



# PACEM IN TERRIS

## HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

### *New Hermitages Opening Soon*

**I**t's been a year since the foundations were dug. The hermitages of St. Juan Diego, St. Josephine Bakhita, and St. Maximilian Kolbe (pictured at right and below) are anticipated to be completed in late October. Labor shortages and supply chain issues delayed nearly every step of the project. Yet, they will be finished in God's time; not ours.

Hermitage demand has been strong this fall, and many guests want to experience the new hermitages. While similar in size and structure to the previous hermitages, they include some upgrades to make them more maintenance-free. Due to increased lumber costs, these hermitages were built using ICF (insulated concrete forms) which provide increased insulating properties, sound prevention, and stability, as well as decreased propane usage. In addition, they feature slightly larger picture and transom windows, steel roofs, a pitched stoop roof, luxury vinyl plank flooring, and LP Smart-siding. Inside, each hermitage has a gliding rocker in the living space and a wooden rocker on the porch, in addition to the usual furnishings.



“We’ve learned from previous builds how to improve the hermitages, and made choices that should reduce maintenance costs over time and add to the longevity of each hermitage,” said Tim Drake, Executive Director. “These are solid buildings, with Christ as their foundation.”



Given that we would like to keep the hermitages full during our busiest season of fall, we anticipate hosting an Open House in the new year.

*“I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope.” - Hosea 2:14-15a*

## New and Returning Faces



Monica Nathe

Monica Nathe (left) joined Pacem as Administrative Assistant in May. She holds a bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University and a pastoral certificate from The Crossing College. She and her husband, Greg have a blended family of four kids and four cats. In her free time, Monica enjoys gardening, reading, and watching Greg play baseball with the Minnetonka Mustangs.



Tammy Johnson

Tammy Johnson (right) recently returned to Pacem as a generalist. She has been married for 28 years and was a stay-at-home mother to their three children. She enjoys spending time with family, reading, camping, hiking, or sitting around the campfire. She thanks God for leading her back to Pacem after being away for six years.

## Preserving Pacem's Environment

Pacem in Terris cares not only for its 240 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and native prairie, but the local environment as well. Here are Pacem's environmental initiatives since its foundation:

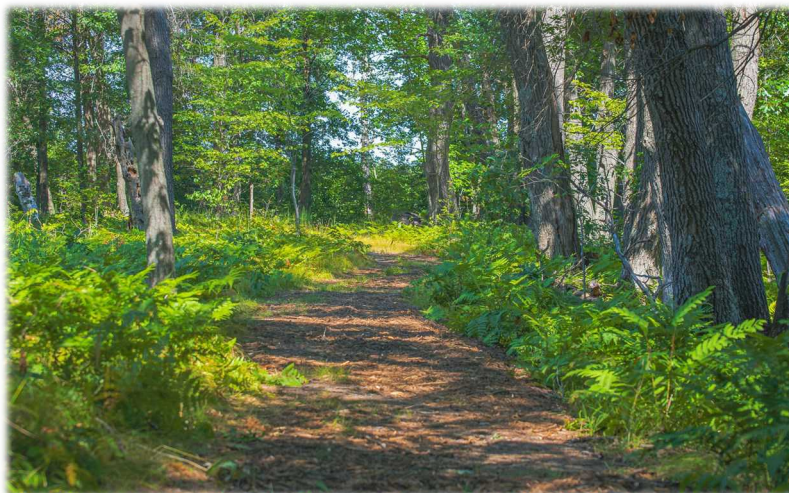
- Recycling of plastic, paper, tin, aluminum, cardboard.
- Geo-thermal heating and cooling system for main retreat center, Our Lady of Pacem.
- Land Stewardship Plans registered with the DNR.
- Participate in State Ecological Monitoring Network.
- Received One Planet Fund grant from the Franciscan Sisters in Little Falls to convert a portion of lawn grass to native prairie.
- Pacem participates in the State of Minnesota's Adopt-a-Highway program, picking up trash along Highway 47 just north of Pacem's property.
- LED lighting throughout campus.
- Solar-powered entrance gate.
- Regular maintenance, and periodic burning, of Pacem's native prairie landscapes.
- Regular cutting of oaks affected by oak wilt, and planting of evergreens and other beneficial native tree species.
- Unpaved roads and parking area to decrease harmful run-off.
- Lack of power infrastructure in hermitage area to preserve natural setting.
- Maintenance-free siding, steel roofing, and energy-saving insulated foam and concrete construction on new hermitages. Steel roofing is added when replacement roofs are needed.



