



COMMUNITY OF  
THE BEATITUDES

## NEWSLETTER

March 2022

## Peace!

Dear Friends: in this **Lenten Season**, let us allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with him at our side. Let us allow ourselves to be loved, so that we can give love in return. Let us allow ourselves to stand up and walk towards Easter. Then we will experience the joy of discovering how God raises us up from our ashes, and will receive the first gift of **Christ's resurrection**: Peace! War is madness and cruelty! Peace!

*-Fr. Nilson, Coordinator*

## Steven is Postulant

On February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes, **Steven received the cross as a postulant** for the Brothers Branch. He is now living in our French community house of Venthône, in the Swiss Alps. He said this new experience "encouraged me in my personal discernment of consecrated life in the Community. Despite the obvious language and/or cultural barriers, when in a Community house I have never felt out of place." We pray for you, Steven!



## A new candidate



**My name is Jacob B.** and I moved to Colorado from New Jersey in May 2021. I was introduced to the community through fellow graduates of Thomas Aquinas College and I immediately felt welcomed by all the members. I began attending Shabbat and Vespers on a semi regular basis. As my familiarity with the community grew, my curiosity and interest did as well. I began to cultivate the idea of becoming a candidate and I feel I am called to the lay branch of the

community. I love the comradery and joy I feel when I am with the community and cherish the ability to grow in faith and understanding of Christ.

A bit more about me: I grew up in an awesome large family with one older sister, four younger brothers and two younger sisters. My older sister is fully professed with the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, and two of my brothers have recently moved out here to Denver in early January of this year! I look forward to continue this discernment, please keep me in your prayers.

## Friends of the Lamb



Hello, we are the **Toomer family**. Gerry and I are both Engineers and we met while we were both in the “Neocatechumenal way.” We were blessed to be part of that movement for about 8 years. There, our faith and relationship grew. We got married 9 years ago and we have been blessed to welcome 4 children in our marriage who are now 2, 5, 7 and 8 years old. As the

needs of our family changed, 4 years ago we were blessed to come to know the Community of the Beatitudes.



To be part of the community of the Beatitudes today has been a source of great peace and Joy for us. We are always welcome to pray or share fellowship with them. Our children can really see and appreciate the beauty of the various states of life that are all present in the community of the Beatitudes. It is truly a unique privilege for us to be part of such an integrated religious group. We are grateful that our whole family can join the community for the evening liturgy (vespers). There, we all turn towards the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday evenings, and our voices blend together to worship the king of kings with Angelic tunes that really call heaven on earth. As **“Friends of the Lamb”** in the community, we feel like we are one more time sent to live out our baptism through our state of married- life and family. We feel compelled by the Holy Spirit to live boldly in the world around us with the support of our Beatitudes community. It is an extreme joy for us to be in this way laborers in the vineyard of the Lord and we are eternally grateful. Thank you dear Jesus, Thank you Denver Community of the Beatitudes.

**“Friends of the Lamb”** are affiliated with the Community of the Beatitudes, and share its spirituality and apostolates.

## Student Ministry in Orlando

Perhaps when you think of the city of Orlando you are reminded of the beach, Disney World, or Universal Studios... However, on January 2-5, it was there that some brothers and sisters shared an unforgettable experience with 700 young people from student ministry SPO (**Saint Paul’s Outreach**, born from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal).

Their days were filled with formation, adoration, Holy Mass, openness to charisms, testimonies, quality praise, and games. This year, the theme was around our identity as sons and daughters of God. Many young people testified to the grace of being renewed and restored their relationship with the Heavenly Father. Let us bless the Lord who works wonders in hearts.



## Beatitudes Missions

From Cincinnati to Dallas via Oklahoma, we have been delighted to meet many students in recent months, to share with them the charism of the Community of the Beatitudes, and to listen to their aspirations.

Our **Beatitudes Missions team**, in addition to the presence of brothers and sisters from the Denver Foyer and young people who support this apostolate, was able to count on the reinforcement of Sr. Agnès (Israel) and Bro. Joseph (Lebanon) who came to lend us a hand.

