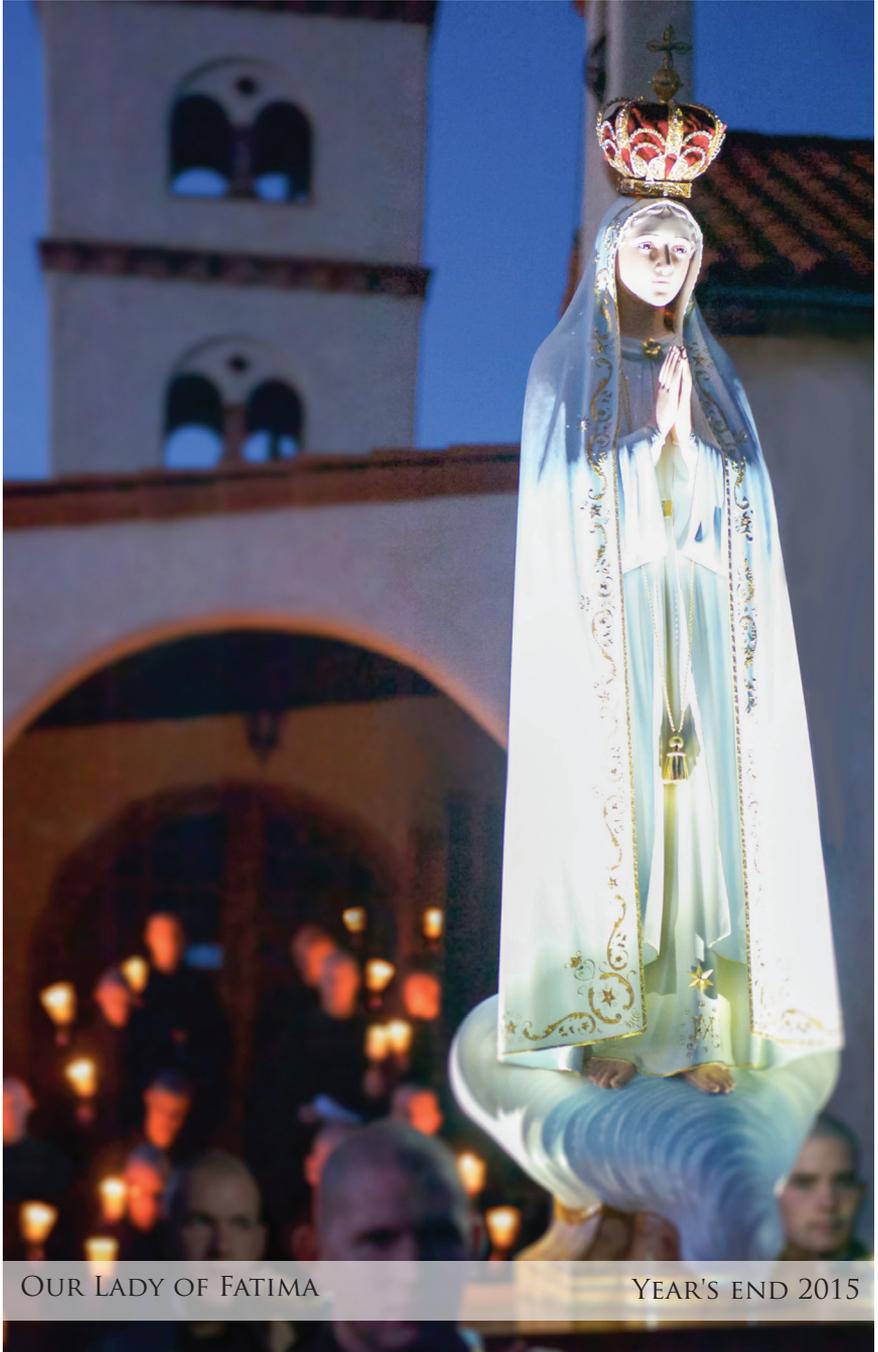


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# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

YEAR'S END 2015



*In thanksgiving for the great generosity of our friends and benefactors, the annual Christmas Novena of Masses for all your special intentions begins.*

To our dear Friends and Benefactors,

**T**HIS PAST YEAR 2015 has been a year of many graces for our Monastery. Spiritually, our community continues to grow with a steady increase of vocations and many ceremonies of religious vows. We currently have several more monks in priestly formation.

