

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

From September 26-October 4, 2020, the Fermentation Fest Farm/Art D'Tour will feature Valley of Our Lady as one of its educational stops. The tour, now in its 8th year, encourages people from all over the Midwest to experience a taste of rural Wisconsin. This free, self-guided excursion through southern Sauk County will allow participants to view the natural beauty of the area and visit a variety of local food markets, rural artwork, and educational exhibits. It is a unique opportunity to appreciate the ways in which man's cooperation with God's ongoing creative and re-creative work continues to bear fruit.

When we learned that the route would pass right by our monastery, we prayed and deliberated much about whether and how to participate. Our life of prayer is a hidden gem of God's providence; and although we carefully preserve the silence and solitude such a life of prayer requires, we also recognize the value of allowing others to learn more about our rich monastic tradition and catch a glimpse of our mysterious vocation.

To that end, with help from many volunteers, we have designed an outdoor exhibit. This exhibit will include the following:

- Displays introducing visitors to the monastic way of life and our community;
- An outdoor chapel, where visitors can take a few moments to pray and reflect and leave prayer intentions for us;
- A shop with original prints, cards, handmade rosaries, and other crafts for sale;
- And information about our plans to build a new monastery.

We invite all who are interested to stop by and learn more about how God continues to make Himself present and known in the world through our life of prayer and work.

Valley of Our Lady Monastery is a community of Roman Catholic nuns, numbering 23 and ranging in age from 24 to 90. We are the only community of nuns of our original Cistercian Order in North America. Through our balanced life of prayer and work, in silence and solitude, we dedicate ourselves to praising and thanking God and interceding for all His people. In our response to God's invitation to this vocation, our life of consecration becomes a conduit of graces for the world and an encouraging light of hope in dark times, for His glory.

The monastery exhibit will be open on the following dates:

Sept 26-Oct 4.

Hours are Mon-Fri 11-3; Sat-Sun 11-5.

The shop will be closed on Sunday, although the displays will still be available.

Additional information about the D'Tour can be found on the following website:

<https://www.fermentationfest.com/>