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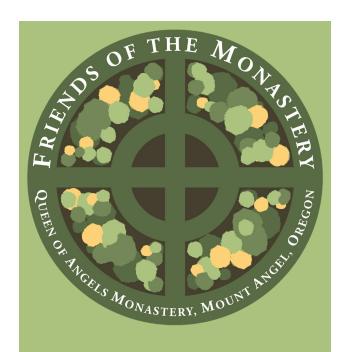




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Catholic Community Services

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Preserving the Land Legacy of the Benedictine Sisters

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Who are Friends of the Monastery?

Friends of the Monastery is a collective of individuals and groups dedicated to the care and keeping of the grounds at Queen of Angels Monastery in Mount Angel, Oregon.

Catholic Community Services (CCS), caretakers of the monastery, relies on the help of volunteers who join the Friends of the Monastery to accomplish a myriad of tasks such as tending the gardens, pruning the fruit trees and cultivating the grounds, allowing them to flourish at their full potential.



The Grounds

The stunning 30-acres of the monastery grounds reflect the Benedictine Sisters' great reverence and care for creation. Hundreds of majestic oaks, maples, poplars, firs, dogwoods and other varieties of trees mark the change of seasons and inspire visitors from near and far. Among the rare and noteworthy trees is the towering Giant Sequoia that marks the entrance to the historic Queen of Angels Monastery. Over a century old, it is designated as an Oregon Heritage Tree.

Other special features of the campus include the Stations of the Cross, the Queen of Angels Cemetary, the orchard and the labyrinth. There are also several specialty gardens created by the sisters that will benefit from the seasonal stewardship of the Friends of the Monastery.

The Seasonal Model

The goal of Friends of the Monastery is to ensure all special features of the monastery grounds are cared for year-round. The approach to the care of the grounds is based on a seasonal model. Each season, specific Friends are responsible for completing certain groundskeeping tasks, as an ongoing annual commitment. Examples of seasonal tasks include:

Spring...

Pruning orchard trees & flowering shrubs Spraying all trees with spring oil Cleaning out garden beds Planting annual color

Summer...

Reseal wooden mosaic & landscape features Harvest berries Check new plantings for dryness & water

Fall...

Harvesting apples & grapes Gathering/disposing of fallen foliage Planting bulbs

Winter...

Repairing fences, benches, bird houses & other landscape fixtures

A Labor of Love



In addition to the pride of helping preserve a historic property, Friends of the Monastery receive newsletters, invitations to special CCS events, and a personalized CCS Friends of the Monastery lanyard.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is a group of master gardeners who have volunteered their extensive knowledge and expertise to helping coordinate the care of the monastery grounds. This group serves as an advisory board for the Friends of the Monastery, identifying tasks to be done to help preserve the monastery grounds as a place of life and abundance.

Questions?

Email Communications@ccswv.org for more information. See the reverse side of this brochure to join Friends of the Monastery. Learn more about Catholic Community Services by visiting ccswv.org.







