



COMMUNITY OF
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Rejoice!



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In 2023 the Community of the Beatitudes celebrates 50 years: the golden jubilee of our foundation! Let us not be deluded: we should not celebrate ourselves, but jubilate for the One who is the source of all good.

Let us celebrate His fidelity, the gift of our vocation, the joy of following Him according to the charism of the Community of the Beatitudes. It requires the open-mindedness to imagine prophetic ways to live this charism, as disciples of Christ. Pope Francis recalls that a “charism is like water. If it does not flow, it becomes foul.” The Holy Father thus indicates that the vitality of a charism today depends on each one of us: “It is necessary to preserve the freshness of your charism always renewing the ‘first love’ (cf. Rev 2:4). We need always to return to the sources of our charism, and thus to rediscover the driving force needed to respond to challenges.”

We really have reason to be jubilant, for we are a People of God journeying together to the fullness of the Trinitarian communion! In the Only and Triune God all gold will turn pale, for finally “His face shine upon us” (Nb 6:25).

-Fr. Nilson, Coordinator

MAY 27th, 2023, at 5:15 PM: Come share our thanksgiving!

Byzantine Vespers, Potluck Dinner, and Israeli Dances.

Do you know the incredible story of Sr. Sarah?



In July last year, after months of paperwork, I was finally able to complete the paperwork online to go to the American Consulate in Paris to get my visa. I was hoping to arrive in the United States in September! But once the form was completed online, I was informed that the next appointment available at the consulate was... in May of the following year! I couldn't do anything, but the Lord had his plan!! A lawyer linked to the Denver house offers me a

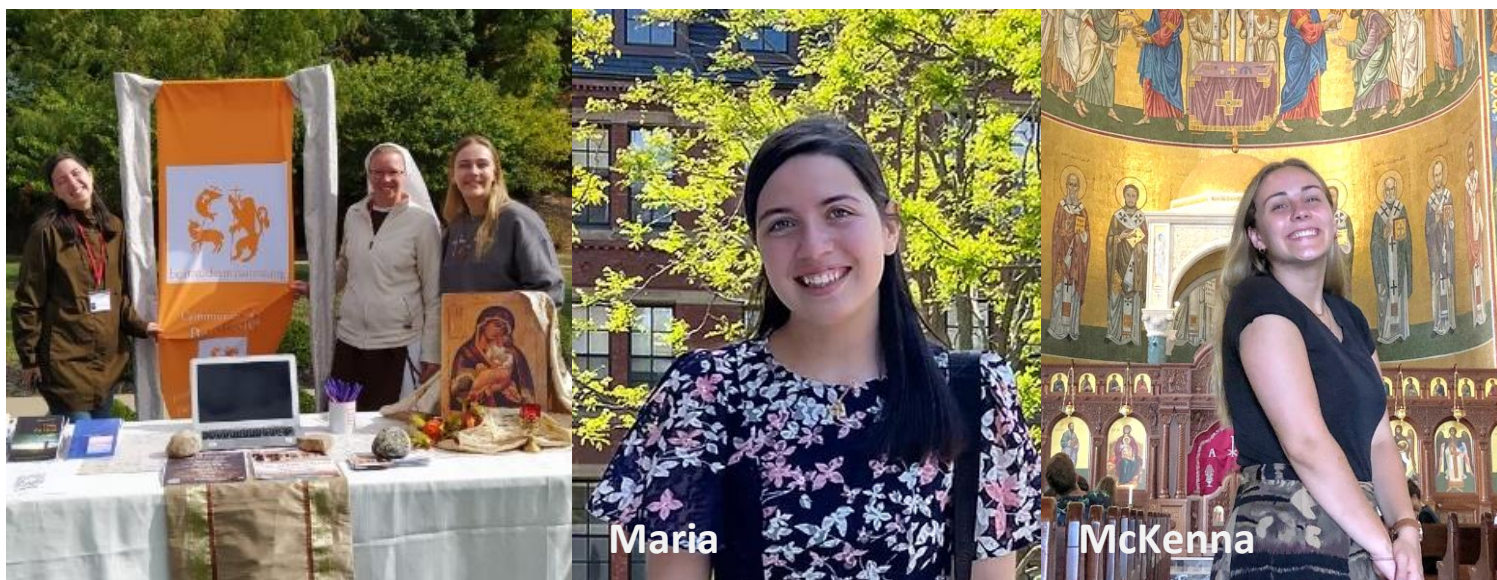
solution: I can try to go through the American Embassy in Romania! So I fill out the documents, and I'm offered an appointment... the following week! Things were suddenly speeding up! But the adventure was far from over!! The next morning, I speak with a couple of pilgrims in Medjugorje where I was living at the time: they tell me to leave for Romania by car in an hour and offer to take me! However, they specify to me that they are not going to the capital, but that they can leave me at a station so that I can reach Bucharest by myself! It was therefore proposed to me to go to a country unknown, who speaks an unknown language, with unknown people who would leave me somewhere so that I could reach the capital myself... After hesitation and dialogue with the community, we saw it as a sign from God: this couple was so happy to be of service to a consecrated sister! What an adventure for me to cross Bosnia, Serbia and Romania with them, to discover with them the Orthodox, Greek-Catholic and Catholic liturgies of the country! This couple was a gift from God, they generously supported me throughout the trip, paid for my trip to the capital, and I was able to obtain my visa! Blessed be the Lord!

