



We begin our sharing with spring greetings of new life and a huge "Thank You" for your financial assistance! In our Thanksgiving Letter we told you that we needed additional funds before continuing on to Phase 3. Your response was heartwarming and generous, bringing us closer to our goal. With your continuing generosity, we will be able to complete the building of our monastery.

Phase 3 is where the suites are for individuals who wish to spend time here in prayer and solitude. We will save a considerable amount of money if we are able to continue at this time. If the contractor can begin, we will save the startup costs and be able to continue with all the subcontractors on schedule.

Many of you have helped by anonymously contributing through the brick banks, which can be returned to USBank at anytime and filled again and again. This will also help with the cost of Phase 3. As of December 31st, your generosity has provided \$31, 090.00 toward the total expense of building the monastery. What an awesome achievement! We are most grateful for your help. Is your bank full? Maybe it's time to dust it off and return it to USBank.



Lent

What a blessing the Lenten season is! At our monastery we are called to reflect on Jesus' life, death and coming resurrection, not only at the Eucharistic Liturgy, but throughout the day as we pray the Liturgy of the Hours. The antiphons and prayers help us to focus on the themes of Lent. We are also privileged to receive requests for prayer from people across the state of Montana and beyond, enabling us to join them in prayer for their many needs. When our chapel is complete we will be able to invite the public to join us in these daily prayers.



Parish visits

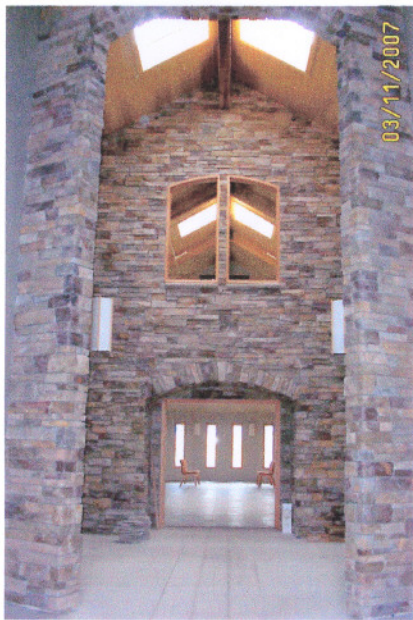
In recent months, we have visited parishes at both ends of Montana. In January it was Little Flower Parish in Browning where we were welcomed by Father Ed Kohler and his congregation, and in February we visited St. Labre Mission and the parishes nearby. The opportunity to meet and speak with members of the Blackfeet tribe in Browning and the Northern Cheyenne tribe in Ashland, Busby, Birney and Lame Deer was enriching. At Birney we met with some of the ranch families, learning a great deal about their particular concerns. Visiting more parishes in Montana puts faces on requests for prayer that we receive and our presence in a parish assures the people that we are really here praying for them daily.



We pray that you will have a

Blessed Easter!





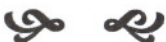
Building Progress

At this writing, floor tile is being applied to the chapel, the rotunda, and the hallway inside the front door of the chapel building. The laying of carpet will follow after the tile. All of the stonework is complete and much of the other work is finished as well. The altar and chapel appointments are being constructed and will be ready by May 1st at the latest. It is indeed exciting to see the daily progress and know that soon we will be using this building.



Dedication of the Chapel

The date for the Dedication is set for May 12th. This is a day that we have greatly anticipated ever since we arrived here in Great Falls more than seven years ago. What a joy it will be to once again pray in a chapel and have room to have others join us for the Liturgy of the Hours! It is a space worthy of great devotion and awe, and the stone and wood speak of the permanence of the Poor Clare community here in Montana.



Giving Opportunities

As the Chapel area nears completion, we know that many people are eager to see it and to come to pray in this beautiful space. For those of you who are looking for a way to be a part of this, here are some suggestions of items that your donation could pay for:

Framed pictures of important events in the life of St. Clare of Assisi (8) \$450 ea.
Chairs for Chapel (50) \$150 ea.
Chairs for Sisters' Choir area (10) \$150 ea.
Icon of the Blessed Mother \$500
Icon of St. Joseph \$500
Offertory table \$2000
Candle stands (4) \$1250 ea.
For the Great Room:
Tables (4) \$45 ea.
Folding chairs (30) \$35 ea.

Alleluia!

Sister Marysue
Sister Judith Ann
Sister Jane
Sister Catherine