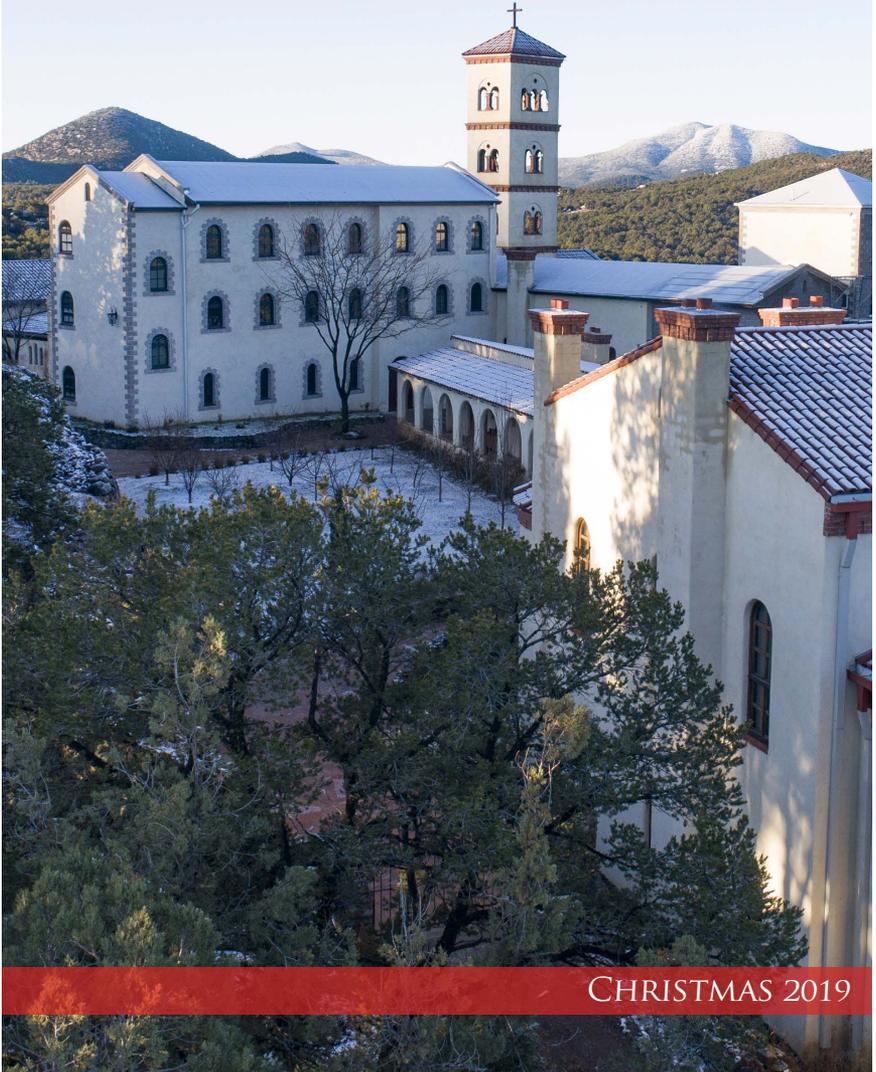


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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY



CHRISTMAS 2019



Dear Friends and Benefactors,



THIS PAST YEAR 2019 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF MANY BLESSINGS. The year's end calls for the expression of our most sincere gratitude to our faithful friends and benefactors who have been the providential bearers of these countless blessings. We share a few pictures of our new wing of cells which is now finished and occupied by our happy brothers. During his visit to our communities, His Excellency Bishop Fellay blessed and inaugurated this phase of greatly needed expansion. At the conclusion of our annual retreat, longtime friend of our community, Rev. Fr. Gerard Hogan, imparts the solemn blessing with the relic of the True Cross. And most recently, the new liturgical year opens with the exorcism and blessing of our monastic buildings according to ancient custom. May these many blessings carry us forward in grace as we make progress towards our immediate future in carrying out the Benedictine mission "That in all things God may be glorified."

WE INCLUDE THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS of our beloved friends and benefactors in our Christmas Novena of Masses and Rosaries in heartfelt thanksgiving for your constant support and encouragement of this Divine Work of Charity.

With the grateful prayers of our twin communities !

Fr. Cyprrian, prior



REVEREND FATHER WEGNER, SSPX DISTRICT SUPERIOR OF THE USA, blessed the new bell for our convent on Nov. 17, the Benedictine feast of St. Gertrude. This bell is a gift from the Sisters of Saint Joseph in France whose convent was closed due to lack of vocations. Their wish is for the bell to be brought back to life in the service of a religious community. Our Sisters were elated to receive such a great gift which was originally cast in 1938 and recently restored by the renowned Paccard foundry in France.





OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES ITS SPIRITUAL GROWTH, as vows are made and renewed by several brothers. We welcomed a first Mass from newly ordained Fr. Jonah Garno SSPX, while Fr. Gerard Hogan SSPX pauses in between two retreats, and our newest novice receives the habit and is named after the great Benedictine Doctor of the Church, St. Anselm.

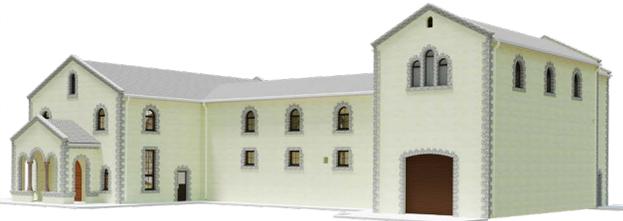


THE INTELLECTUAL FORMATION OF OUR COMMUNITY is greatly uplifted and enhanced by the welcome visits of both priests and laymen alike. **Rev. Fr. Wegner**, U.S. District Superior of the SSPX, gives us a moving testimony of the current status of Catholic Tradition in America, while **Mr. Christian Bless**, who converted under Benedictine influence in France, gives us a passionate overview of our monastic origins in the 1970's with an enthusiastic presentation of the writings of soldier-poet Charles Péguy, the medieval revival artwork of Henri Charlier, the conversion of Charles Maurras, and the mission of the French journal *Itinéraires* edited by Jean Madiran with articles by the great Dominican theologian Fr. R-Th. Calmel. Our annual community retreat was preached by **Rev. Fr. Gerard Hogan** on the virtue of trust as demonstrated by the lives of the lesser known saints of our contemporary era. **Rev. Fr. Alphonsus, CSSR**, gives us our monthly First Friday recollection, on the joy and humor of the pursuit of holiness.





FOUNDATIONS of the Abbey Roast facility and Guest Reception are being prepared, from the breaking of the granite bedrock to the raising of the walls.



A long line of cement trucks delivers nearly 90 yards of concrete pumped into the foundations while a threatening rainstorm fails to dampen our labors.



SSPX Cadet Scouts lead the way in our Marian procession while on their annual camp.



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