - I will pray for this!

A Dominican Sister

We invite you to pray about making a new or further commitment to our monastic life here, to our on-going prayer and intercession for you and all of God's people, to our work of hosting those seeking God's presence in their own lives.

When we built this monastery 25 years ago we made sure we had plenty of space for guests in our chapel and retreat house. But we ended up cutting back on space in our "enclosed city". By investing in our campaign you will help us develop those spaces here in the monastery where we pass our entire lives. You will help us live our vocation more fully.

How you can help...

Right now, some of you are considering your year-end charitable giving. If you are, please include the Cherish the Flame campaign in your plans. There are ways your giving can help the Nuns while also benefitting yourself and your family. We have some exciting things happening at the first of the year, and truly need your assistance to continue the project. The following advice is from our friend Kevin W. Schwartz, CPA, CVA, CGMA, MBA.

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making a charitable donation through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This is an easy way to meet the annual minimum distribution requirements (RMDs) and the amount donated is excluded from taxable income providing for several tax advantages. There are a few requirements to meet to be eligible to make a QCD:

- You must be 70 ½ or older
- QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible IRA contributions made.
- The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities and from one or more IRAs in a calendar year.
- Funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

There are some other items to consider so please discuss with your tax advisor on donating through a QCD. In addition to contributing thru a QCD, you may also gift stocks, bonds or even real property (such as land) which allow you to receive a tax deduction for the Fair Market Value of the donated asset.

“ Rebecca and I support the Cherish the Flame Project and believe that this will allow the community to continue to grow and allow them to deepen their prayer life. We encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting the Cherish the Flame project and be a part of this exciting endeavor.”

Kevin Schwartz



In closing...

In May of 2019, when we prayerfully began this campaign we especially entrusted it to the care of St Joseph. We were thrilled when Pope Francis declared this the Year of St Joseph. That celebration comes to an end December 8, 2021. So far, St Joseph has raised over \$1.955M for us. We have about that same amount to go. Will you help us achieve our goal? Please join us and together let's Cherish the Flame of Christ's love. Together let's help many others come to know this transforming love of God in their lives. Please take time now to plan a gift beneficial to you and to our campaign. Without your generosity we could not do what we do. God reward you!

May the Passion of Jesus Christ be ever in our hearts!

*Mother John Mary
and the Passionist Community of Saint Joseph Monastery*

In August we took our St Joseph statue for a ride outdoors to show him the new roof and remind him where the Holy Family wing will be located. We also remembered to pray for each one of you!



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Friends, we thank each and every one of you for your gifts that help Passionist life flourish in St Joseph Monastery for many years to come.

This list is NEW DONATIONS from mid-April to mid-October 2021

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O dear Saint Joseph, all our confidence is in you. Let it not be said that we have invoked you in vain! And since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that your goodness equals your power.

Amen.



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in our Cherish the Flame Renewal.