



PACEM IN TERRIS

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

PACEM LAUNCHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In a world that grows louder, faster, and more burdened by the day, the need for silence has never been greater.

For 38 years, Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center has quietly offered that gift, welcoming more than 30,000 guests into sacred stillness where hearts are renewed and God's voice can be heard. Now, that gift is ready to be shared more widely than ever before.

Pacem announces the launch of its *Share Pacem, Share Peace* three-year Capital Campaign, a \$5 million effort to expand this ministry of silence, restore our sacred land, renew our facilities, and secure Pacem's future for generations to come.

Even more inspiring: nearly \$1 million has already been raised through the generosity of early supporters who believe deeply in this mission.

This campaign will allow Pacem to double the number of guests we serve each year. It will restore our storm-damaged woods, our "first chapel," and ensure that our hermitages remain simple, beautiful, and welcoming. It will also strengthen our endowment, providing long-term stability for this sacred ministry.



SHARE PACEM SHARE PEACE

The Share Pacem, Share Peace Capital Campaign logo encourages individuals to share Pacem with others, and to share the gifts God has bestowed on them with Pacem.

At its heart, this campaign is about people. It is about the grieving spouse, the exhausted parent, the weary pastor, and the searching soul who needs silence to encounter God.

As one retreatant shared, "Pacem restored me in ways I didn't know I needed. The quiet healed years of fatigue. I carry that peace with me even now."

This is your invitation. To share Pacem is to share peace with a world that desperately needs it. You can expect to receive a call from a member of the Capital Campaign volunteer committee in the coming weeks.

ACTION ITEMS

Pray: For the Campaign's success

Visit: <https://www.paceminterris.org/capitalcampaign>

Watch: *Share Pacem, Share Peace* video
https://youtu.be/JvC_pDtIGfA?si=fhpwXVO9E_r28ts7

Attend: Campaign Webinars - **Tues., May 12, 6 p.m.**, Video link: <https://meet.google.com/ixk-wgnj-drs> OR

Wed., May 13, 12 p.m., Link: <https://meet.google.com/xih-wtgo-bsy>

Pledge: Call Colleen Santi, Donor Relations, 763-444-3701.

ANNUNCIATION FUND FOR HEALING ESTABLISHED

The peace of a mid-week school Mass at Annunciation Catholic School in South Minneapolis was shattered by the violence perpetrated against all gathered there on August 27, 2025. Anders Holine's daughters, first and fourth grade students, were present in the Church, and survived the shooting.

Holine first heard about Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center when he was in his 20s.

"I heard about it through a friend and felt called to come," said Anders.

Anders has been to Pacem on retreat at least a dozen times since his initial stay in 2014. Pacem naturally came to mind following the tragic shooting.

"Pacem has always been a place of healing, peace, and growth for me," he explained. "It's been a place of refuge and connection where my faith has grown a lot."

"In the wake of this [tragedy], I thought Pacem might be a very good place for our community to find space to rest, grieve, wrestle, and find renewal."

Anders reached out to another Pacem benefactor to inquire about the possibility of a matching donation to create a fund that would allow Annunciation staff and teachers to spend time at Pacem.

Ultimately, three families contributed for the creation of The Annunciation Fund for Healing at Pacem in Terris. The Fund is designed to allow Annunciation school and parish staff to enjoy a two-night stay at Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center.

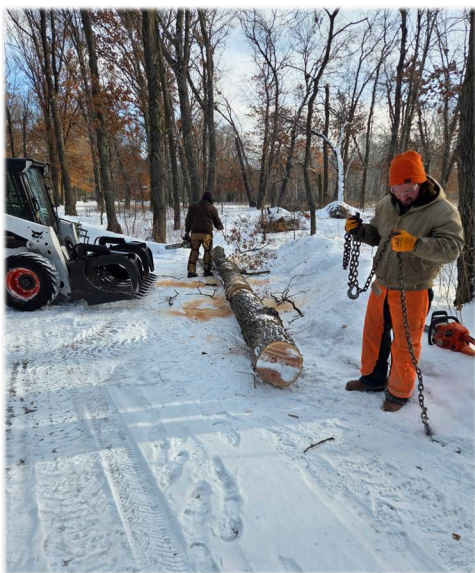
Helen Corkran, director of pastoral care at Annunciation was the first individual to take advantage of the Annunciation Fund.