All these young hearts are looking for the true, the good, and the beautiful! What God wants above all for each one of them is that they become holy men and women, not only to be good students, but good citizens, good people, and missionary disciples of Jesus.



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## A Visit from Wisconsin

We were thrilled to welcome an enthusiastic group of students from the **University of Wisconsin-Madison**. They were a great help in renovating the stations of the Cross at Jesus Our Hope hermitage. We are so glad they came and they will be missed. We hope to see them again soon!



## And from Virginia

To accommodate 18 students from **Madison University in Virginia**, we tested the elasticity of our walls. And we have passed the challenge! They were able to spend a good night on the comfort of our ground, to pray with us, and to share lunch... before taking the road for five days of walking to the shrine of Chimayo.



## Discernment Retreat



Four guys full of love for Jesus and searching to discover His Will for their lives came from Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Wisconsin to live our **Discernment Retreat**. "The Community is so full of joy and love, I felt the Lord work through the Community and my heart throughout the retreat" (Christian). The snow – around 13" – brought a special touch for this time of silence and prayer.

# Let Us Pray

## In thanksgiving:

- We are so grateful for **Sr. Sarah's arrival**. She arrived in Denver on November 21, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, just before Thanksgiving!
- December 12 - 20, we had our first house visit after three years without any visits from Europe. It was balm for each one of us. The word **Sr. Theresia** received for us was: "I am the vine, you are the branches; whoever abides in me bears much fruit."
- December 24, we went **Christmas** caroling in our neighborhood. The neighbors are always very touched. It is a joy for us.
- On New Year's Eve, it was a joy for us to have our **Beatitudes Missions** group. We had Mass and Adoration until midnight to celebrate the new year with the Lord.
- January 2, Fr. Nilson and Sr. Samantha went to Florida for the **St. Paul's Outreach** charismatic conference with our Beatitudes Missions team. It was a beautiful youth gathering.
- January 6 - 29, Beatitudes Missions went on a **road mission**. Sr. Agnes from Israel and Fr. Joseph from Lebanon joined them.
- February 4 - 6, Sr. Helene and Sr. Magdalit were invited to **SEEK22** in Oklahoma while the Beatitudes Missions team and the other sisters went to SEEK in Dallas – a busy mission weekend!
- February 18 – 21, our last mission was a beautiful conference for **Catholic university students in Berkeley**, California.

## Intentions for:

- The **new Beatitudes Missions team**: Fr. Nilson, Sr. Helene, Sr. Sarah, and Sr. Samantha.
- **Fr. Anthony** will take a break from Beatitudes Missions and is now at our house in Lebanon.
- Our **discernment retreat** in the mountains: March 14 – 20.
- Our next two **Come and See** weekends: April 29 - May 1 and May 27 – 29.
- **Holy Week** for young adults: April 13 – 17.

## For our future missions:

- At the **universities around us**: our next mission is a work in progress – details to come!
- With **Beatitudes Missions**: we are preparing several different missions, pilgrimages, and immersion experiences for young people in the following months.
  - Israel Pilgrimage: May 12 to 24 (or to May 30)
  - Backpacking in Lebanon: July 2 to 24
  - France (Lourdes, "Open Heaven" and more): July 21 to August 16



# HOLY WEEK

Young Adult (18-30 yo)

