



PRESERVE THE VISION



Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) was built in response to God’s call to “Create an environment where My people can come and be alone with Me.” This call has been the vision that has guided Pacem in Terris to become what it is today. Since 1988 more than 11,000 pilgrims have come to seek God in the silence and solitude of a hermitage—a simple but comfortable prayer cabin nestled in a forested area away from the noise of the world.

Those who come to stay in this safe,

undisturbed environment find rest, comfort, and peace. God heals, nourishes, guides, and transforms the lives of those who respond to His invitation. These pilgrims universally say, “Keep Pacem as it is” and “I need this place. Everyone needs this place.” We agree. The vision remains as clear today as when it began. We are seeking your assistance to “Preserve the Vision” for the future.

“Create an environment where My people can come and be alone with Me.”



CONTINUE THE MISSION

Pacem in Terris is a holy place designed by God—and built through the faith and generosity of His people—to meet the needs of the spiritually hungry of all faiths, walks of life, and financial circumstances. Since its beginning, Pacem has grown from 3 to 19 hermitages, including three for persons with special needs. Beginning with 80 acres, there now are 240 acres of beautiful woods, prairie, and wetlands, which include three miles of roads and walking trails. Supporting the hermitage experience are a community house and chapel, staff housing, and service buildings, along with full and part-time staff committed to the vision and mission of Pacem. The Lord continues to call an ever-increasing number of His people to be alone with Him. Of the 1,000-plus hermit guests who respond to this call every year, more than half are new guests. The need is clear, and with your help we can “Continue the Mission” of Pacem in Terris for generations to come.



PACEM in TERRIS LEGACY FUND

Pacem in Terris depends humbly on the heartfelt generosity of supporters like you who understand the need to provide a place of quiet to help foster spiritual health and healing. Thanks to God and the support of many generous contributors, Pacem in Terris is blessed to be debt-free at this time. In order to ensure the presence of Pacem for future generations, we are establishing a Legacy Fund with an ultimate goal of seven million dollars. The purpose of the Legacy Fund is two-fold: first to create an endowment fund that will assist in meeting the growing costs of providing the hermitage experience, and second to establish a development fund to meet expenses for facility improvements, preservation of the natural surroundings, staff growth, and the building of additional hermitages as the need arises.

“To ensure the presence of Pacem for future generations...”

