



PACEM in TERRIS

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

six months in: YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK



Pacem's three-year, \$5 million *Share Pacem, Share Peace Capital Campaign* is off to a healthy start thanks to the generosity of more than 300 benefactors.

Launched publicly on May 1, as of publication, Pacem has received \$722,000 in pledges. Of that total, more than \$522,000 has already been collected, enabling Pacem to begin the necessary process of renewal and restoration.

The photographs to the left show some of the renovations made possible by your generosity. Damaged siding was replaced on our main building and the building was completely re-stained to protect the cedar. Two hermitages with peeling wardrobes received new wardrobes, and tree removal work continues.

Here's what your contributions have made possible:

- Replaced 26-year-old carpet in Great Room and main staircase of Our Lady of Pacem.
- Stained St. John the Beloved and St. Margaret Mary hermitages and biffies.
- Replaced St. Paul and St.

Kateri wardrobes.

- Replaced rotten siding on the backside of Our Lady of Pacem building and added gutters.
- Painting interiors of all Spiffy Biffies.
- Removed dangerous trees near parking lot.
- Re-stained outside of Our Lady of Pacem main building.

Much work remains to be done. Pacem's Board of Directors will meet in November to decide what renovations should be pursued in 2027.

Among the needed improvements are:

- Replace leaking outdoor wood boiler (\$15,000)

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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- Replace additional worn wardrobes (\$1,500 each)
- Replace main building air exchange units (\$22,000)
- Replace leaking iron filtration system (\$80-100,000).
- Replace outdated computers (\$2,000 each).
- Replace failing hermitage heaters.
- Replace damaged garage doors (\$2,500 each).
- Replace San Damiano fireplace interior (\$15,000).
- Sanding and re-staining hermitage floors (\$1600 - 2,000 each)
- Removal of hundreds of diseased, dead & downed trees. (\$700-1000 each)

If you feel called or moved to donate towards a specific project, please let Colleen Santi, donor relations, know and



The view over Lake Tamarack at dusk (Ian Marin).

we can designate your donation towards that renovation or replacement. Pacem's main building is 26-years-old and its systems need replacement.

In addition, we're delighted to share that thanks to generous memorials provided by family and friends of Wayne Olson, husband of former board member Phyllis Olson, a third boardwalk will be added to Lake Tamarack.



SHARE PACEM
SHARE PEACE

NEW PACEM RETREAT GUIDES

This fall, on Pacem's website, we are making Retreat Guides available for guests. These are available at no cost, and are in response to guest requests.

The retreat guides utilize Scripture and St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises to provide a simple guide for prayer and discernment.

Each guide is a complete, three-day self-directed retreat. They are written for a specific season of life for each individual depending upon their situation.

The guides include:

- Into the Silence and the Sacred - A retreat for anyone
- Beside the Still Waters - For mothers
- The Father's Heart - For fathers
- Made to Make - For artists and creatives
- The Gift of Enough - For busy professionals
- Through the Valley - For those who grieve
- You are Not Forgotten - For weary caregivers

Choose your guide



**INTO THE SILENCE AND
THE SACRED**

For everyone — a first retreat

A foundational Ignatian retreat drawing from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The perfect starting place for a first visit to Pacem — or a return to the essentials of prayer.



OPEN - DOWNLOAD

- Where are You Sending Me? - For young adults
- You Did Not Choose Me, I Chose You - For educators
- The Servant is Not Greater Than the Master - For clergy and church leaders

Additional self-guided retreat guides will include those for: retirees, men, women, engaged couples, married couples, the ill, veterans and first responders, divorced or separated, those in recovery, and those returning to faith.

MEET NEW BOARD MEMBER WADE LOVELETTE

Pacem's newest board member, Wade Lovelette joined Pacem's Board of Directors in August. A retired lineworker, Wade resides in Elk River. He and his wife of 42 years, Cindy have been Pacem guests, volunteers, and benefactors for many years. They are blessed with three adult children and 10 grandchildren.

Wade is active in the Knight of Columbus and enjoys spending time outdoors appreciating the beauty and

peace of being active in God's creation.

A man of faith, he begins his day with prayer and quiet time with the Lord, which guides him in all he does. He is grateful for the peace, prayer, and purpose Pacem offers.