April 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Live the Holy Triduum with the Catholic  
Community of the Beatitudes!  
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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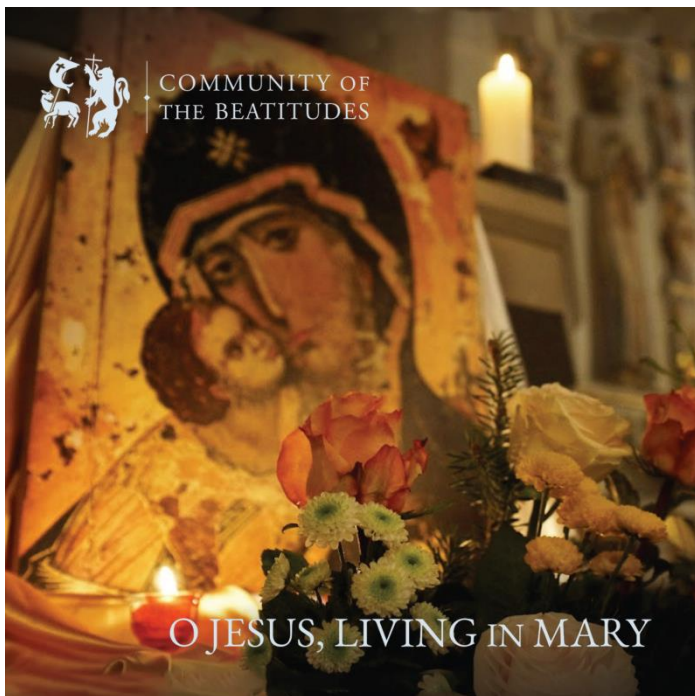
Young Adults 18-30 yo  
July 24-Aug 06, 2023

See you in  
**Lisbon!**

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**WORLD YOUTH DAY**





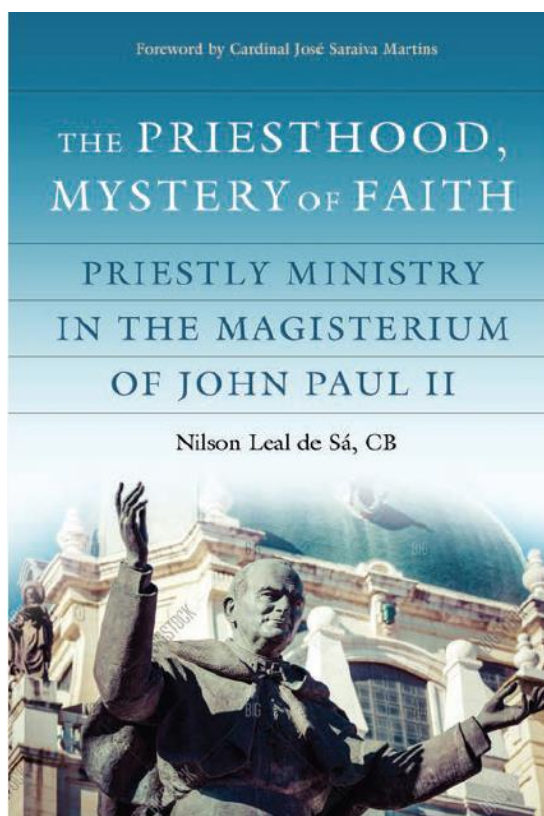
## O Jesus, Living in Mary

- 1) Come Holy Spirit  
*feat. Emily Flaherty & Samuel Tomaso*
- 2) Et Incarnatus Est  
*music by Joan Cererols*
- 3) If I Had Committed  
*text by St. Thérèse of Lisieux*
- 4) O Jesus, Living in Mary  
*text by Jean-Jacques Olier*
- 5) Solis Praevia  
*traditional Hungarian hymn*
- 6) The Spirit and the Bride  
*music by André Gouzes*
- 7) Hail Holy Queen  
*Marian antiphon*

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**“O Jesus, living in Mary”** –The Community of the Beatitudes and its friends are happy to offer you a music album with a collection songs from its repertoire. To receive one, **send a donation to support our young adult ministry.**



## LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK\*?

The thoughts of the Saint Pope John Paul II about the priestly ministry, which were expressed in the letters to priests written every Holy Thursday during his long pontificate, remains an invaluable treasure for the Church. Thanks to Fr. Nilson Leal de Sá, C.B. in his book he invites us to return to this treasure by highlighting many essential points of the priestly ministry. His work is a wonderful contribution to the purification and renewal of the priesthood, which is so necessary today.

–Father Jacques Philippe

**\*Book available on Amazon from April 2022**



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