

# Pacem in Terris

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CONTINUE THE MISSION**

## Pacem's Begging Box

We are most thankful to the past generous response to our list of needs. Many of our needs from the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 newsletters have been met, including those for a refrigerator, single axle mesh trailer, and the clutch for a dump truck. Still needed are the following:

- \* Windows for two hermitages. (\$2,500 each)
- \* Replacement floats for our two boardwalks. (\$370.00 per pair x10 = \$3700.00)
- \* Materials for benches on walking trails (\$75.00) each



Thanks to a generous benefactor our grounds crew has this trailer to use!



**PACEM IN TERRIS**  
HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

## Sacred Hermitage Sanctuary



Visitors to Pacem in Terris often comment on how they feel a distinct sense of “peace” wash over them even as they first drive onto the property, passing by the prairie on their way to the parking lot.

This description points to Pacem as a holy place, a sacred refuge set aside for prayer, where thousands of hermit guests have journeyed over the past 30 years.

On May 16, 1992, late-founder Shirley Wanchena, and her son Jeffrey, met with Pope John Paul II after being invited to Mass with him. During that meeting, Pope John Paul II used the term “hermitage sanctuary” to describe Pacem.

‘Ah yes, the hermitage sanctuary, yes, yes, I bless you and your hermitage sanctuary,’ said Pope John Paul II, “as he made the sign of the cross over the brochure and ourselves,” wrote Jeffrey in a description of that event.

A sanctuary is a consecrated place set apart for a special purpose. Pacem’s special purpose is offering a place where people are free to come be alone with God. Guests often remark how they feel as if Pacem has been created just for them. It has. It is this quality of Pacem, in its ability to meet each person where they are at, that makes Pacem a distinctive “sacred hermitage sanctuary.”

FALL 2018 PRESERVE THE VISION CONTINUE THE MISSION PACEM IN TERRIS

Yes, I want to partner with Pacem with a gift of: Total Amount \$50 \$100 \$1000 Other \$ OR \$ / month

— Payment Method —

- Personal check made payable to Pacem in Terris (for one-time gifts)  I would like to make a gift of stock or appreciated securities.
- Credit card (for either one-time gifts or ongoing monthly gifts).  I would like to learn more about how to include Pacem in my estate plans.
- My employer has a matching gift program. Include a signed matching gift form.  I have included Pacem in Terris in my estate plans.

Please use this form for Credit Cards (Please print and complete all information)

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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3 Digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (MM)\_\_\_\_ (YY)\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ I authorize Pacem in Terris to debit my account for the above charges.

**Pacem in Terris does not keep your credit card information on file.**

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**Thank you for your generous support!**





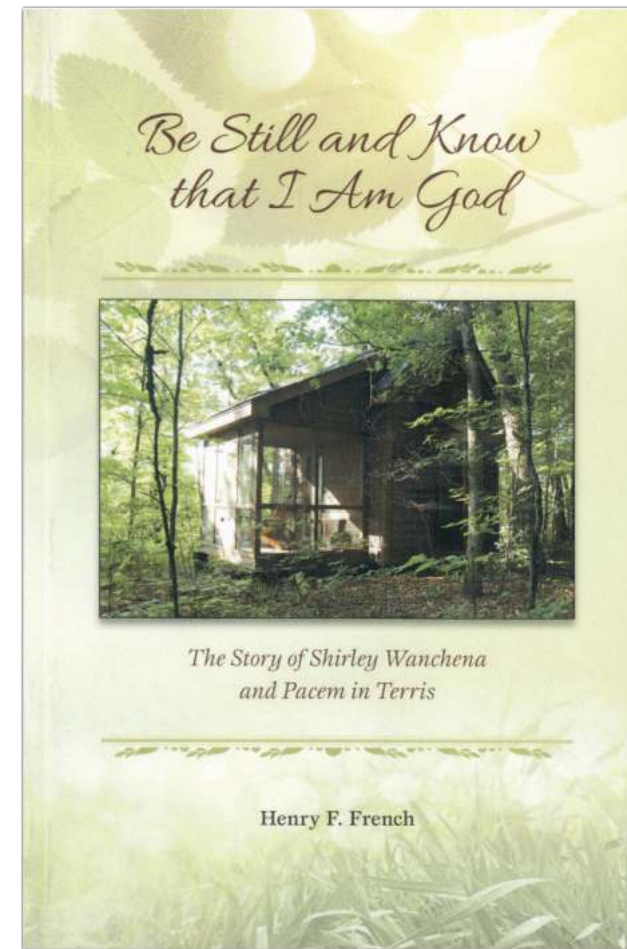
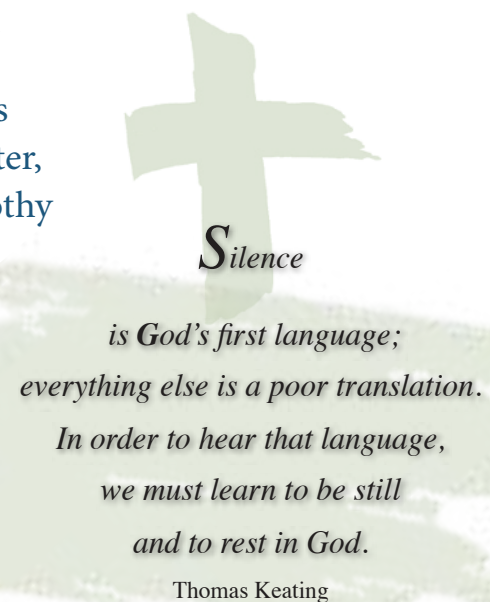
# Founders Day & 30th Anniversary Celebration