Pacem is grateful for his service and looks forward to having his wisdom, experience, and guidance on the Board. Welcome Wade!



REGISTRATION DEPOSIT

At Pacem, every reservation begins the way it always has: with a personal phone call. Behind each call is a hermitage made ready, a food basket prepared, and our staff praying for the guest who is coming to be alone with God.

This fall, we have added one small step to that process. Guests are now asked for a \$50 deposit when they make a reservation. The deposit is applied in full toward your suggested donation, so it does not add to the cost of your retreat.

Why the change? Our hermitages are in steady demand, especially on weekends. When a reservation goes unused without notice, a hermitage that another person was hoping for sits empty. Over the past nine months, missed reservations have meant 114 nights our hermitages went unused. A mod-

est deposit helps each reservation reflect a shared commitment, and it helps us steward the hermitages you have so generously supported through our capital campaign.

Many retreat centers have long asked for a similar deposit. We waited until we were sure it could be done in a way that fits who we are.

What hasn't changed is the spirit of welcome. If your plans change, simply call us, and with 14+ days' notice, your deposit can be moved to a new date. And if the deposit is ever a hardship, just let us know. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

We look forward to welcoming you, personally, to the silence of the hermitage.

MSGR. SHEA TALK

Msgr. James Shea, president of the University of Mary, spoke at Pacem on May 1st on the subject "Be Still and Know..."

Msgr. Shea's talk marked Pacem's 38th anniversary, as well as the public launch of its *Share Pacem, Share Peace Capital Campaign*.



The talk focused on the truth expressed by the Latin phrase *Stat crux dum volvitur orbis*, which means, "the world spins, but the cross stands," which is the motto of the Carthusian Order.

He concluded by describing Pacem in Terris as a cause very worthy of people's support.

The talk is available to view at: <https://www.paceminterris.org/donate/capital-campaign>

Enjoy your hermitage and the trails in the warm glow of numerous bonfires on the Pacem property

For Guests staying the weekend of **February 5-7, 2027**

Hot cocoa and cookies will be served at the main building on Saturday, **February 6 from 4-5:30 P.M.**

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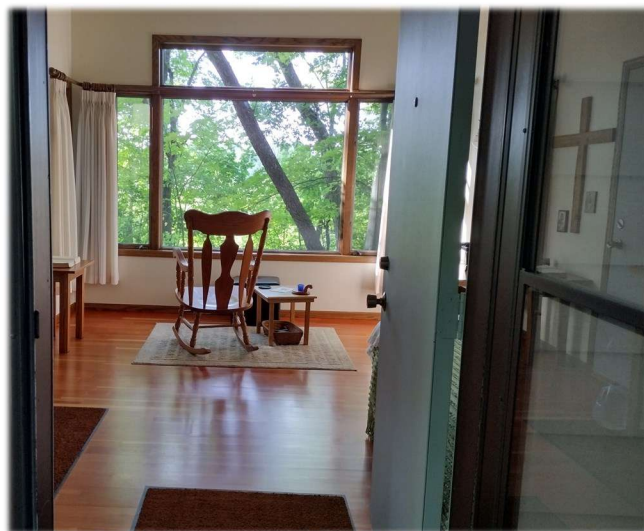
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GUEST TESTIMONIALS

Thank you for your service in cleaning and preparing my hermitage for the next pilgrim to come through. Whether you are a volunteer or a paid staff what you are doing is holy work on holy ground.

The moment I came through the door of my hermitage I knew that this is where God was calling me to be for the days ahead. The care of the hermitage, the needs met, and the quiet attentiveness of those in the background set the stage for God's great grace to meet me where I was and move me forward. Thank you for your role in that. Thank you to all—I know it takes many hands for something like this to run so smoothly! May you be blessed with God's abundant grace! - Anonymous Hermit Guest

Thank you for your prayers and work to provide this experience in the desert. This has helped me heal from years of self-medicating, addiction, and trauma. It is a blessing to know this place exists. I cannot wait to come back next year and share this with others. Many more thanks to come.
- Grateful Pacem Guest.



____ 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). ____ 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.
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Please use this form for credit cards (please print and complete all information).

Name on Card _____ Daytime Phone _____

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

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