"I'm in my 70s. I've dealt with death and a lot of things, but the feelings I've had I don't know what to do with," said Corkran. "We need to go on retreat to find our life and bring light into this darkness. I wish every one of those teachers could go on a weekend. We need to guide our kids with faith instead of fear."

Corkran enjoyed the experience so much, she made a second hermitage in early February.

Anders said that he and his wife and daughters continue to pursue healing. He hopes that many from the Annunciation community will take advantage of the opportunity for time at Pacem.

"Pacem is an incredible place to confront things that I can tend to run from each day, like God's goodness in the face of evil, or simple questions, like 'Why?' Those really come to the surface. At Pacem, I find I can pray and walk through those in a way that I find restorative."



Pacem's outdoor crew continues the long process of clearing diseased and downed trees left from August, 2024's devastating storms.

WEDDING VENUE RESOLVED

Pacem is delighted to share the news that the potential wedding venue has been resolved in a manner amenable to the applicants, neighbors, and Pacem in Terris.

Between March and September 2025, Pacem prayed and fought against efforts to create a wedding venue and event center within a mile from Pacem's hermitages.

Our prayers were answered in a completely unexpected way. The wedding

venue applicants withdrew their application to Isanti County in September. Early this year they announced that they had purchased an existing wedding venue near St. Francis.

Pacem is grateful for the many neighbors, supporters, our attorney, and online petitioners who joined in the effort to protect Pacem's mission and ministry. Join us in praising God for a peaceful resolution.



MONSIGNOR JAMES SHEA PRESENTATION



National speaker and University of Mary President Monsignor James Shea will offer the presentation, “Be Still and Know...” at Pacem in Terris on Friday, May 1, 2026 at 7 p.m. Come learn why encountering God in the silence is vital for our lives.

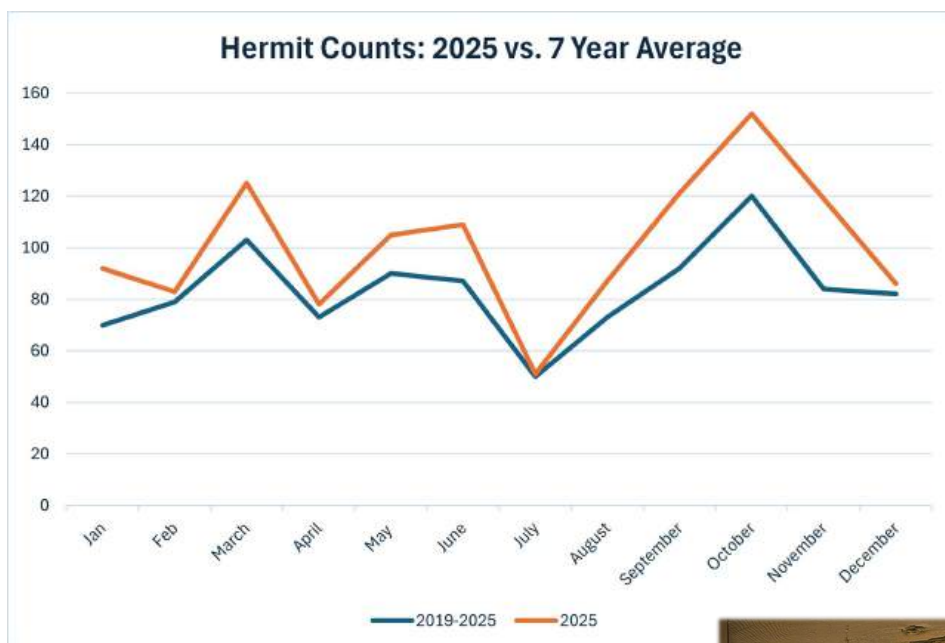
May 1st marks the 38th anniversary of Pacem’s founding, and the

public launch of our Share Pacem, Share Peace Capital Campaign.

