

MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

*25th
Anniversary
1990-2015*

ST. BENEDICT, PRAY FOR US.

February 2, 1990, is our founding day and on July 11, 2015, Solemnity of St. Benedict of Nursia, we are celebrating 25 years of thanksgiving in remembering the past, celebrating the present and embracing the future as we move forward in our Journey of Faith.



MISSION

The Monastery of Our Lady of the Desert is a monastic community of women in the Benedictine tradition. We profess vows of stability, conversion of life and obedience. Our primary mission is to seek God through a life of prayer, silence and solitude. Our way of life frees us to give glory and praise to God, intercede through prayer for the needs of the world and hospitality.

GRADITUDE TO BISHOP JAMES & THE GALLUP DIOCESE



The Most Reverend Bishop James S. Wall's episcopal motto is "Be Doers of the Word", from the Epistle of St. James: This passage is to remind us that we must not only listen to the words of Christ, but put them into daily action, following the teachings of Our Lord.

FROM MOTHER BENEDICTA

“God is found in our daily dealings with each other, the guest who comes to our door, in the silence and solitude of the monastery, not very glamorous but real.”



Mother Benedicta will celebrate twenty-five years of monastic life on September 29, 2015.



We must believe that

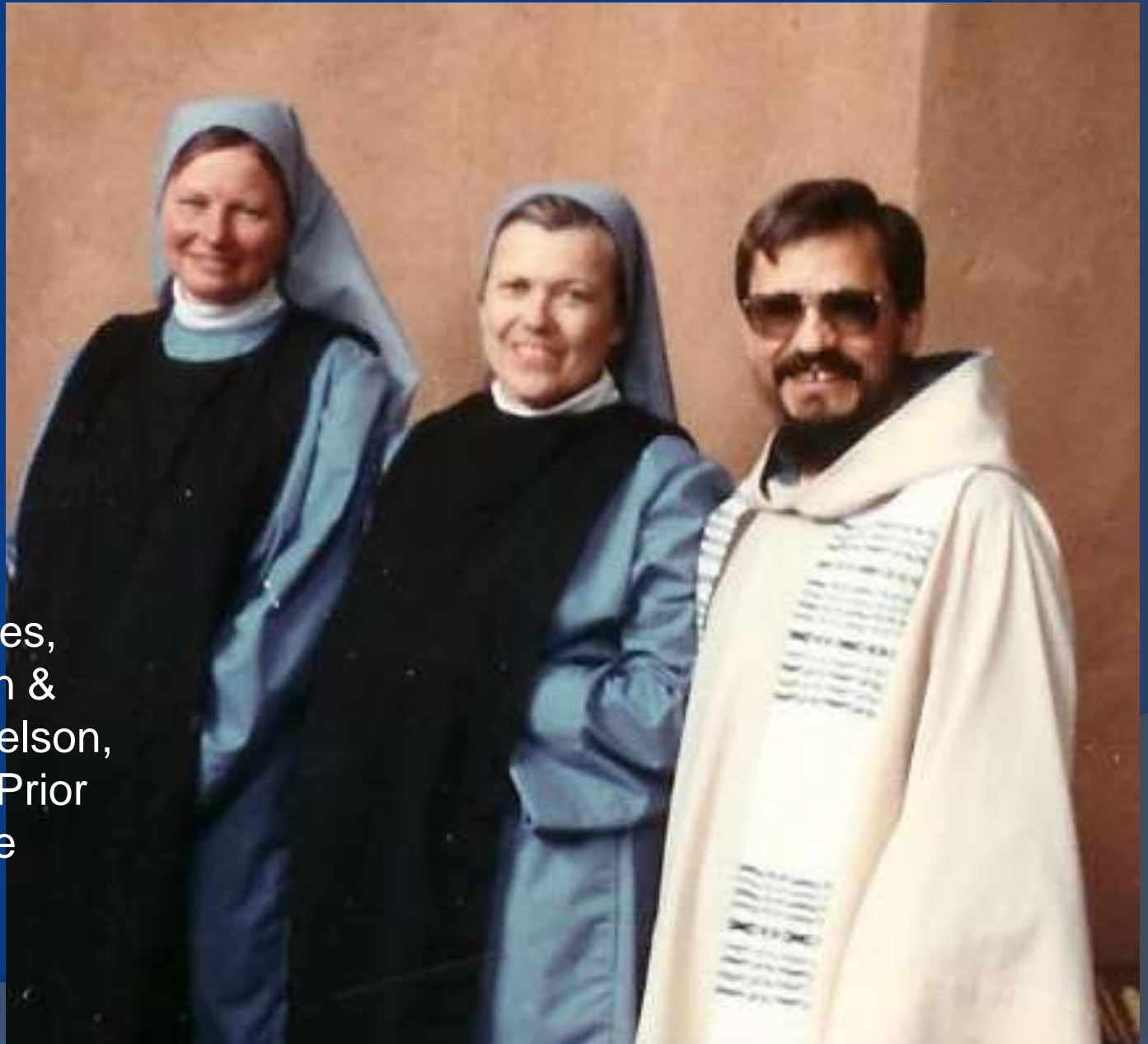
God

is always with us...

Rule of St. Benedict 7:23

1990, FEB 2 – ABIQUIU, NM - OBLATES OF THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST IN THE DESERT

Our Foundresses,
Sr. Ann McLean &
Sr. Elizabeth Nelson,
with Very Rev. Prior
Philip Lawrence



EL RITO, NM - BEGINNING OF A DREAM

MONASTERY OF
OUR LADY
OF THE DESERT



1990 – EL RITO - RESIDENTS FOR A FEW MONTHS



1990-1997- SANTA CRUZ(CORTELES),NM S. BENEDICTA & S. MARY



1991, AUG 30 -
MOTHER JULIANNE
APPOINTED
SUPERIOR FOR 13
YEARS

Top Row:

S. Scholastica

S. Mary Catherine

Front Row:

