



ST. SCHOLASTICA MONASTERY

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Dear Friends of St. Scholastica,

The beauty of our monastery grounds at St. Scholastica never ceases to stir me. I love the changes autumn brings from the summer season. The fresh crispness of autumn brings forth bursts of color from out of the previous summer. There is a comforting feel to the season of fall. Letting go of what was in order that the restful slumber of winter can prepare for the hope of new spring yet unexperienced. As this season wanes, we look to the close of 2022 and the seasons of the new year.



Throughout the turning of the seasons, we could not maintain the monastery, celebrate together, grieve together, or minister to others without your steadfast support. During 2022 we celebrated Sister Pierre's 100th birthday; we tearfully watched as our old home met demolition; we welcomed Novice Siena as Sister Siena; and the Guatemalan Scholarship Program graduated eight young ladies from Colegio San Benito in Esquipulas. Thank you for sharing our mission with your support.



The Ministries Building

The cares for the future continue as we plan for much-needed maintenance in and around both the Guest House and Ministries Building. The Ministries Building especially needs some work. It was attached to the former monastery building in the 1950's to house the laundry, a canning room, a print shop, some guest rooms, and space for making vestments.

Its uses have changed over the years. Now it contains the archives, maintenance shop, a baking kitchen, office for the Guatemalan scholarship program, and space for private retreatants and vocation discerners.

With the demolition of the old building, the building now stands alone and needs a facelift. We want to make a more attractive entrance, clean the outside of the building, and replace the screens. We hope to make these improvements in 2023. We thank you for your help to maintain the buildings in which we minister.

Your continued donations also help us provide care and support for our elderly Sisters. We honor the sacredness of their lives and the sacrifices these women of God made for the Body of Christ.

After the winter comes the new life of spring. But with that beauty there are often storms. In the middle of the storms we have been through, Jesus has faithfully uttered to our hearts, "Peace, be still." May this same peace be with you during the Christmas season and all through the new year. Thank you for your generous love and support.

With our love and prayers,

Sister Kimberly Prohaska

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