



# PACEM IN TERRIS

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

## *Help Pacem Build 3 New Hermitages*

**W**ith great excitement, we announce that Pacem in Terris' Board of Directors is moving forward with building three additional hermitages. This decision was made after much prayer and discernment over how to meet the unprecedented demand that Pacem has experienced in the past eight months.

In January through March, hermit guest numbers broke Pacem's historical records. Each week, we have had to turn away or find later dates to accommodate upwards of 17 guests. Pacem's hermit guests desire to spend time alone with God, the source of peace, especially during these stressful times.

*"The pandemic has massively increased the 'noise' in my life – from kids at home to work on screens to the added stress and sleeplessness. I couldn't believe how Pacem reset everything,"* said guest Katie.

*"Pacem is one of the most peaceful places I've ever visited. Perfect in the midst of our world,"* wrote guest Clayton. *"Pacem provides what we need the most in these troubled times, the Peace of Christ that passes understanding,"* shared guest Mary.

It's been 21 years since the most recent hermitages were constructed. The new hermitages will be situated on vacant land near St. Francis Hermitage. Construction begins in June. While similar in design, they will utilize maintenance-free materials. Pacem is hopeful that the new hermitages will be ready to use for the busy fall season.



*The new hermitages will occupy this vacant area.*



*Board member Bill Mori, grounds-keeper Ian Marin, and Fr. Timothy Nolan conduct site planning for the location of the three new hermitages.*

Pacem will fundraise to offset the expenses related to building. Please pray about how you can contribute to the project. A generous \$125,000 matching donation has been offered. Every contribution made toward the project will be matched 100%. Please use the donation form on the back page and the enclosed envelope to support this vital building campaign. You can follow the day-to-day build on Facebook.



## *A New Face at Pacem*

**I**n December, Lori Nelson-Reid began at Pacem. She serves as a reservation and database specialist. After having worked for hundreds of attorneys at a Minneapolis law firm, she brings patience, kindness, and humor to her position at Pacem. She has been a genuine asset in a variety of ways. When you call to place a reservation, you will likely hear her voice on the other end of the phone. Join us in welcoming Lori to Pacem!



## *Board Member Reflection*



**M**y association with Pacem began with my connection with the Salesian Sisters of the Visitation. They introduced me to [founder] Shirley Wanchena and Pacem in Terris. I had a natural affinity with Shirley and the mission and vision of Pacem. This was most likely because of my history as a consecrated Daughter of St. Francis de Sales, and our understanding of the importance of spending time alone with God as part of our spiritual practice. As a lay person, I always felt I didn't have the time to do just that. Yet, after being in a hermitage for two or three days, I realized that this kind of prayer was almost a necessity for a richer and more God-centered life.

Shirley's vision for Pacem supported and influenced how I implemented my vision in my life's circumstances – from family, to business, to volunteer work, to foundation work. I learned that stepping back and taking time alone with God brings blessings to all areas of our lives.

I was moved by [Shirley's] commitment to implementing the vision. Pope John Paul II knew and welcomed Pacem so beautifully and personally when he met Shirley and [her son] Jeff Wanchena. I will never forget how that cemented the relationship that I've had with Pacem over these many years. This has been a special, blessed part of my life journey.

