



PACEM in TERRIS

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

Pacem as a Garden

Last fall, the staff at Pacem in Terris spent time reflecting on how Pacem is a garden, and the growth that God brings to all who encounter this sacred place. In our chapel is a large painting by



fresco artist Mark Balma. The painting is titled, "From the Garden: Darkness into Light." It made for a fitting point of focus as we reflected on the gardens found in Scripture – the Garden of Eden, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden of Golgotha or Christ's entombment, and the Garden of Paradise. All of Salvation History, as it were, takes place in a garden.

In our faith journeys, while at Pacem we're merely planting seeds, but it's God who waters them and gives the growth. Christ is the gardener who waters, and fertilizes, who prunes, and harvests. When we make time for Christ, especially in the silence and solitude of a hermitage, we often find that radical pruning takes place. In the sanctuary of the hermitage, we face ourselves and we face God. In that encounter, authentic transformation occurs.

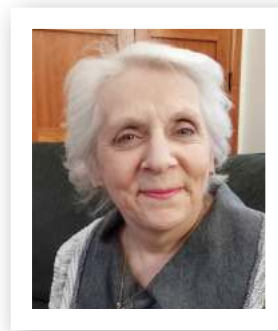
Pacem Spotlight

Pacem Hires Director of Philanthropy

With pleasure we announce a new position at Pacem in Terris, filled by our newest staff member, Phyllis Beatty, as Director of Philanthropy. It's a position that the Board of Directors has talked about for 10 years.

Phyllis' history includes 20 years of working directly for, or in support of, non-profits, most recently sharing tools and resources with those who seek additional funding. She understands "philanthropy" as the gift it is for all of us to share our time, our talent, and – yes – our finances. Her gifts and talents have been developed through her experiences as a Life Coach, non-profit Executive Director, sales representative, and volunteer with organizations that transform lives.

A member of the Church of St. Peter Claver in St. Paul, and married to Stuart Goldberg, she also shares in the life of Mt. Zion Hebrew Congregation, a Reform Jewish congregation in St. Paul. Faith exploration has taken her into a multitude of faith communities, equipping her for this ministry to hermits from all faith traditions, who seek to be alone with God.



Phyllis Beatty

Through her own experience as a Pacem hermit, her perspective is that, when people come to Pacem in Terris, they are "coming home." She adds, "It takes courage to intentionally stand before God and say 'Here I am,' and be willing to wait for God's in-kind reply. Whether it's God seeking us or us seeking God, it is love seeking love. There is no better place to be and no better work to do than expand the opportunity for others to experience this sacred place where people can be alone with God."

One of her first actions is that of sending a weekly e-mail communication to hermits who have expressed a commitment to pray for those who are staying in the very hermitages in which they stayed. This is one way of connecting past and present hermits, and Phyllis invites your partnership in exploring ways to support Pacem's ministry in service of hermits-yet-to-come.

Contact Phyllis at
Phyllis@paceminterris.org

She welcomes your thoughts.

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The newsletters are also available on our website at: www.paceminterris.org

Linda Schreurs Memorial Fund

Through the generosity of the Linda Schreurs' family, The Linda Schreurs Memorial Fund has been created. Linda was not only a frequent hermit guest at Pacem in Terris, but also brought many other guests to the peace that can be found here. She coordinated groups of women who came from Iowa, sometimes 2-3 times per year to meet God in the silence and the solitude of the hermitage. A true missionary, apostle, and evangelist, she brought countless numbers into a deeper relationship with the Lord – as many as 30 or 40 groups in total. On August 28, 2018, Linda entered her eternal reward after a long-term battle with pancreatic cancer.



At the request of her husband, Michael, and their daughters Celine, Sarah, and Claire, donations were received from the family, from those who wanted to honor Linda, and from her ministry, *Intimacy with God Ministries*. We are most grateful to Michael and the family for considering Pacem.

The Fund has been established to cover the shortfall of hermit guests who are not able to make the full recommended offering of \$115 for their one-night hermitage stay. The Fund will continue the love that Linda had for bringing others to “come be alone with God,” by making it possible for those who might otherwise be unable to “come and rest a while.” Through the Fund, Linda’s ministry will continue, extending her reach beyond geography to others who hunger and thirst for time alone with the Lord. May she rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon her.

If you would like to contribute to the Linda Schreurs Memorial Fund please contact Tim Drake at 763-444-6408.



*True Silence is a garden enclosed, where
alone the soul can meet its God.*

Catherine Doherty

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How Will You Help Sustain Pacem?

In a garden you need a gardener and a few simple tools. Think big. On a farm, you need many farm hands to care for the land, the equipment, and providing regular maintenance. There are daily, monthly, quarterly practices, without which the harvest is at risk. And it takes money to buy feed, repair the fence line, and replace the combine when it breaks.

Now think Pacem. There are things God does, and there are things we do. God does indeed plant, water, fertilize, prune and harvest. God did not ask us to go find the "people", rather, God originally asked Shirley "to create an environment where my people can be alone with me." Consider that it is we who receive a call to sustain this sacred space.

Like the garden and the farm, Pacem's magnificent 240 acres (wildlife, marshland, prairie, forest, lake, buildings, and equipment) require a great deal of tender loving care in support of our hermit guests, not to mention unanticipated expenses.

At the end of 2018, I made a single donation (which thankfully will be matched by my former employer). In 2019, I intend to make a monthly donation that will more than double my 2018 contribution, honoring my commitment to sustain Pacem in Terris for future guests. Please consider this invitation to prayerfully consider if you are called to help sustain this ministry. A one-time gift now is gratefully accepted and if you'd like to talk with me about ways in which you can make sustaining contributions to Pacem's ministry, please contact me at Pacem, via cell at 651-270-5495, or e-mail Phyllis@paceminterris.org.

Pacem's Fund a Need

We continue our thanks for the generosity of benefactors who provide for our material needs at Pacem. Because of generous contributions, approximately 10 new benches will appear in the prairie this coming summer. Here are some of our present needs:

- I. T. Support \$222.00 a month
- Hobart dishwasher/sanitizer for Kitchen \$8137.00
- Mitre Box~\$350.00
- Surface Planer~\$350.00
- Dust Collection System for Workshop \$300.00

Yes, I want to partner with Pacem with a gift of: Total Amount \$50___ \$100___ \$1000___ Other \$___ OR \$___ / month

— Payment Method —

- Personal check made payable to Pacem in Terris (for one-time gifts) I would like to make a gift of stock or appreciated securities.
- Credit card (for either one-time gifts or ongoing monthly gifts). I would like to learn more about how to include Pacem in my estate plans.
- My employer has a matching gift program. Include a signed matching gift form. I have included Pacem in Terris in my estate plans.

Please use this form for Credit Cards (Please print and complete all information)

Name on Card _____ Daytime phone _____

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Credit Card No. _____

3 Digit Security Code _____ Expiration Date (MM) ____ (YY) ____



Signature _____ I authorize Pacem in Terris to debit my account for the above charges.

Pacem in Terris does not keep your credit card information on file.

To make your gift online, visit: <https://givemn.org/organization/Pacem-In-Terris-1>

Thank you for your generous support!