Abbot Philip

M. Julianne

S. Benedicta

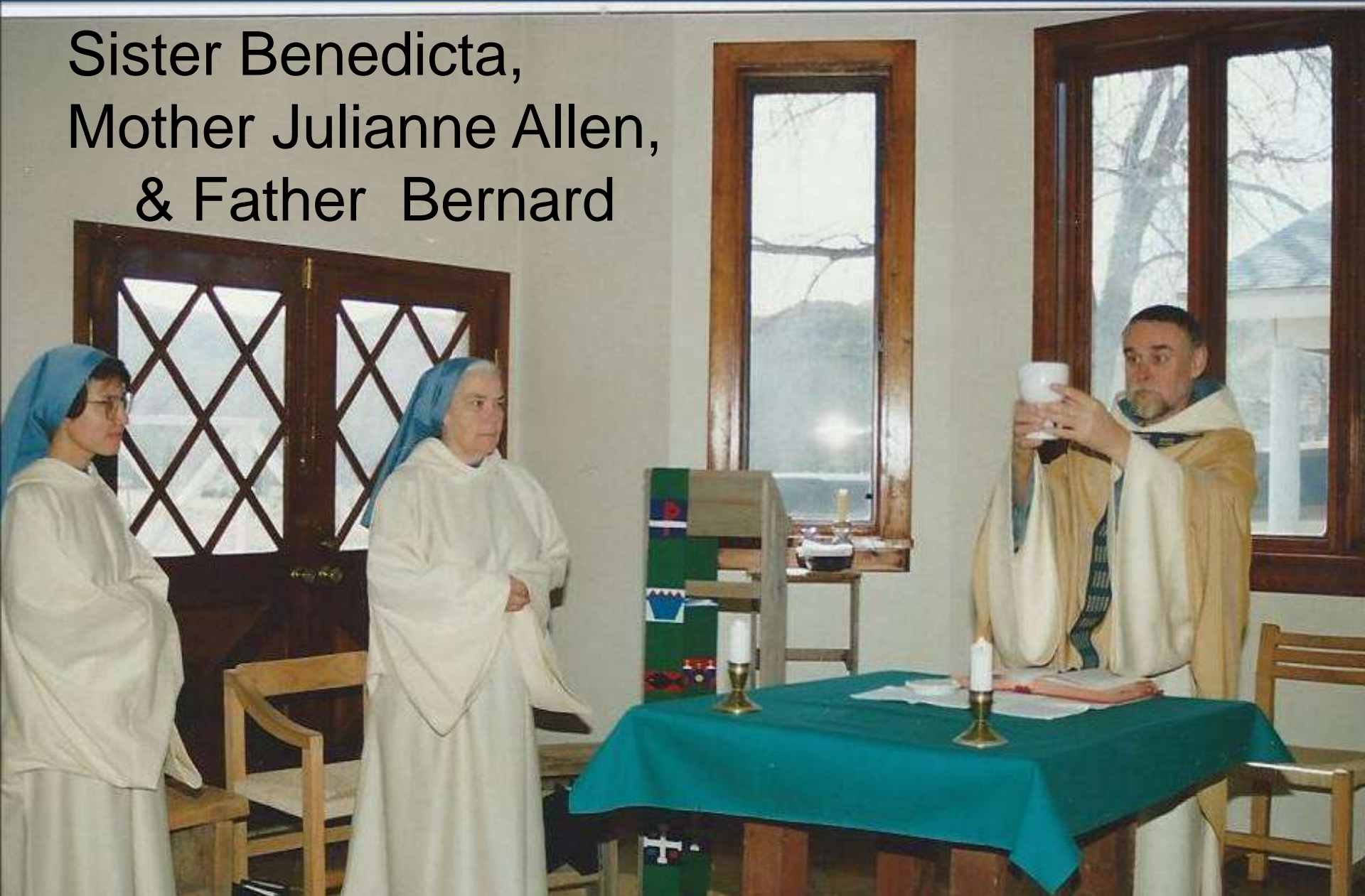


Thank you Mother Julianne for
your role in our early history
and continued expertise and
service to the community!



1991 - MASS IN SANTA CRUZ

Sister Benedicta,
Mother Julianne Allen,
& Father Bernard



1995-1996, WINTER IN SANTA CRUZ, CAMINO DE LA PAZ



1996 – GETTING READY FOR THE ESPANOLA VALLEY CRAFT FESTIVAL

Left to Right: Sister Mary,
Patricia & Sister Benedicta



1997-2008, WE ARE INVITED TO LIVE
ON THE PROPERTY OF CHRIST IN THE
DESERT MONASTERY IN ABIQUIU, NM



REMODELING EFFORTS - ABIQUIU



WINTER DAY IN ABIQUIU



OUR CHAPEL IN ABIQUIU



2000, JUNE - WE
BECAME A
FOUNDATION OF
JAMBEROO ABBEY,
AUSTRALIA



2005, FEB 2 – S. Hilda, S. Mary, S. Benedicta
made their Solemn Profession,
M. Julianne transferred her vows



We are grateful for the assistance and love shown
by S. Antonia and S. Maureen Therese, from
Jamberoo, who trained and accompanied us in our
monastic journey for nine months, Abiquiu.

