



WELCOME

to the Monastery of St. Clare

You have just come through the main entrance to the most important part of our monastery. The sisters' living space on one side, and accommodations for retreatants and workspace for the sisters on the other, flank the chapel, the heart of our life. We intercede for you daily in our prayer, and we invite you to come and share the peace of this holy place.

Chapel of Saint Clare

On entering the building, the rotunda can be seen straight ahead. Walled in stone, this area prepares us to enter the sacred space, the chapel. The holy water font is a reminder of our baptism, and we invite our guests to dip their fingers in the holy water and bless themselves before entering the chapel.

The hand carved altar is treated with great reverence, as the sacrifice of the Mass is offered on it. The matching ambo is likewise honored as the place from which the Sacred Scriptures are read.

Over the altar hangs the San Damiano Cross, held in highest esteem and affection by all Franciscans, as it had a major influence in the lives of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.

The most sacred space in the entire monastery is the Adoration Chapel, where Jesus is present in the Eucharist contained in the tabernacle. It is the Sisters' privilege and joy to pray here, and to invite others to come as well.

