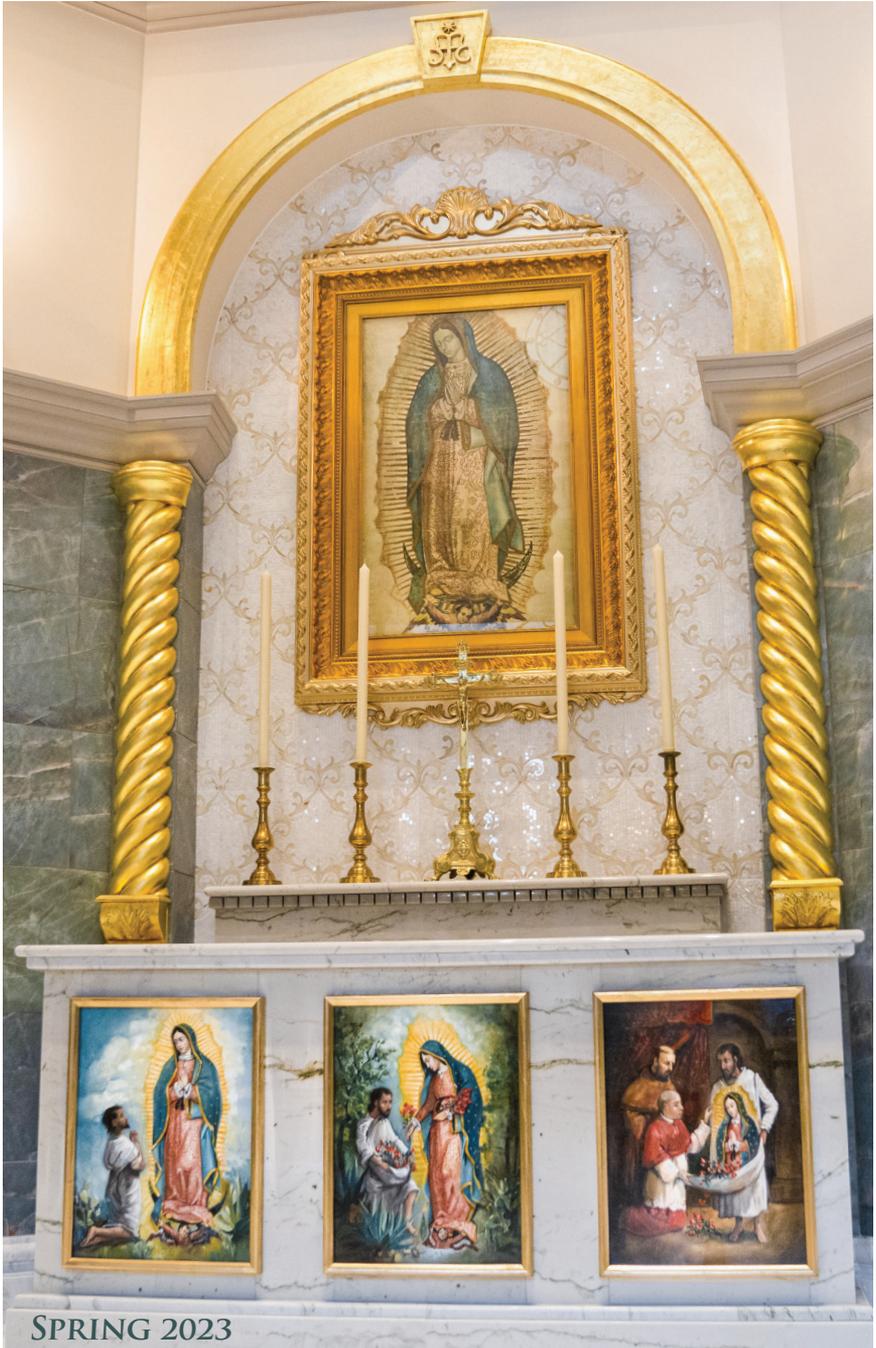


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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY





Dear Friends and Benefactors,

THANKS TO THE OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY OF OUR FRIENDS, we have been able to make some important additions to our little Benedictine world. Firstly, we have completed renovations of our private Retreat House for visiting priests. It has been hosting retreatants ever since the doors recently opened. We presently have room for three priests and more rooms are in the plans. The Spanish casita has several bedrooms, a large dining room, private study and a private chapel dedicated to St Joseph.

Our St. Margaret's family guesthouse is also open, with room for 25 guests. It has been in high demand every week, so we ask that you make reservations before coming. It is an ideal place for family vacation away from the distractions of our busy world. There are countless opportunities to recreate and especially to follow the fullness of the traditional Benedictine liturgical life. Our guests always tearfully regret when it is time to depart !

