



PACEM in TERRIS

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

PACEM ADDS TWO HERMITAGE ROOMS

With the retirement of resident Pacem employee David Sorensen, two rooms located in the upstairs of Our Lady of Pacem became available. The rooms were re-painted and prepared as they were originally designed, into the interior hermitage rooms of St. Gabriel and St. Raphael.

Since the rooms have access to the interior of our main building, they will not be available to the general public, but will be utilized for staff, volunteers, board members, clergy, and in situations where Pacem's entire campus is filled.

With the addition of these rooms it now brings the total number of guest spaces to 29, making the possibility of hosting groups easier.

During July and August, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be in residence, utilizing the space and offering Mass as available.



The interior room of St. Gabriel is located upstairs inside the Our Lady of Pacem building.



PETITION GARNERS MORE THAN 2,000 SIGNATURES

In March, Pacem in Terris and concerned neighbors attended a Isanti County Planning Commission meeting to ask that a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed wedding venue and event center located less than a mile from Pacem's property be denied.

A second public hearing took place in April. A third public hearing will take place at the Isanti County Government

Center on Thurs., July 24 at 6 p.m.

Pacem's board of directors and staff feel that potential noise and additional traffic related to the venue would be devastating to Pacem's mission and ministry.

Pacem created a petition requesting Isanti County deny the permit. As of publication 2,095 neighbors, employees, volunteers, board members, guests and

supporters have signed the petition.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sign the petition, you can find it at <https://chnng.it/5tNzYFMKKc> or by using the QR code. Please know that any monies donated to Change.org do not support Pacem, but go towards promoting the petition to others.



UPDATE ON PACEM'S TREE CLEAN UP



Wood cutting and clearing continues following August 2024's devastating storms. Volunteers and staff have accomplished much, and many new trees (pictured above, near the parking area) have been planted in areas left vacant by the storms.

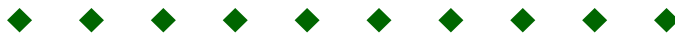
It is expected that continued professional clearing of downed, leaning, and broken trees will take at least two more years and cost approximately \$200,000.

Due to the amount of downed wood, if you, or someone you know is in need of wood for fires, heating, or timber, please contact Ian Marin at Pacem. We are happy to make it available for a donation to Pacem.

In addition, most of the damage to Pacem's hermitages, buildings, and St. Joseph House has been repaired. St. Joseph House received a new chimney and roof in spring of 2025. Those hermitages needing new roofs received them.

Some minor damage to a couple of steel hermitage roofs was not completely covered by insurance at this time. As the damage is merely cosmetic, Pacem plans to wait to replace those roofs until full replacement is needed.

Pacem plans to continue to replant a diversity of trees to replace those lost. Many evergreens have been planted as they are beneficial to the fungal network of the forest. Removal and reforestation will be a major part of Pacem's forthcoming Capital Campaign.



PACEM highlighted on MPR

Minnesota Public Radio's Dan Gunderson visited Pacem in April, interviewing Executive Director Tim Drake and Pacem frequent guest and board member Tom Klein.

The profile of Pacem in Terris aired on Monday, May 19, 2025 as part of MPR's "Wander and Wonder" series.

The report resulted in welcome exposure, as well as many inquiries and

approximately two dozen reservations. Calls continue to come in as a result.

You can find the written story, photos, and radio segment at Pacem's website or directly at <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2025/05/19/minnesota-hermitage-invites-all-to-embrace-the-silence>

"I did a lot of walking and taking pictures of the devastation of the forest. Surprisingly, the jagged edges and splits, the uprootedness seemed like the jaggedness and uprootedness that I have felt. It seems a battered forest is a comforting place for grief. Loss is part of the cycle, and spring emerges..." - Anne

Wish List

- ◆ Bluebird Houses
- ◆ New pillows for hermitages
- ◆ Commercial wood chipper
- ◆ ATV Utility Vehicle



NEW FACES AT PACEM

The retirement of David Sorensen, and the anticipation of Pacem's forthcoming Capital Campaign, has necessitated additional hiring. These are some of the new people you might encounter at Pacem.

Two part-time generalists were added to the staff. Lee Gohmann (top, left) is serving one weekend a month. Former volunteer Christina Gallo (bottom, left) has been serving since late November. Guests may encounter them during their stay or upon arrival or departure.

Colleen Santi (top, right) began April 7 as a part-time Donor Relationship Specialist. She serves as the liaison between the Volunteer Campaign Committee and Mark Davy & Associates in shepherding the Capital Campaign. Benefactors can expect to hear from her as she looks forward to meeting those who support Pacem through their prayers and gifts.

Pacem also has a new board member. Tricia Walz (bottom, right) joined Pacem's Board of Directors in May.



PACEM EVENT SERIES



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To share Pacem with more people, Pacem is hosting a variety of special events. Our hope is that through these events people will be inspired to learn more about Pacem and make a reservation. The events are free, but do require tickets as space is limited. We ask that attendees consider a donation to Pacem's Capital Campaign. Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/pacem-in-terris-hermitage-retreat-center-112592139311>

Pacem Nooks & Crannies Tour, Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, 2-3:30 p.m. - Executive Director, Tim Drake, will lead a behind-the-scenes tour of Pacem's hidden spaces, including the Archive room, St. Joseph House, a gang-plank leading to the attic to view an unfinished Mark Balma painting. In the process you'll learn about the history of Pacem. Limited to 12 people. *(Please note: Tour is not handicapped accessible)*

Joyann Parker's "Inspirations" Concert - Sunday, November 9, 2025, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Come enjoy the soulful singing of Joyann Parker and guitarist Mark Lamoine, both past Pacem guests. Joyann will be singing Gospel and original music inspired by and composed at Pacem.



Advent Concert - The OK Factor Advent Concert, Sunday, December 7, 2025, 3 p.m. Karla Colahan and Olivia Diercks make up the cello and violin duo The OK Factor. They will present a lively and beautiful classical inspired Advent concert in Pacem's Great Room.

Monsignor James Shea, "Be Still and Know...", Friday, May 1, 2026, 7 p.m. University of Mary President James Shea will celebrate Pacem's 38th anniversary by speaking on the topic of encountering God in the silence and its vital importance in our lives.

Pacem Online Art Auction, Date To Be Determined, Bid on one-of-a-kind art by Mark Balma and other artists to fund Pacem's needs.



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NOTE FROM A GUEST

I came from Macon, Georgia to visit a friend. He suggested we start our trip together at Pacem. I was reluctant initially – 3 nights of silence. But God rewarded our bravery (my friend had already attended before and raved).

After the first night I was able to disconnect and relax. I slept, walked, prayed, and enjoyed the silence. I felt God's love and mercy for the first time in years. Even the open Psalm verse in my hermitage felt tailored to me. Morning sunrises on the boardwalk, fresh bread and cheese in the woods, praying while strolling the quiet serene paths... I am blessed, and Pacem is a gift. I could not recommend more highly. - Sam

SEEKING GENEROUS DONORS

Pacem's efforts to preserve the silence and mission of Pacem have had unexpected costs not anticipated in our budget. In preparation for the Isanti County Planning Commission on July 24th, Pacem anticipates legal and sound study fees of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000. Can you help Pacem meet these costs?

If you would like to support Pacem's mission and efforts, please prayerfully consider making a special donation at this time, using the enclosed envelope. We are doing all we can to oppose the potential nearby wedding venue. Whether you're able to contribute financially or not, please keep our efforts in your prayers, that the holy silence of this place may be preserved for many years to come. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We are blessed by you!



____ 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.
 ____ 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 _____

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

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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.