

Benedictine Sisters of Boerne

St. Scholastica Monastery



Annual Giving Campaign ~ October 2020

Dear Friends,

St. Julian of Norwich's words ring out to me as I reflect on this past year. "All shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

Those words were a great source of consolation for me as the community experienced loss in ministry and outreach, displacement from our monastery, illness, isolation, a financial down swing due to cancellation of our fund-raising events and COVID-19! Through all of this, God continued to provide for our spiritual and physical well-being, and we are grateful. We also know that so many of you and others suffered much more during this year and are also trying to regain your footing.

Last year we invited you to consider helping us with two of our major needs. One was our continual need to care for our elder sisters which costs us about **\$235,000.00 a year** and paying off our construction loan. We want to thank you for your assistance in helping us in these two areas. I am happy to report that we paid off our loan.

We continue to ask for your help at this time of our **Annual Giving Campaign** because the cost to care for our elder sisters continues to rise. In addition, the AC units in our practically new monastery shut down on March 16. We had to move out of the monastery building into one of our retreat center buildings. As I write this letter, we are still living in this space, incurring daily costs there. Our insurance has rejected our claim to recoup these additional costs. We have been told we will not be able to return to the monastery until December. Please pray for us during this time of exodus.

We come to you, once again, in humble hope that you might be able to help us because as each day passes, our living costs continue to rise. **At present, they exceed \$125,000. By December, this amount is expected to be nearly \$180,000!** These costs were totally unexpected and have greatly impacted our already stressed budget.

Will you please consider a gift to our **2020 Annual Giving Campaign?** Your tax-deductible donation of any amount will help us to continue providing care for our Sisters and allow us to pay for the added living expenses. Thank you for your faithfulness and support! We can not do this without your help!

Wishing you God's peace today, and always ~

With Gratitude,

Sister Frances Briseño

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