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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY



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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

TRADITION REMINDS US that our venerated founders, St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, were not only brother and sister, but also twins. Thus begins the Benedictine custom of *twin monasteries*, which Divine Providence has now firmly established for our religious communities.

The foundresses of our convent are now living the full Benedictine life under the protection of St. Joseph, while visits of potential recruits take place weekly. The long-awaited community of Benedictine sisters is already increasing in strength and in number !

Every day is henceforth a day of thanksgiving for the countless graces showered upon our flourishing twin communities, *for they are the work of God alone*, to whom all honor and glory is given throughout each day, by the means of the Sacred Liturgy, expressed in solemn manner by the full eight hour Divine Office and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, according to the traditional Benedictine forms and rites.

OUR OWN PROJECTS continue to receive the generous support of our family of friends and benefactors. The new buildings which will house sufficient room for 50-60 monks are nearing the completion of the first phase. Rooms for 20 monks plus Refectory and Kitchen expansion are scheduled to be finished very soon.

With our most prayerful and unceasing gratitude to our extended family of Friends, Benefactors and Lay Oblates of St. Benedict. Our vocations continue thanks to your support!

Fr. Cyprian



A JOYFUL CROWD OF FAITHFUL, families and benefactors filled our tent for the great occasion of the investiture of our foundresses. October 17th was chosen for the memorable event, being the feast day of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, named in the 1800's as second patroness of our congregation, the first patron being the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Overwhelming numbers of friends travelling from afar were the happy witnesses of this momentous ceremony and official beginning of our convent, presided by His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay, who was assisted by the American superiors of the Society of St. Pius X, Rev. Fr. Wegner of the U.S. District, Rev. Fr. Vassal of St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary along with numerous priors, clergy and religious from the Sisters' parishes.





The postulants, dressed as brides, prepare to become the spouses of Christ, offering the gift of the adornments of feminine nature, by the symbolic cutting of their hair, and are clothed with the habit of the Benedictine Order.



The pure white linen veil is the sign of entry into the novitiate where the Sisters will be formed according to the ancient teachings of the Benedictine Rule and the traditions of the Consecrated Virgins of Christian Antiquity.





THE LIFE of the Benedictine cloistered nun is one of contemplation, in direct descendance from the first feminine religious dating back to the Apostolic Fathers. Her vocation is **unceasing prayer and adoration.**

The Sisters host the solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of Christ the King, from the convent veranda, currently under construction.





While safely harnessed, the brothers install roof sheathing to the newly constructed tower which provides utilities for the new section of cells. The Refectory has been extended in order to accommodate the increased numbers of our growing community. Capacity will be 50-60 monks and our guests.





Thanks to an emergency fund-raising initiative on the part of the *Supporters of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery* Facebook following, a shipment of more than 50 arched windows has arrived and our brothers are currently installing them. The new 3-story wing of 20 cells finally receives its roof with the help of a team of brothers.



