



Ministries at the Monastery

Catholic Community Services

Working Together

Catholic Community Services (CCS) and the Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel have collaborated to help individuals and families in need since 2017. This collaboration, along with the strong support of our donors, resulted in the 2023 sale and transfer of the Queen of Angels Monastery, the historic home of the sisters, to the care and ownership of CCS. The monastery grounds comprise 30 acres with existing structures that present an invaluable framework to create an environment of hope and healing for those served by CCS ministries.



Welcoming All

Three Core Youth and Family Ministries of Catholic Community Services

St. Joseph Family Shelter (SJFS)

A ministry founded by the Benedictine Sisters, St. Joseph Family Shelter is a place where families experiencing homelessness, addiction, mental illness and other forms of adversity can stabilize, learn new skills, overcome barriers to stable housing and flourish.

Mission Benedict Food Pantry (MB)

Also founded by the sisters with the help of local volunteers, Mission Benedict has moved from its past location across Main Street to the monastery's former "carpentry shop." CCS now offers expanded services such as system navigation and non-emergency assistance at Mission Benedict.

Father Taaffe Homes & Pregnancy Support Services (FTH)

Founded by the late Rev. Monsignor Charles Taaffe, FTH serves moms ages 12-22 with transitional/crisis care during and after pregnancy. CCS has renovated one stick-built home on the monastery grounds, along with many of the single rooms, to expand service capacity for FTH. The comprehensive services offered within a vibrant community setting will ensure moms have the support they need during their pregnancy and that they continue to learn how to protect and nurture their children during infancy and beyond.



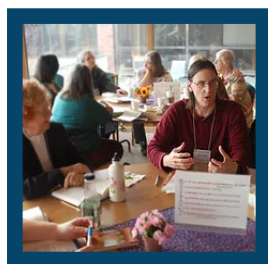
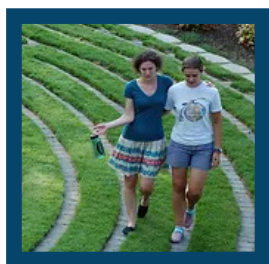
Spiritual Growth & Education

Ministries That Will Continue to Operate at the Monastery

The Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel

Shalom at the Monastery

A monastery is a perfect place for solitude, silence, reflection, and spiritual renewal. The sisters invite guests to come to Queen of Angels in Mount Angel, Oregon, to seek peace, pray, be still, reflect on their lives and journey with God. Day retreats and recurring monthly workshops/discussions/prayer are offered on a variety of topics. Spiritual direction/companioning is available to encourage spiritual growth in a person's journey.



Oblates of the Benedictine Sisters

The Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel have accepted oblates since 1975. They offer an active program that enriches and deepens the spirituality of the oblates: men and women who consider the monastery to be their spiritual home and the sisters their spiritual companions.



Chesterton Academy of the Willamette Valley

Chesterton Academy is a private Christian high school which opened on the Queen of Angels property in 2018. Their classical curriculum combines a broad, liberal arts education with a strong emphasis on the development of Christian virtues and an appreciation of beauty. Through their Three Pillars Model, they form their students in intellect, character and spirituality.

Father Bernard Youth Center

Father Bernard Youth Center (FBYC) was dedicated January 17, 2006 by Archbishop Vlazny of the Archdiocese of Portland and has become a unique focal point for Catholic ministry in the Northwest. With offices and retreat space on the monastery grounds, it is their mission to seek to create a sacred and safe place to encounter the love of Christ.



The Tradition Continues

Prayer and hospitality remain the main ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel. The sisters continue to pray daily the Liturgy of the Hours, or as Saint Benedict called it, “the Work of God.” Following the Rule of Saint Benedict, the sisters pray the psalms, listen to the Scriptures and pray for the needs of family and friends – and for the needs of the whole world. They strive to welcome everyone as Christ.

Appeal of Angels

The Appeal of Angels is an opportunity to consider legacy gifts that will preserve the Queen of Angels Monastery as a place of hope and healing for future generations.

There are many ways to help sustain the legacy of the Benedictine Sisters:

Leave a Legacy

Give a gift that will last beyond your lifetime by adding the *Queen of Angels Monastery Endowment Fund* to your will. Please also consider gifts of real estate, stock or from an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution. The endowment will ensure future generations will be able to experience the beauty and services of the monastery for the next century.

Join the Sequoia Society

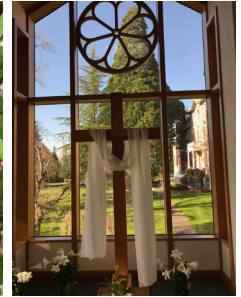
In addition to being a part of building an endowment for the future, you can help with the increased cost of operating child, youth and family programs at the monastery today. Please consider an annual pledge as a sustaining *Sequoia Society* member helping our most vulnerable neighbors served by CCS ministries at the monastery.

Volunteer

Volunteer your time wherever you feel called with the *Friends of the Monastery*. Contact Hfrederick@ccswv.org for more information.

Make a Gift Today

All gifts of any amount are welcome and can be mailed to:
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