

# November 1: All Saints Day

God is wonderful in His saints, not alone in His saints in heaven, but also in those on earth. For He has His saints in both places and shows Himself in them all, beatifying those above, consummating the sanctity of those below. ~St Bernard of Clairvaux

## All Saints Day

We look to our brothers and sisters in the faith, that *cloud of witnesses* that has gone before us, both as inspiring examples and a support for us on the journey. May the incense of our prayer and praise mingle with those of the saints, rising before the Lord for His glory and honor.

## Construction Update

The New Monastery construction continues to progress. Workers race the weather as they build the exterior of the chapel and pour the last of the cement for the driveway and sidewalks. The interior has come a long way: The finishing

touches are being made on the drywall and painting. Now the focus is on the flooring, lighting, trim, and cabinetry. See our New Page for updates, photos, and videos of the construction.



The Trinity Adored by All Saints (ca 1400)

## Fundraising Update

We remain humbled and grateful for all the support for the project and for our life of prayer. With so many generous benefactors, our fundraising has gone remarkably well, far exceeding all expectations. The project costs too have exceeded all expectations! With the unprecedented inflation, supply and labor shortages, unexpected challenges, complexities, and delays, the seemingly never-ending value engineering and budget cuts – Our Lord's guidance and intervention through it all shows us just how much He wants this House, for His Glory.

## Matching Challenge Continues

With your help, the New Monastery Fund stands just over \$25 million! The budget is set for just over \$26 million. With one million to go, a generous couple have put forth a matching challenge. They will match all gifts to the end of the year, up to \$500,000, to see the project to the finish line. We ask you to prayerfully consider an end of the year gift.. that counts double!

## Relocation

God willing, the nuns will relocate to the New Monastery in late January. We plan to first move our altar bread bakery the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the community relocation will commence the following week. We find it fitting that our relocation coincides with our Founders Day – when the Cistercian Order began and the first monks moved into what was dubbed the 'New Monastery', from which we gleaned our project title. We ask the intercession of all the Saints, especially our Cistercian founders and the foundresses of our Monastery, and we beg your continued prayers as well. Be assured of ours.

