



Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is associated with those who crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower for a new life in this country. Their journey reminds us of our journey to God! We have many reasons to give thanks to the Lord this season. With you this NEWSLETTER expresses our gratitude to the Lord for his bounties and his mercy. The Holy Father introduces us to it.



-Fr. Nilson, Coordinator

“Thanksgiving was the name given to the most essential Sacrament there is: the *Eucharist*. Eucharist: thanksgiving. Christians bless God for the gift of life. To live is above all to have received life. This “thank you” that we must say continually, this thanks that Christians share with everyone, *grows in the encounter with Jesus*.

The Gospels attest that when Jesus passed by, he often stirred joy and praise to God in those who met Him. The Gospel accounts of Christmas are filled with prayerful people whose hearts are greatly moved by the coming of the Savior. The episode of the ten lepers who are healed also suggests this. Among them, there was one who experienced an additional joy: in addition to being healed, he rejoices at *the encounter with Jesus*.

Let us seek to remain always in the joy of the encounter with Jesus. Let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope.

-Pope Francis”

Denver Aspirants, Missionaries in Lebanon

For the first three weeks in Lebanon, we were joined by 5 Beatitudes Missions pilgrims. We saw most of the country during these first three weekends. Fr. Joseph and the Beatitudes Youth were very generous in planning these outings for us! The entire country seemed welcoming. Each weekend was a mix of visits to holy sites and churches, beautiful nature, and impressive ruins from the many civilizations that have occupied the country. We found ***Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa*** to be one of the most profound sites, Her presence there is undeniable. Lebanon is in Her hands!

Our most surprising adventure was being invited to eat lunch with the **Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai!!** At the table was Patriarch Rai, his private team, and our group of 10. He seemed glad to spend lunch not talking about politics. After lunch, he gave us a private tour of his residence at the Patriarchate and blessed each of us individually.

Our life inside the Lebanon house was spent living the usual Community rhythm which is, as you all know, equally profound! It was a new experience for those of us who know the Denver house to pray the liturgy that we know and love in a language other than English. We also enjoyed seeing and learning about the Maronite rite in a special “teaching” Mass that Father Joseph celebrated for us.

The house is blessed to have a large and fruitful garden on the property. Most of our work time was spent picking, washing, and preparing the fruits and vegetables. Although the heat could be strong, it was fulfilling to eat the fruits of our labor!

Beatitudes Youth in Lebanon was also a powerful presence for us. Their group is only 2 years old but has formed very strong bonds and is truly a living image of God’s love. On most of our outings, someone from the group was always with us! Thank you all for your prayers! Please join us in continued prayer for Lebanon.

Our Lady of Lebanon, pray for us!

-**Steve** (postulant)



Pikes Peak Summer Adventure



Beatitudes members and friends took a hike up the famous 14,000 foot high Mountain named Pikes Peak near Colorado Springs this summer. There were 11 of us including Sister Magdalit, Terra Skoglund and Joshua Knight, as well as several friends of the Community. It was a beautiful hike, although very difficult.

It took us three days to get up and down the 26 miles and 7500 feet of elevation gain! Amazingly, there are some people who do this mountain as a marathon in as little as four hours! On Sunday, August 8, we met at 5 AM in the Saint Catherine parking lot. We asked for the angels to care for us during the one and a half hour drive to Colorado Springs, where we were to park and take a bus up to the trailhead. Everything went well, and by 8 AM we were on the trail. The first day was difficult, especially for those who are not used to mountain hiking. We were happy to be able to set up our beds in the beautiful lean-tos, which protected us very well, and were made comfortable with cushions for the night. We were treated to a delicious homemade spaghetti and vegan meatball dinner with freshly baked bread.

We were off to bed at 8 PM, for some of us were going to make the trek for the top at 4:45 AM. My nine-year-old daughter, Sonya, and I stayed back for the 7 AM breakfast, because we were not planning to go to the top, but only to hike around the camp. However, Sonya decided she could make it to the top, if I took her backpack and got her a candy bar. With this incentive, she made it all the way in enough time to catch up with those who left at 4:45 AM before they came off the mountain top! We had a glorious time at the peak enjoying tasty treats from the restaurant, but quickly had to come back down to be in time for dinner. The next day was much more laid-back. We all had wonderful buckwheat pancakes at 7 AM and were coming down the mountain by 7:30 AM. I had to be extra fast, as I had brought an electric car which was under 50% charged! Thankfully, we found a charging place in Colorado Springs and by the time we finished our tasty lunch, the car was charged enough to get us all back home. Another year of gorgeous views, and relationships founded and strengthened through the common love of our Lord and of nature.