# The Fruit of Pacem

**P**acem receives numerous notes from hermit guests about the fruit of Pacem.

The Holy Spirit continues to work through the silence and solitude offered in the hermitages. Here's a sampling of recent notes received.



Pacem trail through the woods. (Photo by Debbie Trunk)

- ◆ "I came here with the intention to cultivate more self-compassion and an attitude of surrender. This environment created the space and conditions to do so. I feel so nurtured and held while here, while in solitude. It's truly a gift. Thank you for all your prayers, intentions, and attention to the details. Thank you for creating such a nurturing and nourishing space." - Erica
- ◆ "My life, my ministry and the revelation I receive every time I come to Pacem helps hundreds of lives through God's supernatural ripple effect." - Jessica
- ◆ "I had the most wonderful experience at Pacem. I hope to do it again—maybe many times. I found that the first two days were all about emptying myself of all distractions. There was a lot on my mind. I journaled a lot those first two days and prayed. I could sense others praying for me and was grateful. By mid-week I was ready to be silent and just wait. It was beautiful. Peaceful. Thank you for this ministry. I am still being blessed from the refreshing and special moments with God." - Kathleen
- ◆ "Little by little, places of peace are disappearing from God's earth. I certainly needed to be here so my own heart could steady itself because I could not listen to God's voice and take it into my heart. Now, I will take this grace back out to my family and friends, certain of a good and loving Father!" - Mary Lou
- ◆ "My nap in the hermitage felt like an incredible embrace from a loving Father. I am so grateful for this place of holy rest." - Alan

## Nominate a Board Member

After serving for many years, a handful of Pacem's Board members are going off the Board of Directors.

If you know someone who has a heart for Pacem's Mission and who might be willing to serve, feel free to nominate them by sending us their name and contact information. The time commitment is attending 4 - 5 meetings annually in support of Pacem in Terris.

Please send nominee's information (name, position, phone number, email address) to Tim Drake at [tim@paceminterris.org](mailto:tim@paceminterris.org)

## Furnace Campaign Update - \$40,000 Remains to Be Raised

In July, Massmann Geothermal installed seven new heat pumps in our main building, Our Lady of Pacem, to replace pumps that were 22 years old. The total cost was \$141,000. Thanks to generous donors, \$100,000 towards that total has already been raised. However, Pacem continues to seek benefactors who can offer charitable contributions to cover the remaining \$40,000 for the project. Prayerfully consider whether you might have the means to contribute. Thank you to all who have contributed to the project. We could not have replaced these units without you or your support. May God bless you for your generosity at our time of great need.

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## If You Can't Give Now... Give Later

Perhaps you live on a limited income currently, or inflation is making charitable giving difficult for you at present. Have you ever considered including Pacem in Terris as a benefactor in your estate planning or will? Legacy giving is a wonderful way to ensure that Pacem is provided for far into the future through the gifts that God has blessed you with throughout your life.

When a donor decides to leave assets to Pacem in Terris in his or her will, the donor is making a bequest. You can make any of these bequests:

- **Unrestricted Bequest**—a gift for general purposes to be used at Pacem’s discretion.
- **General Bequest**—a gift of a stated sum or percentage of your estate to Pacem.
- **Residuary Bequest**—a gift to Pacem of the remainder or “residue” of your estate after all other debts, taxes, and other commitments have been paid.
- **Restricted Bequest**—a gift that allows you to specify how the funds are to be used. If you’d like to make this bequest it’s best to consult Pacem in Terris when you create your will to be certain that your intention can be carried out.

Talk to your estate planning professional on how to set up a bequest for Pacem.

## Pacem Begging Box

- New wardrobe doors
- Gator utility vehicle
- Wood Chipper
- Dump trailer
- Zero-Turn Radius Riding Lawnmower
- Steel roofs for older hermitages
- Sink/vanity for St. Joseph House (SJH)
- Replacement decking for SJH
- Electric Vehicle for Hermit Transport
- Battery operated vacuums



\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to help support Pacem’s Mission. Total Amount \$100 \_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_ OR \$ \_\_\_\_/month

### PAYMENT METHOD

- \_\_\_\_ Personal check made payable to Pacem in Terris (for one-time gifts)
- \_\_\_\_ Credit card (for either one-time gifts or monthly gifts)
- \_\_\_\_ My employer has a matching gift program. Include a signed gift form.
- \_\_\_\_ I would like to make a gift of stock or appreciated securities
- \_\_\_\_ I would like to learn more about how to include Pacem in my estate plans.
- \_\_\_\_ 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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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 Pacem online, visit: <https://www.givemn.org/donate/Pacem-In-Terris-1>