

Franciscan Spiritual Center

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Peace. Presence. Community.

Dear Friend,

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The telephone rings. The doorbell chimes.

These are the ever-present tones at the Center. Someone is seeking something. Recently, it was a family with four children wanting to look at our monthly art show because they knew the artist. Last week, a phone call seeking a place for a personal retreat. Two days ago, a person wanted to make an appointment for spiritual direction with Tom (could have been with Mark, Sr. Mary Jo, Eileen, Paula or myself). Another wanted to come for one of our retreat days. There are lots of reasons to ring the doorbell.



Seeking. Searching. Looking for a warm welcome, a listening presence, a word of direction or affirmation.

How do we describe what we do and who we are? The Franciscan Spiritual Center is a place for Peace, Presence, Community. Here find a welcoming spirit of peace. A space to discover or re-discover the Presence of the Holy. A place to find Community. We use Peace, Presence and Community.

But others have used different words to describe us:

*Finding the Franciscan Spiritual Center has been like finding **an urban oasis** in the midst of a busy and demanding world. It is here that there is space to unpack my soul and meet the Spirit in fresh and revealing ways. Such **a gift!*** Ann Steigerwald

*The Franciscan Spiritual Center has made a big **difference** in the direction of my life helping me to **integrate** Franciscan traditions and values into daily life. It is a **gift.*** Sandy Prucha, RSM

Oasis. Gift. A place that makes a difference and helps one integrate and live out values.

Your gifts make this possible. You help person after person affirm the presence of God and stand up for justice, live with compassion and speak with kindness.

Our fall appeal invites you to continue to bless our ministry and specifically help us finish fundraising for a **new outdoor labyrinth**, a walking path to healing, wholeness and clarity. For centuries, people around the world have found walking a labyrinth to be a spiritual experience and a way of reconnecting to themselves, others and creation. A public labyrinth at FSC will bless those who come to our programs and ministry and bless the surrounding community. We seek \$15,000 to finish the Labyrinth as part of the Peace and Meditation Gardens at FSC.



Thank you for your gift – you make a life changing difference to everyone who rings the doorbell , calls or emails. From all the staff and myself,

Thank you and bless you,

Larry Peacock
Director



PS. Consider purchasing a bench in our Labyrinth garden in honor or memory of someone. Call me.