-Joshua (Lay Branch)

Jennifer and Mirjana are Postulants!

I'm blessed to have spent this past year in the Community. My year of Common Formation was challenging but profound; I learned to love more deeply, to give of myself more deeply, and to go deeper into the spirituality of the Community.

Most importantly, I discovered Jesus speaking to me through silence and solitude, even though I am very talkative! I'm so happy to begin my postulancy with the Sisters' Branch here in Denver, and I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store for me!

-Mirjana



My name is Jennifer, and I am a postulant with the sister's branch in Denver, Colorado. My journey thus far with the Community has been one of great growth and charity. Living in an Ecclesial Family, surrounded by sisters, brothers, and families striving towards holiness, has been a testimony to the way in which we are all called to holiness in our own unique way, living and loving as God created us to live and to love. Living with the Community in formation, I grow closer to the Lord each day and see more clearly how He created me, how to receive His love, and how He specifically calls me to love.

-Jennifer

A "Cajun" Candidate



On August 11th, 2021, Alex from Louisiana was admitted as "candidate" for the Community of the Beatitudes. We entrust him to your prayer: "Because of the structured communal prayer life of the community, discernment becomes a lot easier than if I were to approach it on my own. I need a sense of holy community and family to be a part of and God brought me to the Beatitudes to have that need fulfilled in my life."

-Alex

A New “Friend of the Lamb”



Hi. **My name is Leonor.** I recently joined “Friends of the Lamb.” It was on September 11, 2021. This day happened to be the day of Lady of Coromoto “**Virgen de Coromoto.**” She’s the Patroness of Venezuela. On September 11, 1952, three hundred years after her appearance, the sacred image was crowned by Cardinal Manuel Arteaga y Betancourt.

I currently live in Denver. I come from a family of seven children, plus my mom and dad. I grew up Catholic, went to Catholic High School, and then to a Catholic University. I enjoy the Spirituality of the Beatitudes, and I believe in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. **-Leonor**

Three Committed “Disciples of the Lamb”

In college I tried to go my own way, but I figured out that our faith was meant to be lived out together. Regardless of how uncomfortable it can be to put yourself out there, ultimately a community can help you grow far more than you could by yourself. Recently, I graduated from college. One of my biggest worries has been finding a new community to continue to grow in my faith with. Being a Disciple of the Lamb is a massive relief to that worry. I hope to continue to grow closer to my fellow disciples so we can all grow closer to Christ in his church. **-Michael**



God brought the community into my life last summer and I am so excited to have the opportunity to spend more time with them this upcoming year. I love the community's charism. It is both deeply liturgical, but also charismatic. This "both, and" proclaims the goodness of the Holy Spirit, and our wonderful Church Tradition. Worshiping God with the Community is a healing and powerful experience. God is doing great things here! **-Colin**

“Friends of the Lamb” (adults) and **“Disciples of the Lamb”** (18-30 yo) are associated with the Community of the Beatitudes, and share its spirituality and apostolates.

Let Us Pray

In thanksgiving:

- We had a beautiful **Holy Week** with a group of young people who really enjoy our Liturgy.
- We had our **Holy Spirit seminar** with Jim Darr and his team who prayed with us. It was a beautiful refreshing spring for our friends and for us.
- Our **Mission in Lebanon** with “Beatitudes Missions” and our four aspirants mid-June to August 1st was a great consolation for our community in Lebanon and their friends. Thank you to all our benefactors!
- **August 15th** we celebrated the **Virgin Mary** with a procession from Holy Transfiguration church to our parish. Mid-August we welcomed our two new postulants Jennifer and Mirjana, Steven will continue his postulancy in Switzerland.
- **Sr. Samantha** arrived at the end of August after three years of formation in France and renewed her temporary commitment for a second year with her friends who were happy to see her back!
- This year our group of “**Friends of the Lamb**” increased as four new members joined us: Jeff, Hermine and Gerry and Leonor. What a joy!
- We had two **Rose petal evenings** with beautiful testimonies. On September 30th, at the parish of St. Frances Cabrini, a woman shared how the intercession of Therese transformed her life; she experienced healing in her marriage, and her teenage son, who was involved with drugs, returned to God. On October 1st, St. Catherine’s was filled with people who came to entrust their needs to the care of St. Therese.
- From October 13th to 17th, we had the joy of welcoming a group of students from **Benedictine College**.