Our coffee apostolate has far surpassed our greatest expectations and we have just received another shipping container from the Da Costa family in Brazil, who besides being an important coffee producer, has two sons serving the Church in tradition. Several grocery chains have now added our popular Abbey Roast to their shelves. Our unique Café-4-Life apostolate is also making great strides among the Pro-Life circles. May our modest contributions bear much fruit in this deeply religious and moral cause for the urgent protection of innocent life.

Our property has been greatly increased as well, with the acquisition of a welcoming guest house for our visiting families as well as a spacious mountain ranch adjacent to our present property. This will now allow us to move forward quickly with the convent for our Benedictine sisters. Thanks to you, our many construction projects continue to take shape for the very near future of our twin community of monks and nuns.

This new year of grace 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of our establishment in America. We hope to celebrate this silver jubilee on Saturday August 6th, Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Everyone is invited, of course, and we hope to share this momentous event with our good friends and benefactors who can make the trip to the Southwest.

We count on your continued charitable help in this crucial new year and we assure you of our absolute dedication to our Holy Church,

With our prayerful gratitude always,

Fr. Cyprian and Community



Our Lady of Fatima pilgrim virgin arrives at the Monastery where she is crowned at the entrance and then carried to the chapel. She is honored each evening with a candlelight procession as featured on our newsletter cover page.





*Annual Pilgrimage December 12th* : An undaunted crowd of several hundred fervent pilgrims braves our wintry conditions as they climb the monastery road in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas.



Beneath the canopy of a spacious tent, pilgrims travelled from 7 states as well as from Mexico to conclude the several long miles of procession with Solemn Mass and are served a celebration banquet afterwards.





*Feast of the Immaculate Heart* A soldier becomes a monk. Brother Patrick joins us and receives the monastic habit.

*Queenship of Mary* Br. Boniface and Br. Hugh receive the habit.



*August 22nd* Br. John the Baptist renews triennial vows. *All Saints* First vows of Br. Jeremy.

*November* : Mr. Pauly and Mr. Ullmer make windows for our Sisters' convent.

*December* : Our community completes the final assembly of the popular 2016 desk top calendar.





*August 9-15th* The Men's retreat is preached in St. Mary's by our Fr. Prior and Fr. Elias. The theme is the Rule of St. Benedict : the rule for men.

*September 14th* After assisting at the consecration of the new church of the Society of St. Pius X in Phoenix, our fathers welcomed another ceremony, H.E. Bishop Fellay conferred the clerical tonsure to our Br. Sebastian.





*October 27th* Three of our ever-smiling Benedictine Sisters arrive from France for a two week visit in order to prepare for the upcoming convent project. Happy to be home again in their native country, architectural plans were reviewed and many questions were asked, "How many American girls might want to be Benedictines ?" "Are they ready for the hardships of being the first pioneers ?" Our answer was simply, "Open the doors and you will soon see !" Before returning to France, our Sisters went on to St. Mary's where they met family, friends and over 150 young ladies interested in their life.





Over 80 men and boys from St. Mary's, Kansas and beyond arrive on a traveling camp throughout the Southwest where Mass was offered high on the terrace of our guesthouse, followed by western cowboy games in costumes and a juggling performance by the monks joined by some very talented boys. Afterwards the joyful troop went on to historic Arizona.

Under the careful supervision of Mr. Adam DeLisle, landscaping and native flagstone paved walkways are added to our grounds.





*August* A local winery invites our community to salvage a hail devastated vineyard of grapes and generously donates the wine as well. Since the grapes are grown naturally, they satisfy the requirements for the production of altar wine for our liturgical needs.



Summer 2015 A forest fire from last year burned dangerously close to the Monastery. Forest Service logging permits yielded an abundance of badly scorched but sound Douglas Fir trees. Our brothers eagerly felled them and brought them home to our sawmill where they are now being cut into truss material for several of our new farm outbuildings.





A generous gift of a sawmill allows us to make our own construction lumber.



*November 25* : Thanks to the great generosity and international organization of our benefactors, another shipping container of coffee beans crosses the stormy seas that separate us from Brazil and is inspected and cleared for entry at the ports, then transported to the Monastery. Several hundred bags are unloaded and put into special climatized storage.





## How to help the Monastery

The growth of our monastic community, the construction work required for our present expansion and our ongoing apostolates depend entirely on charitable and goodwill donations.

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