

Benedictine Sisters of Boerne St. Scholastica Monastery



Annual Giving Campaign - Fall 2023

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God"
2 Corinthians 9:11

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from our Benedictine Community! The Sisters and I are always reminded of the dedication of individuals, like you, who journey with us each year. We are deeply grateful for your presence in our lives, for your continued prayers, and for your generous souls.

As valued supporters, I trust you are aware of the challenges and opportunities our community faces. Our desire to age in place remains a top priority. We continue to entrust our works to the Lord, but we are depending more and more on our co-ministers and Oblates to be our hands and feet. Those of us who can, will continue working for as long as we can!

This past year, several of our Sisters endured visits to the ER and the hospital. Falls have been an issue, and we are grateful our Sisters have recovered. Unfortunately, now one of our Sisters is on dialysis due to renal failure. This has necessitated a stay at a skilled nursing facility. **Our healthcare needs this year will cost over \$285,000!**

In addition to healthcare, sustaining operations at St. Scholastica Monastery is vital to our future. The monastery is the central hub of our community. It encompasses our private living quarters and our public spaces including the chapel, Blessed Sacrament, and administrative offices. **The budgeted cost to keep our lights on and the facility functioning 24/7 is \$325,000!**

We are grateful that after nearly two years of discussions with St. Peter's Church in Boerne and one of their benefactors regarding the sale of a portion of our unused property for the purpose of the church building a Catholic school, we sold 8 acres to the benefactor this summer. The benefactor then gifted the land to St. Peter's. A portion of the funds we received from the sale have been used as follows: to replace an old electric pole that provides power to our Omega Retreat Center and Health and Wholeness ministries; to remodel our Sophia Center to relocate our Sisters' Attic Thrift Store; and to build our retirement fund. The remaining funds are earmarked for the perpetual care of our Holy Angels Cemetery, unexpected capital needs, and special projects.

Our Annual Giving Campaign is an opportune time for you to consider a gift to help us with our immediate healthcare needs and monastery operations. We cannot do what is needed without you!

Will you please help us? Your tax-deductible gift of any amount is greatly appreciated.

Dependemos de ti, gracias! We are depending on you, thank you!

May God bless you in abundance for your faithfulness!

With the Sisters and my prayers and sincere gratitude,

Sister Bernadine Reyes, OSB
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Please use the enclosed envelope or make your gift online at www.boernebenedictines.org - Thank you!