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY was received with great honor when our community was invited to create the side chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe within the historic construction of the new Immaculata Church in St. Mary's, Kansas. Our newsletter features this momentous project which we hope will inspire greater devotion to the Queen of the Americas. Don't forget to recommend our communities to her motherly care when you are able to visit this world-renowned sanctuary !

Last of all, and most importantly, our twin communities continue to increase with investitures and vows. Our Monks and Nuns have made their religious commitment to the service and salvation of countless souls unseen. With prayerful gratitude, they daily thank you for your continued support.

May the Most Holy Virgin of Guadalupe grant her love to all of you !

Fr. Cyprian



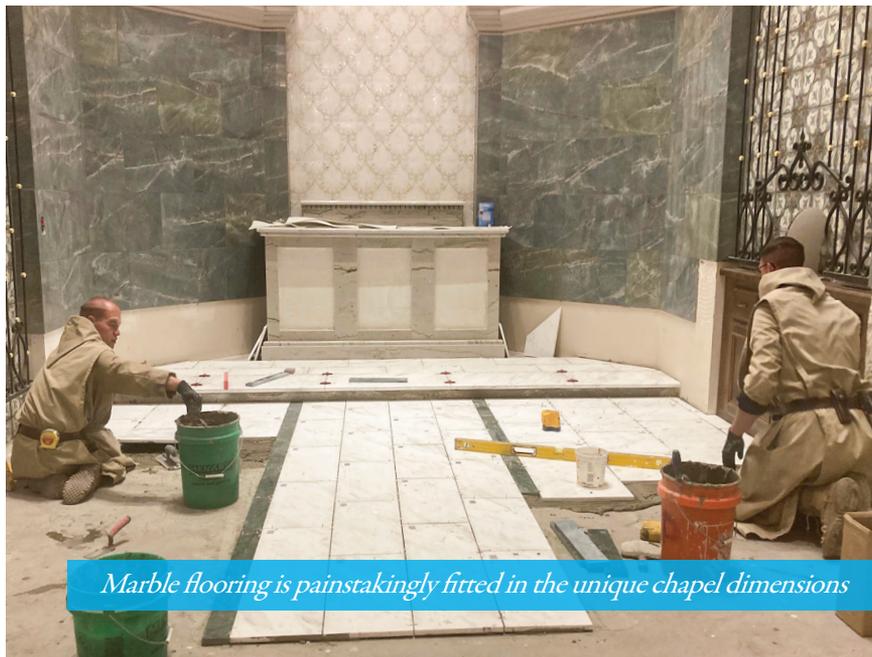
After hundreds of hours of intensive craftsmanship on the part of our communities, the side chapel honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe was completed in a timely manner before the beautiful dedication ceremony. The following pages show the various steps and stages of completion.



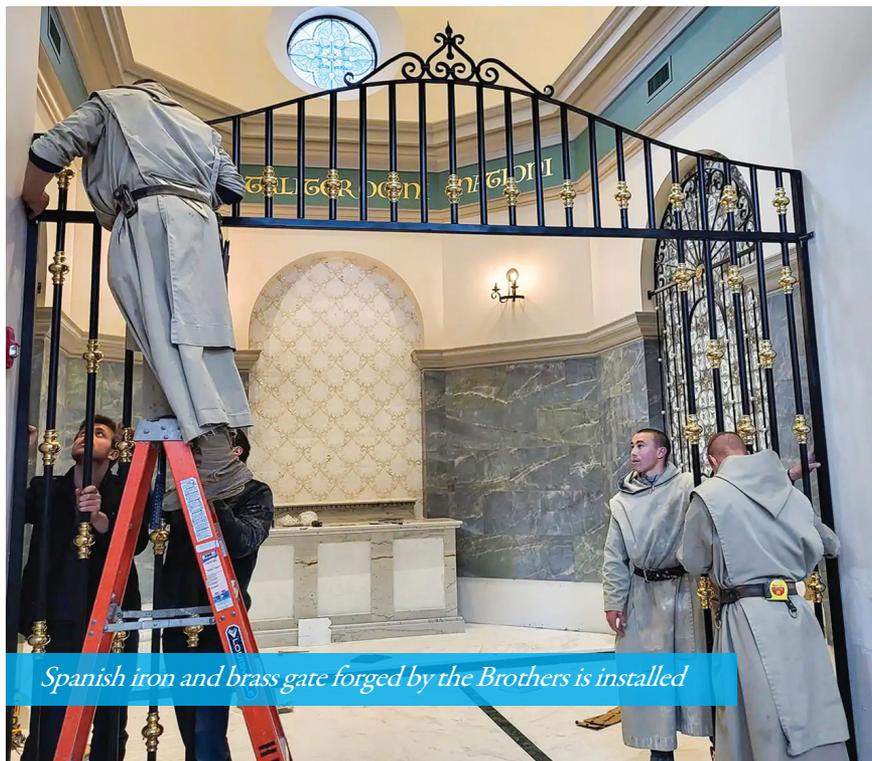
The large Guadalupe image signed by Archbishop Lefebvre is carefully framed



