

2022

PACEM IN TERRIS
HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION *Pacem in Terris*, Latin for 'peace on earth,' is a hermitage retreat center founded in the Franciscan tradition of the Roman Catholic faith to provide a peaceful sanctuary where people of all faiths can be alone with God. Simple hermitages, nestled within the beauty of a natural wooded setting, provide silence, solitude, and an intimate space in which each guest may freely respond to God's invitation to "Be still and know that I am God" (PSALM 46:11).



GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

Over the past year, Pacem's hermit guests, staff, visitors, volunteers and Board members have watched the slow but steady process as the three new hermitages of St. Juan Diego, St. Josephine Bakhita, and St. Maximilian Kolbe (pictured on the cover)

have been completed. We are excited for what God has planned for those whom He continues to call to Pacem. This brings our total number of outdoor hermitages to 19. It had been the dream of both founder Shirley Wanchena and past Board president Fr. Tim Nolan to see three more hermitages realized. With growing demand, Pacem's Board agreed to begin the building process in early 2021. They opened officially on November 1, 2022—the Feast of All Saints.

With Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, what might God accomplish? He is a God of surprises. We know from the many shared

stories from hermit guests over the past 34 years that God works miracles and wonders in the silence and the solitude of the hermitage. He meets each hermit guest where they are. He loves each and every one of them. He fosters peace, one person at a time.

Never has the need for Pacem been greater. The impact of modernity and secularism has created tremendous economic insecurity, constant digital and auditory noise, anxiety, disruption of every aspect of life, and tremendous stress and challenges to our mental, physical, social, and spiritual health. Pacem has witnessed an increased need for people to retreat into silence and solitude to reconnect with God to quiet and refresh their spirit.

This annual report marks the first time Pacem has produced such a document. We do so for greater transparency, so that



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Checking/Savings \$224,911.07
 Investments \$1,518,611.56
 Books Inventory \$16,211.00
 Fixed Assets \$1,783,926.39
 Other Assets \$321,666.77

Total Assets \$3,865,326.79

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities \$110,989.29
 Equity \$3,754,337.50

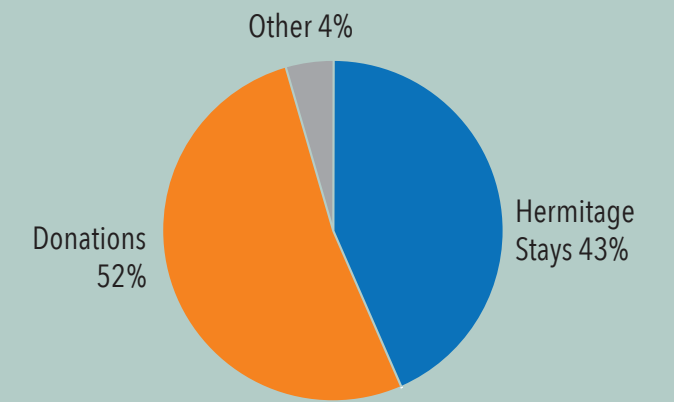
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guests, benefactors, granting agencies, and others can see our balance sheet, income and expenses. By God's grace, and the generosity of so many donors, Pacem has been sustained and grown. God-willing, may it continue to do so, and may He continue to bless this ministry and all whom God calls to Pacem.

—TIM DRAKE,
 Executive Director



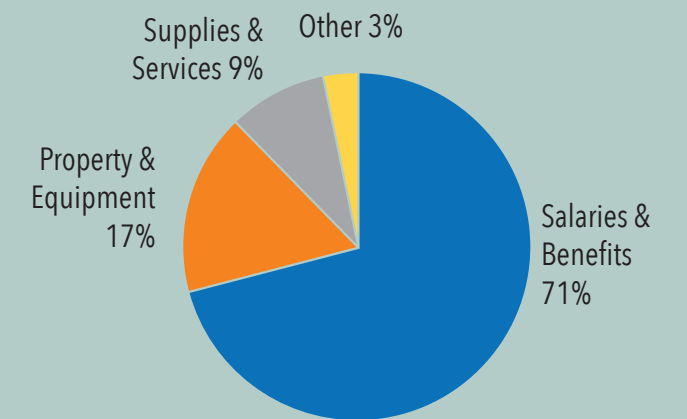
PACEM INCOME FROM OPERATIONS



2022 INCOME

Hermitage Income 158,244
 Donations 191,582
 Other 16,300

PACEM OPERATING EXPENSES



2022 EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits 305,311
 Property & Equipment 72,396
 Supplies & Services 39,204
 Other 14,166

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*New hermitage project not included as this was completely paid for through donations.



☞ *THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING such a beautiful sanctuary for people of all backgrounds to be alone with God. I've stayed at Pacem in Terris several times over the past 12 years and, almost every single time, I usually arrived pretty broken and in desperate need of time alone with God. It seemed like the more broken I felt, the less financial donation I could offer. I don't*

know where I would be right now without those opportunities to go into the desert for a spiritual re-set. Truthfully, I don't know if I'd even be alive today.

I am immensely grateful to your organization for keeping me spiritually afloat even in my darkest times, even when I only had \$20 to my name. I recently became more financially self-sufficient, so I offer you the enclosed check to cover the difference for the suggested donation for all of my hermitage retreats (plus a little extra), in the hopes that you can continue to offer scholarships to others who could benefit from spending time in the desert, in your beautiful sanctuary. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

—A GRATEFUL HERMIT GUEST

☞ *STEPPING INTO THIS HERMITAGE is like coming into the atmosphere of God. I know instantly, He has never left my heart. It is the ultimate homecoming.*

—A THANKFUL HERMIT GUEST



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PACEM in TERRIS

At a Glance

We had

1267

hermits stay with us for a total of

2487

nights

483

First time guests

132

Out of state guests

Furthest traveling hermit:

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

HERMITS BY STATE

October 2021-2022