The event is free, but a reservation is required as space is limited. Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/pacem-in-terris-hermitage-retreat-center-112592139311>



2025 HERMIT COUNTS AT HISTORIC HIGH



Pacem’s guest count (shown at left) for every month of 2025 was a historic high with 1,208 guests.

The graph remains very consistent annually, with peaks in the spring and fall. The red line shows 2025’s numbers. The blue line shows Pacem’s 7-year average.

Please continue to share Pacem with those you love. God desires to spend time alone with them.

ROUND UP in june

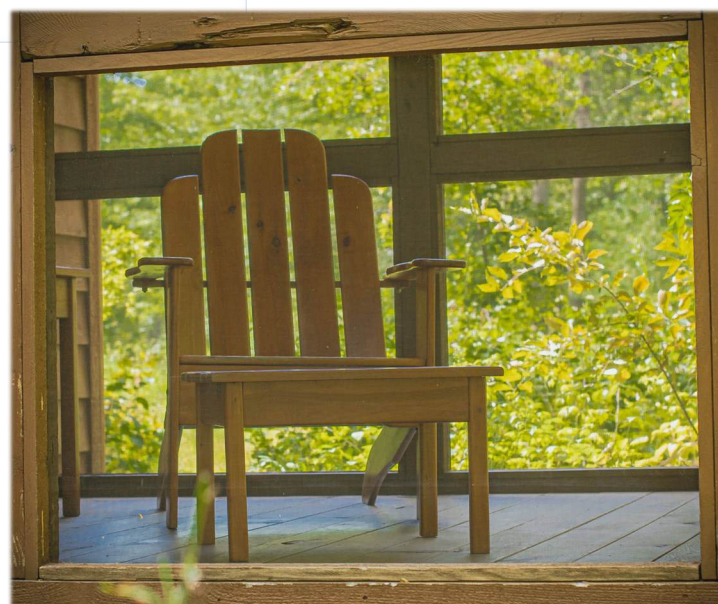
City Center Market Food Co-op and Deli in Cambridge, MN is offering shoppers the chance to “round up” their grocery bill to benefit Pacem in Terris this June.

When you round up your purchase to the nearest dollar,

those extra cents will be given directly to Pacem in Terris. It’s a simple way to help make a difference

Community Giving
round it up
your change makes a difference

for Pacem. Make plans to visit the Co-op and Deli in June and round up for Pacem.



The hermitage invites you to come rest in the Lord. Come find peace.

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CALLED TO DEEPER REST

My words cannot adequately express my gratitude to you for donating this time to me.... My parents are making a donation for their gratitude in seeing me at such peace. My mom was in tears.

I watched the sunrise every day since Friday and it is so invigorating. I feel the presence of Jesus in a new way! In a very tangible way He has made my heart his home and in this silence I can hear him. Away from all the noise! It took a bit, which is why I requested an extra day. I felt God calling me into even deeper rest. My body has felt the pain of all the weight I'm carrying. I'm going through physical therapy for the way my body braced itself due to multiple traumas.

For the first time ever, my body was able to completely relax with each new renewed breath the Holy Spirit gave me. And He will continue to sustain me! This land is holy. God gifted me with sunshine every day! He filled me. I am now able to love even more, to see Jesus in others, to live in continued balance. Thank you! We will donate after we have paid for my oral surgery. With love, Jess

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Thanks to donors, hundreds of new books have been added to Pacem's spiritual library. They include books on Pacem's patron saints and well-loved Christian classics. Among them are many by G.K. Chesterton, C.S. Lewis, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Pope Benedict XVI, as well as contemporary authors, including Matthew Kelly, Brant Pitre, and others. For those seeking spiritual encouragement there's sure to be something that will speak to their soul.



Yes, I want to support Pacem's mission of peace, silence and solitude. Total Amount \$100 \$300 \$1,000 Other \$ OR \$ / mo.

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 _____

Credit Card # _____

CVV Code _____ Expiration Date (MM) _____ (YY) _____



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

Email (optional) _____

To contribute towards Pacem online, visit: <https://www.givemn.org/donate/Pacem-In-Terris-1>

When it comes time for you to prepare your will or estate plan, please remember Pacem in Terris in your will.