Intentions for:

- **Matt**, son-in-law of Colin and Maria, our lay members, and for Gerry, friend of the lamb, who are undergoing chemotherapy to recover from cancer.
- For **Sr. Mary of the Visitation**, for her new mission in France at our publishing house "Beatitudes Edition."
- For the **formation time** of our postulants, our temporary professed sister, and lay temporary committed members.
- For the **Disciples of the Lamb**: our community young adult group, that they become more and more witnesses of the Lord.
- For the **"Beatitudes Music Album"** which is a beautiful project of evangelization, the recording is progressing!

For our future missions:

- At the **universities around us**: before Covid we organized once a month Sunday evening visits to the universities; we went to the School of Mines, DU, etc.
- For our **missions in other States**: before Covid we were invited to different places in the States to share our charism, Rapid City, etc.
- For **Beatitudes Missions**: they are in Israel now and they will be back around the end of December and will return in January for campus evangelization.
- November 11th to 13th: **Vocations Fair at Benedictine College**.
- November 21st: **Mission at Denver University** with Mass - all are welcome!

OFFER MASSES TO HELP A MISSIONARY

COVID-19 pandemic has made daily pain and suffering unbearable for many, as well as for missionaries around the world. Send us your Masses intentions to support the apostolic activities of a missionary priest.

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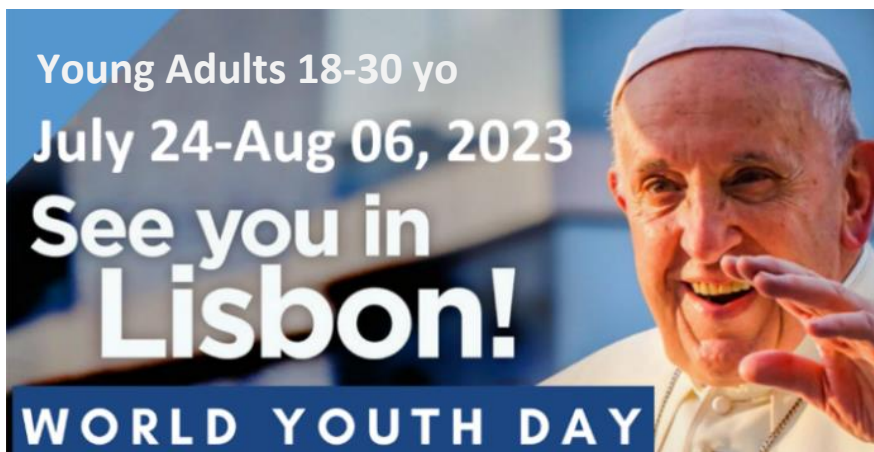
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- The Holy Mass stipend (suggested donation for each Mass is \$10).

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OF THE BEATITUDES?

Oct 29-31

Feb 25-27

April 29-May 1st

May 27-29

Come discover our little Triduum, Jewish traditions, Beauty of Liturgy, Eastern Christian spirituality, and communal life.

Discernment Retreat
WHAT IS MY VOCATION?

March 21-27

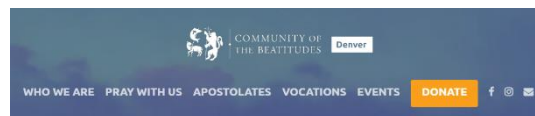
HOLY WEEK

Young Adult (18-30 yo)

April 13-17

Come experience the most solemn days of the Liturgical year with a Community devoted to the Beauty of the Liturgy, Jewish Tradition, and intense relationship with God.

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