

Franciscan Season of Giving

a word from Alysa

Between the feast days of St Clare and St Francis (August 11 and October 4), we ask for your support in raising funds to meet our obligations and dream about the future.

In this season of prayer, discernment, and reflecting on the gifts of community, we share some of the voices of the Franciscan Spiritual Center. Our aim is to name what happens in this community and how we perceive its value. We hope it engages you and motivates you to support us. We hope it encourages you to pay attention to what is sacred in your life.



"Knock and the door shall open..."

When it comes to sacred spaces for retreats, worship, and spiritual development the Franciscan Spiritual Center has become a lifeline for ALL people seeking community in a beautiful and supportive environment. I have enjoyed retreats at the Center as well as ongoing participation in an outstanding Zoom book group led by Terry Cappiello. Terry provides us with thought provoking questions and reflections related to our reading. She is a master at facilitating rich discussions. Being in her group has brought me much joy in learning and sharing together, without judgment.

As a Benedictine Oblate, I recently experienced the closing of the monastery I am associated with. It has been a great loss to many. As religious communities

dwindle and monasteries close, we need sacred spaces more than ever. I am grateful the door is open at the Center, and I will continue to knock, seek, and support this amazing, Spirit-filled place.

With gratitude,
Alysa Hilton, OblSB

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