Each beautifully hand-painted image depicts the story of the Apparitions



Marble flooring is painstakingly fitted in the unique chapel dimensions



Spanish iron and brass gate forged by the Brothers is installed

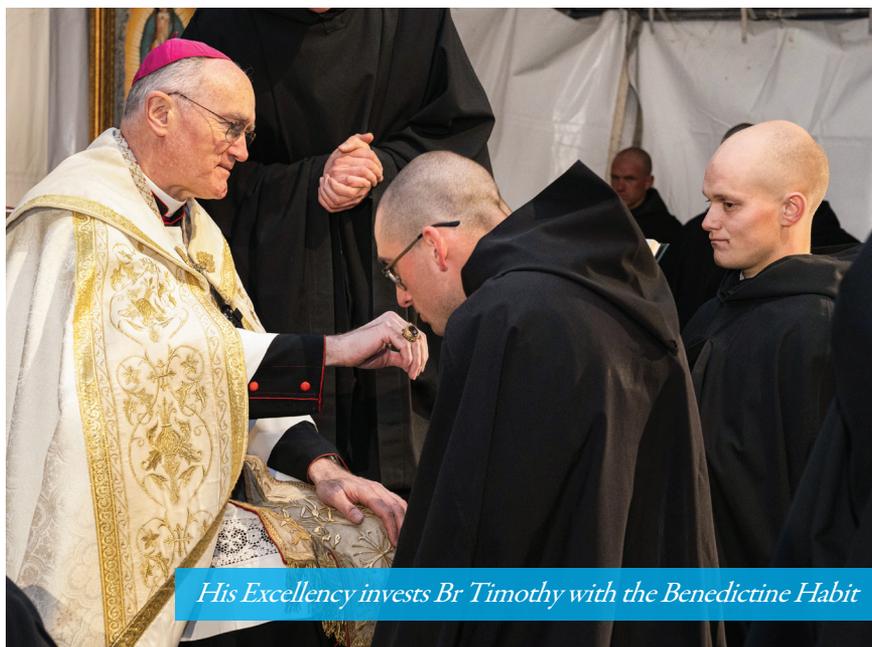


Graciously hosted by St Thomas Aquinas Seminary of the Society of St Pius X, our brothers receive Minor Orders while our Br Justin is ordained to the Subdiaconate. They are soon to become our future priests !





Promising fidelity to the Holy Rule, our Brothers pronounce first vows



His Excellency invests Br Timothy with the Benedictine Habit

OUR SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH MONASTERY



REJOICE ! O JERUSALEM : AND COME TOGETHER ALL YOU WHO LOVE HER !
Our communities had great cause for rejoicing this past Lent, as His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay received the first vows of two devoted novices on Lætare Sunday. The feast day could not have been more appropriate for the nuns' profession. It is in the midst of the Lenten season, while we labor through sacrifices of mortification and penance - and we are possibly too concerned about our own toiling efforts. Just when we are feeling overwhelmed, Holy Church urges us to be joyful. Like a good Mother, she reminds us to look up, because our reward is in Heaven. Our work is essentially a labor of love, mingling the daily struggle with great sweetness !

The life of the Benedictine nun is certainly one of many sacrifices, with some being outwardly visible, but others being spiritually within the heart. Her vows attach her in spirit to her Spouse on the cross. Her life is now to share His - to be religiously united as one heart and, through this collaboration, she begins to see a heaven unfolding to her aspirations in time as well as in eternity.

The Sacred Liturgy of the Church, which we call the Work of God, is her daily duty whereby she carries out her work in the choir, singing the full eight hours of the Divine Office, in the beautifully inspired and heavenly melodies of Gregorian Chant. Then the community duties within the monastery are carried out as in every family home. The beautiful mountain landscape encloses her little world as a majestic backdrop to her formation.

We rejoice at our growth in grace and number, and extend our gratitude to all of you. With the blessing of St Joseph upon your prayerful support and generosity, we hope to complete the remaining twelve cells for our newest recruits impatiently waiting !

Sr. Mary Agnes



His Excellency places the cream veil of first vows

The newly professed nun reads the scripted formula of her vows which will last for three years, signing the parchment to seal her promise. She then sings before the altar, perpetuating the canticle of St Agnes of Rome, “Behold, Him whom I have desired, I now see; He in whom I have hoped, I now hold; I am joined to Him in Heaven ... Whom I have loved with all devotion.”



Completing their Novitiate, our Sisters make their Triennial Vows



Excavation work for the future church





Good Friday ceremonies



Gilding work for the Immacolata



The newest lamb of the flock



Easter Vigil at St Joseph Monastery

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