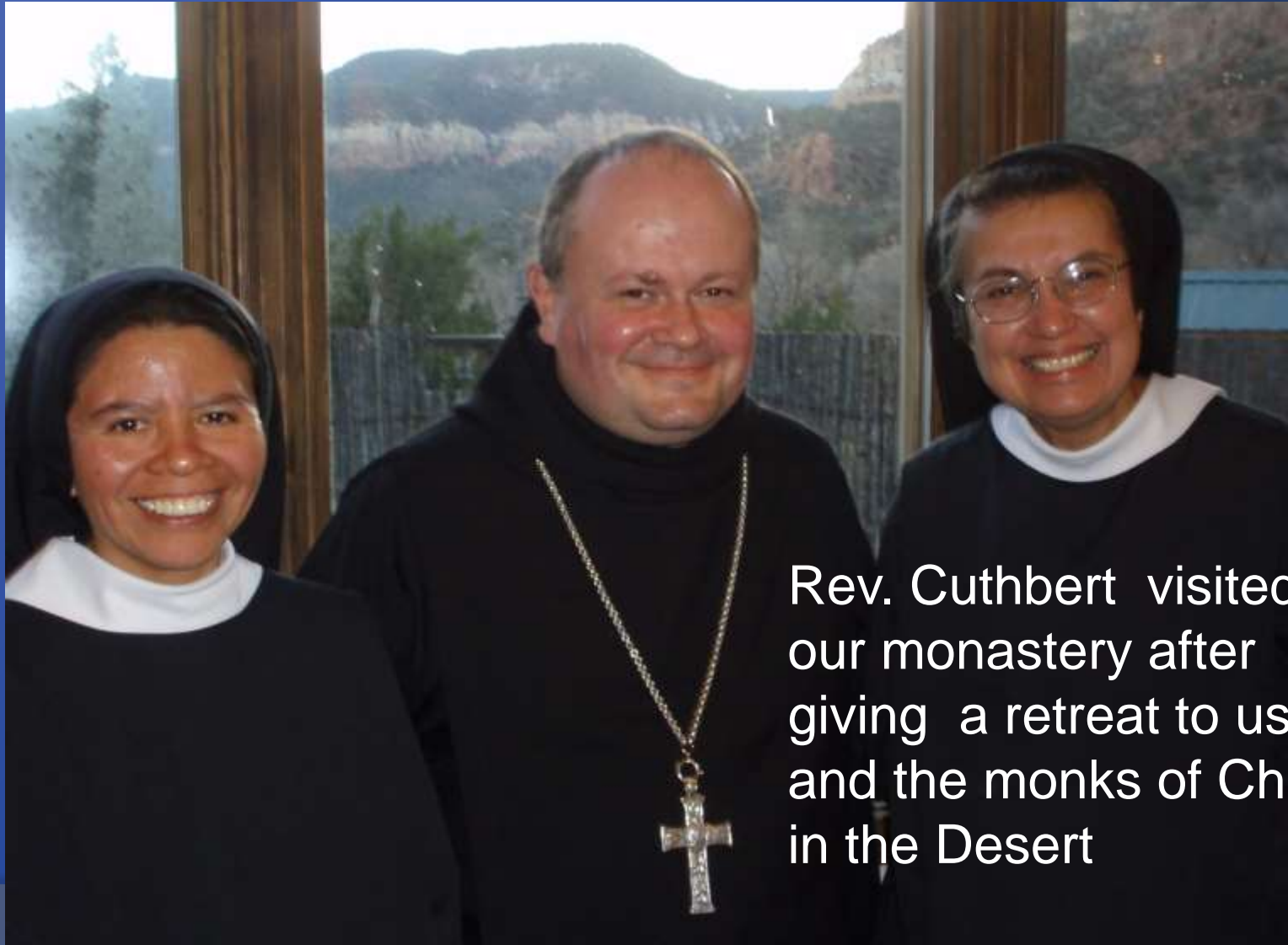
2005, FEBRUARY 7 - MOTHER BENEDICTA APPOINTED PRIORRESS



2006, JULY 21- ABIQUIU



2007, NOV 10 – SISTER HILDA, RIGHT REV.
DOM CUTHBERT BROGAN &
MOTHER BENEDICTA, ABIQUIU



Rev. Cuthbert visited
our monastery after
giving a retreat to us
and the monks of Christ
in the Desert

