

August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our great Queen has gone before us and has been so gloriously received that we, her servants, may walk with confidence after Our Lady.

~St Bernard of Clairvaux, First Sermon for the Assumption



(Assumption of the Virgin, Le Brun 1670s)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of the Assumption is the Patroness of our Cistercian Order. On this her Solemnity, we invite you to join us in praying a Memorare, asking her intercession. We place the final phase of the New Monastery construction under her Patronage and ask for God's blessing and guidance for the project and that He bring it to a successful completion, for His Glory.

Fundraising Update

We received an unprecedented response from the appeal in our Summer newsletter to help us reach the project goal. We are grateful to everyone for their continued prayers, support, and generous contributions. The New Monastery Fund now stands at an amazing \$25.1 million! That leaves just one final million to reach the budget of \$26.1 million.

Matching Challenge

A generous benefactor has extended a matching challenge to see us to the finish line. They will contribute \$500,000 toward the project if we can match it with \$500,000 in donations before December.

Construction Update

The construction continues at a rapid pace, mostly unhindered by the weather. Visit our News Page for updated photos and recent Videos showing the progress. With the steel frame of the chapel mostly installed, the outline of the monastery is now visible – an amazing sight to see! Most of the monastery structure is in place as well as the roof and windows. With the wainscot as complete as it can be, the siding is going on. Now the focus is shifting to the interior - the electrical and plumbing and HVAC system are being installed. Right behind them insulation and drywall are being laid. Each day brings more transformation of God's house.