



Benedictine Sisters of Virginia

Clothed in Faith with the Gospel as our Guide

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Dear Friends,

Our Benedictine Rule asks us to pray before a good work is begun. Three years ago we prayed that God would smile upon our Capital Campaign to build a new monastery. Raising three million dollars seemed daunting, but we trusted that God would provide the expertise and support we needed to succeed.

God's love is steadfast and true! We are excited to announce that we have met and exceeded our goal! Of course, we could not have reached this milestone without the kindness of each of you. Throughout these three years, your generous and continuous financial and prayerful support guided us ever onward, right through the front door of our new home.

We are also grateful for the help and coordination of our Development Team, led by Marianne Racca, and the Northern Virginia and Richmond Capital Campaign Committees whose perseverance and creative ideas added a spark to our fundraising efforts. Your many meetings and home gatherings introduced new friends and donors to us and gave us the opportunity to rekindle relationships with many more. All of your work is forever appreciated.

Once all of our permits are in order, we will begin the serious work of construction. How exciting it will be to watch our new home be built! It will also be a warm reminder of how we have been blessed by you and all of our friends. Know that you, your family, and your intentions are prayed for each day as we give thanks for our benefactors. We look forward to documenting our new monastery's construction in our quarterly newsletter.

In peace,

Sister Joanna Burley, OSB

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