**“You have been trusted to look after something precious;
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”**

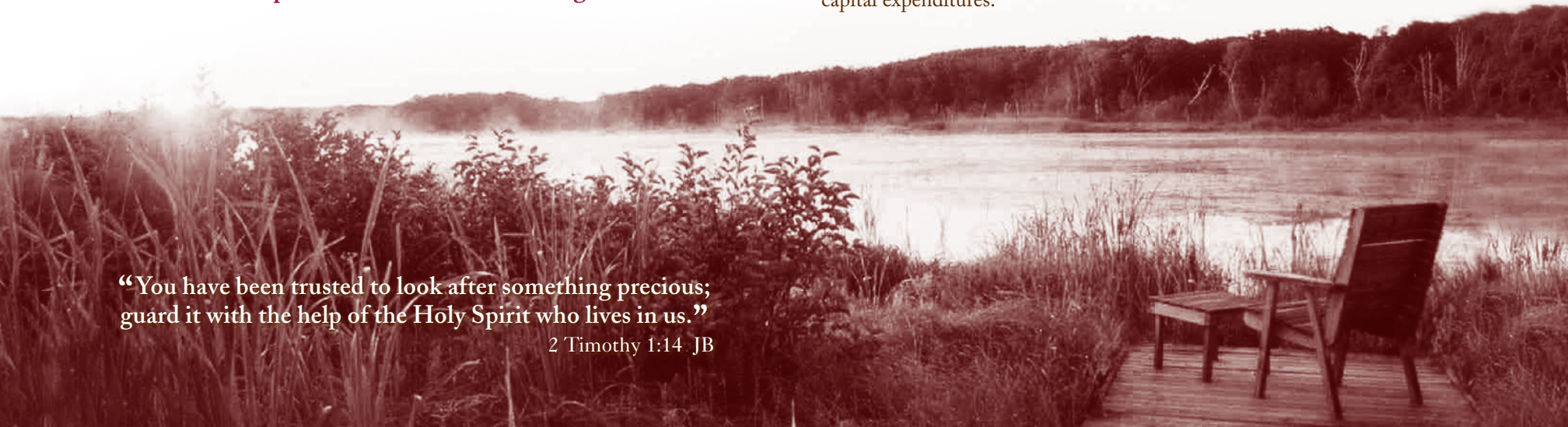
2 Timothy 1:14 JB

THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

More than a third of the hermit guests at Pacem in Terris are college-aged students, seminarians and those preparing for a variety of ministries. In addition, another third serve in ministerial and caregiver roles. These guests and others with limited resources often need financial assistance to adequately cover the cost of a recommended two-night stay in the hermitage. The interest money generated by the endowment fund would ensure that anyone who felt called to a hermitage retreat at Pacem—both now and in the future—would be welcomed, without regard for their ability to pay the full amount.

THE LEGACY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The development fund will help “Preserve the Vision, Continue the Mission” of Pacem in Terris in such areas as: building additional hermitages as the need arises, protecting and preserving the natural environment through prairie restoration and planned reforestation, staff growth, and paying for needed capital expenditures.





QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: WHAT CHURCH AFFILIATION IS PACEM IN TERRIS?

A. The ministry of Pacem in Terris is ecumenical under the umbrella of the Catholic faith.

Q: HOW ARE YOU FUNDED AND HOW MUCH DEBT DO YOU HAVE NOW?

A. Pacem in Terris is debt free. We are funded through the donations given by our hermit guests and through the generosity of faith-filled benefactors who believe in the mission of Pacem.

Q: WHY START A LEGACY FUND NOW?

A. In gratitude to God for what has been so successfully begun, and looking toward the 25th anniversary of Pacem in Terris in 2013, the Board of Directors commissioned the establishment of the Legacy Fund and has initiated a fund-raising campaign to “Preserve the Vision, Continue the Mission” for future generations.

Q: WHY TARGET SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS?

A. Our best projections indicate the need for a seven-million-dollar fund that, when fully funded, will provide five million dollars for an endowment and two million dollars for development needs that arise above and beyond the annual operating budget.

Q: HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

A. The interest from the endowment fund will be used to help “Close the Gap” to assist in meeting the growing costs of providing the hermitage experience. The development fund will provide for additional hermitages when needed, protection and preservation of Pacem’s natural environment, staff growth, and other capital expenditures.

Q: WHO IS COORDINATING THE CAMPAIGN?

A. The campaign is being coordinated and managed by our Legacy Team, comprised of members of the Board of Directors and staff. We will draw on the assistance of various experts in the field to help carry out different projects in areas such as marketing and investment planning.

Q: WHO WILL MANAGE THE LEGACY FUND?

A. The Board of Directors has established a Pacem in Terris Investment Committee to advise and supervise the plan and placement of funds, assisted by the selected investment company and their advisers.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28 NAB

Q: WILL GIVING TO THE LEGACY FUND TAKE THE PLACE OF MY GIVING TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL TO “CLOSE THE GAP”?

A. No. As in the past, yearly operational funds will continue to be needed. We will continue to rely on the ongoing generosity of faith-filled givers to meet these costs. At the same time, we are seeking additional new funds to assist us in stewarding well the future of Pacem in Terris for generations to come.

Q: WHAT METHODS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GIVING?

A. You can donate to the Pacem in Terris Legacy Fund in a variety of ways:

- Cash and check contributions
- Pledges (monthly, quarterly, annually)
- Automatic withdrawal
- Online at www.paceminterris.org
- Planned Giving, including stocks, bonds, bequests, etc.

Each donation will be safely invested in the Legacy Fund to protect and preserve what has been carefully and purposefully built, and to provide for the future.

Q: WHAT SHOULD I PRAY FOR?

A. You may join our Prayer Partners in praying daily for three things:

- For God to be honored and glorified in all of these efforts to build His kingdom.
- For people with generous and responsive hearts to join with us in this effort.
- For the Legacy Team to have wisdom, inspiration, and guidance as they seek to ensure the future of Pacem in Terris.