Missionary interns in our convent!

This year, two young women have decided to give their time and energy to the service of Beatitudes Missions. McKenna and Maria live in the community, and organize missions: they are preparing the January road trip, they help with the pilgrimage to Israel, and they take care of the administration of Beatitudes Missions. But it is also a year dedicated to the Lord, to grow in relationship with him, to plunge into fraternal life and to be formed for the mission.

Road Trip Mission

My name is Maria and I am richly blessed to have gone on the October Campus Road Trip as a new intern for Beatitudes Missions. It was only two months ago that I first arrived in Denver to join Beatitudes Missions. Yet, in this short time, Jesus has poured out His incredible, personal and merciful Love as well as gifts of peace and fullness through the Community which have manifested themselves profoundly; it was therefore a natural joy for me to share the beauty of Beatitudes Missions and the Community with the young people on the campuses we visited! As a quick background, I encountered the tender love of Jesus during my time in college at Harvard and, a couple years after meeting the Community at a FOCUS conference during their 2019 Campus Missions, I decided to do a year of mission and reached out to Beatitudes Missions. Given how I encountered the Community during their Missions, I went “full circle” in going on a Campus Mission Trip as part of the team. We met and spoke with lots of beautiful students at our tables in KState & NW Missouri and Vocation booth at Benedictine... there were many hearts touched and we received interest for visits and Mission Trips... we taught Israeli dancing and laughed together... we shared Jesus’ love and the Gospel... we saw God’s providence during our commute and for our stays... and Sr Sarah and Sr Magdalit gave beautiful talks and testimony; it was wonderful to see how this incited questions and moments of spiritual direction between sisters and the students and also to see the free gift that the sisters and the team made of themselves on the mission trip... we know it is all in God’s hands. **-Maria**



The JP II Project at St Catherine of Siena

As you know, Father Jacques Philippe was to come and preach in our parish at the beginning of November: a group from the John Paul II Project had planned to come to our house to listen to him before continuing with him in Annunciation Heights. But Father Jacques, having broken 4 ribs, could not come! He was replaced at the last minute by Sr Magdalit and Sr Sarah.

We therefore had the joy of welcoming the John Paul II project to our parish! Nearly 100 young people began their time of spiritual retreat at St. Catherine's. It was a happy campsite in the basement of the Church! They participated in our liturgy and listened to teachings from our sisters. Then left for Annunciation Heights, where our sisters followed them to continue leading the liturgy, preaching and doing spiritual direction. Then they were very happy with this partnership with us and hope it won't be the last time! May the Lord bless them as well as Father Jacques Philippe who is recovering little by little!

-*Sr. Sarah*

The multiplication of the Disciples of the Lamb!



Three disciples of the Lamb had committed themselves last year to living their Christian life supported by the charism of the community. This

year we have eleven: five men and six women! They are happy to commit for one year to a life of deeper prayer, in the gift of themselves to Christ in their daily life. Through this commitment, they become associate members of the community. They gather at our house each month for a fraternal meeting, formation and prayer. And we surround them with our prayers and our fraternal presence. We entrust them to your prayers!

-*Sr. Sarah*

“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.

An extremely blessed trip in Lebanon



My job is the disaster response field leader for Global Hope Network International. We went to Lebanon for 12 days to assist with all the crazies there, the political crisis, Covid, the port explosion, and now the economic crisis. Our team was assisting Syrian refugees in the car valley, teaching trauma workshops to an emotional

wellness organization, giving medical clinics for sick Lebanese, running a deer camp for Syrian refugee children, and meeting with United Nations about our disaster response and climate change work in the country. Thankfully, we had a respite with the community as well. I brought a group of seven, both Catholics and Protestants. We all enjoyed resurrection vespers together in Arabic and French. We were treated with amazing, delicious Lebanese food. Then, we got to experience Middle Eastern dances. I give praise to God such a wonderful community, so full of life, joy and openness to strangers.

-Josh (lay member)

Denver Ablaze

This past year the Beatitudes has had the joy to collaborate with planning and participating in “Denver Ablaze” events. Denver Ablaze is a Catholic Evangelization Ministry, devoted to helping Christians walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, while using their God-given gifts/charisms to further His Kingdom on Earth. Denver Ablaze organizes quarterly prayer gatherings around the metro. People are invited to come together to worship God, sing to Him, praise Him and listen for His words. Prayer ministry is also available. Denver Ablaze offers monthly workshops (2022/2023) on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each workshop focuses on a gift that St. Paul outlines in 1Cor 12:1-11 and includes a teaching on a gift, activation for that gift, and opportunity to exercise your gift to build up and heal the Body of Christ. The first Charismatic Mass was celebrated for Pentecost at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.