Founders, benefactors, and many involved with Pacem's foundation and creation, gathered May 1st for a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Donald J. Kettler, of the Diocese of St. Cloud, and con-celebrated by Rev. Robert Harren and Rev. Timothy Nolan.

The time of prayer and thanksgiving was followed by a delicious lunch, and a program enjoyed by all. Shirley Wanchena's daughter, Ann Marie Croteau; board member Hank French; and Fr. Timothy shared humorous and touching memories of Shirley and Jeff and the beginnings of Pacem. Executive Director Tim Drake shared testimonials from past guests that demonstrate the fruits of Pacem.

The celebration was a wonderful day spent reminiscing and being thankful for all God has done, and continues to do, at Pacem.



## Inspirational Book on Pacem's History

*Shirley Wanchena's search for the 'Sound of Silence'*

After much anticipation, board member Hank French's book, "Be Still and Know that I Am God: The Story of Shirley Wanchena and Pacem in Terris" will soon be available for purchase from Pacem or through Amazon. The book tells the engaging and faith-filled tale of Pacem's founding and creation. Softcover: \$12.99 + shipping; Hardcover: \$17.99 + shipping.

Here are three endorsements from guests:

"In a world that seems to grow constantly louder with the noise of distraction, Pacem in Terris offers the gift of silence, where one can encounter the Heart of Christ. 'Be Still and Know that I Am God' gives witness to the source of that gift. The story of the life of Shirley

Wanchena reveals the blessings God has in store for those who abandon themselves to his loving plan for their lives. The ripples of her 'yes' to God have impacted me personally over the years, as I have visited this holy place as a priest and now a bishop." – *Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis*

"Dr. Henry (Hank) French has truly captured the heart and soul of Shirley Wanchena. His careful tracing of God's thumb-print upon Shirley's life shows us how the contemplative is at the highest level of love – able to find joy, love, peace, and God wherever she turns. This book is a wonderful tribute to a woman of deeply abiding faith, a modern-day mystic who was confident that when God decides – God provides!" – *Blair K. Anderson, Pastor Emeritus, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ramsey, Minn.*

"In 'Be Still and Know That I Am God,' Henry French has accomplished the impossible – capturing the essence of the quietly spectacular life of faith led by Shirley Wanchena while, at the same time, illuminating the unique and magnificent combination of silence, solitude, serenity, and power that emanate from that sacred cathedral in the woods that is Pacem in Terris. Well done thy good and faithful servant." – *Ward Brehm, Author of Bigger Than Me, humanitarian, and follower of Jesus*

We welcome you to connect with Pacem in Terris through our Website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, hoping you will capture a bit of the spirit of Pacem – its visible and invisible beauty.



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