- Babs Koch, Pacem Board Member and Benefactor



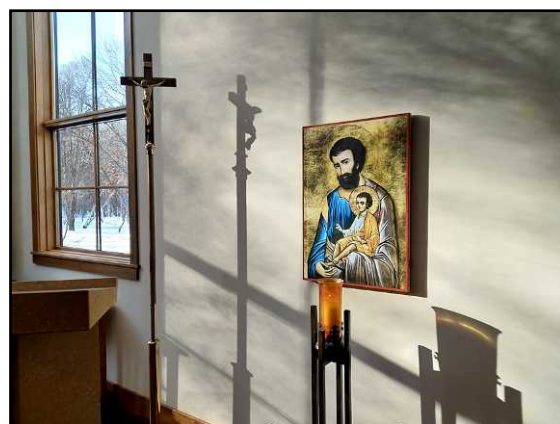




*New trails run parallel with the roads at Pacem.*

## *Other Pacem News*

- ◆ In January and March, approximately 100 oak trees damaged by oak wilt were removed from near St. Paul's hermitage and the parking area.
- ◆ For hermit safety, new trails were added. They run parallel with Pacem's roads, giving hermits another way to access their hermitages.
- ◆ A motorized gate was added to secure the hermit area.
- ◆ Peep-holes were added to each outdoor hermitage entrance door.
- ◆ The interior of Our Lady of Pacem main retreat center has been undergoing repainting.
- ◆ Two additional bedrooms in the lower level of St. Joseph House are being readied and have been re-painted. Once completed, St. Joseph House will be able to accommodate a total of five guests. St. Joseph House continues to be used by small groups, clergy, priests, Church staff, and seminarians for retreats.
- ◆ Prior to Pope Francis' announcement of the Year of St. Joseph, an icon of St. Joseph was added to Pacem's chapel.



*A St. Joseph icon graces the Our Lady of Pacem chapel.*

## *2020 Fundraising Update*

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to Pacem's end of the year 2020 fundraising campaign. \$63,230.00 was donated. Because of your generous support, Pacem received the \$50,000 matching donation. As a result, the total raised was \$113,230. This will be used for daily operations at Pacem. Thank you for your generosity!

*"God is your insight into yourself. He is the only mirror in which you can see and understand yourself with any clarity."*

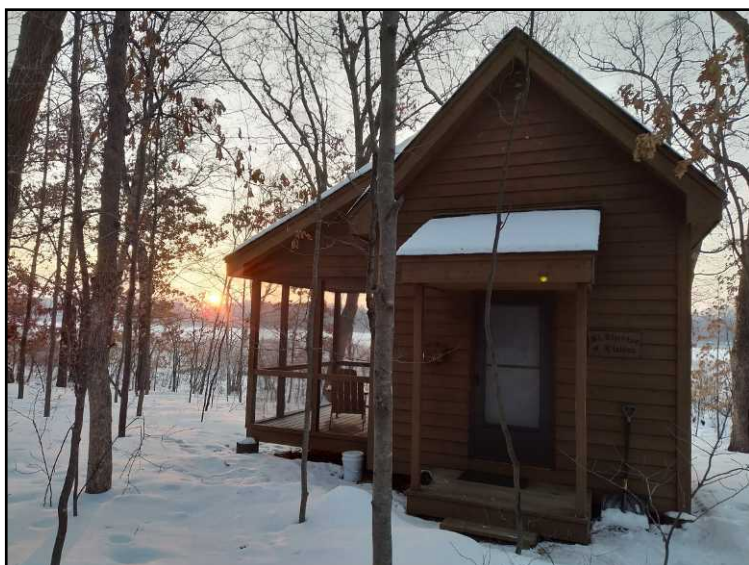
*- Inge Aicher-Scholl, sister of Sophie Scholl*

*Sophie Scholl was a member of the White Rose, an anti-Nazi resistance group.*

## *Pacem's Fund a Need*

Our generous benefactors continue to provide for our material and financial needs. Our present :

- Used dependable vehicle for transporting guests.
- Windows for 3 new hermitages (\$1,500 each).
- Mattresses/box springs for 3 new hermitages.
- Gliding rocking chairs for 3 new hermitages.



## Board of Directors

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## Include Pacem in Your Estate Plans

"Pacem in Terris has been a wonderful place of refuge for me over many years. This 'Cathedral in the Woods' is for me a sacred tent of meeting. It's a place where I can come 'just as I am,' and humbly approach Almighty God, the King of Kings.

While we do what we are able to support Pacem with current gifts, Kris and I realized that we could have a larger impact by including a gift to Pacem in our estate plan. We truly believe that 'to whom much has been given, much will be expected' and that we are merely temporary stewards for the assets the Lord has entrusted us with.

Pacem in Terris has been a blessing beyond measure to me. By including this wonderful place in our estate planning, we can reflect some of the enormous gratitude we have towards this anointed place."

- Ward and Kris Brehm

-Ward Brehm is a Minnesota businessman, humanitarian, Pacem hermit guest, and author of the book "Bigger Than Me".

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28



Yes, I want to help build Pacem's future hermitages: Total Amount \$100 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ 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 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

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

To contribute towards the new hermitage building project online, visit: <https://www.givemn.org/story/2ho45g>

**All contributions made to the building fund will be matched 100% up to \$125,000.**