-Maria (lay member)

Let Us Pray

In thanksgiving:

- February to May: we had the joy of Avery (our Beatitudes Missions intern) living with us and preparing different missions (Israel and Lebanon).
- April 24: We had a Mass and a sharing with the students at Denver University.
- April 25 - May 7: Pilgrimage in Israel with Father Jacques and Sr Magdalit after 3 years of break because of Covid!!
- May 9-19: Young adult pilgrimage in Israel with Sr Magdalit. The pilgrims were all able to go in the deep.
- May: We had our Holy Spirit seminars every Saturday before Pentecost for 7 weeks. They were led by the Spanish charismatic community. We were amazed by their faith and the dedication to God.
- June 4-5: For Pentecost we welcomed the charismatic group Denver Ablaze; it was a joyful mass followed by Jewish dances in the parking lot! The Holy Spirit was moving!
- July 2-24: Backpacking in Lebanon with Beatitudes Missions.
- August 4-6: Josh Knight and Sr Magdalit organized our traditional Pikes Peak Ascent! Little Sonia Knight, 12 years old, made it!!
- August 12: All community members came back together after vacation and mission for a Shabbat in the park; it was a joy to be all together with our friends!
- August 13: Our first Beatitudes Day about Mary and the Eucharist.
- September 2-5: Family retreat in Colorado Springs.
- September 13 - December 13: a group of young people committed to spending 3 months in Lebanon for immersion with the Community!
- September 29-30: Rose Petal Evenings at Cabrini Parish and in our Parish. The testimonies were very moving!
- October 1: Terra and Jake had their wedding in the Parish: what a joy!!!
- November 12: Zach joined the Friends of the Lamb which is growing!

For our future missions:

- Nationwide Campus Missions road trip January 10-February 10.
- Israel Pilgrimage April 25 - May 8 with Father Jacques & Sr Magdalit.
- Israel Young Adult Pilgrimage May 9-23 with Father Anthony.
- World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon July 20 - August 7.

*Rebuilding the Temple
Restoring my identity in Christ*

February 24-25, 2023

RETREAT by Jo Croissant



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Jo croissant is the wife of the founder of the Community of the Beatitudes. She has spoken at conferences and retreats in many countries, helping people to enter into prayer with body and heart, and to find their deepest identity.



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YOUNG ADULT
DISCERNMENT RETREAT

WHAT IS
MY VOCATION?

Marriage?

Consecrated
life?

Priesthood?

March 13-19
2023

Come spend a week in the mountains of Colorado with those who have heard God's voice and want to help you do the same!

The Community of the Beatitudes has both consecrated brothers and sisters and married lay people, making it the perfect opportunity to receive guidance from people living their vocations!

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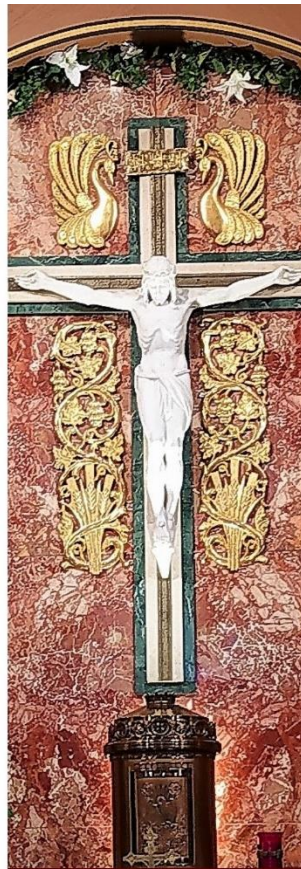
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April 5-9, 2023

From the Seder Meal
to Easter Sunday

Beauty of the Liturgy,
Jewish Tradition,
Byzantine Tradition

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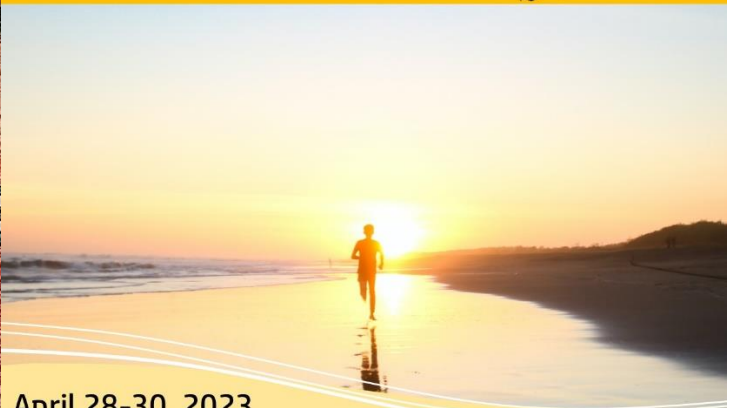


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BEATITUDES WEEKEND



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April 28-30, 2023

Led by the Spirit

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Teachings, prayer,
adoration, fraternal life,
in the spirituality of
the Community
of the Beatitudes.



YOUNG ADULTS

*Pilgrimage in
Holy Land!*

MAY 9-23, 2023

Journey with the Community of the Beatitudes
to encounter Christ in the Holy Land!

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