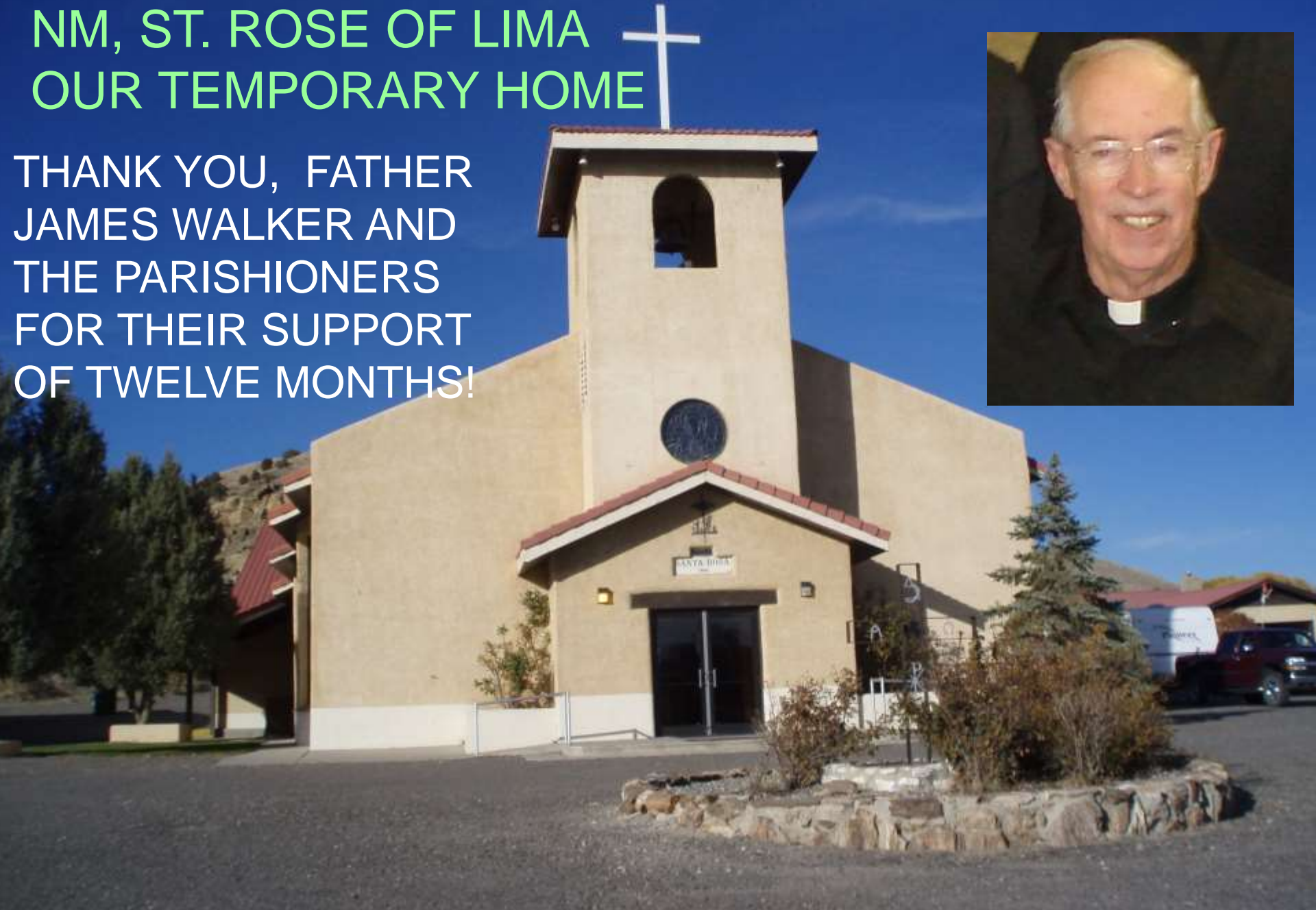
2007, JULY 11 – WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FLOREZ FAMILY FOR THE GOBERNADOR PROPERTY GIFTED TO US



**Luella Evans
with her parents,
Jose & Florence,
signing the deed
of forty acres
over to our
monastery, a
milestone in our
history!**

2008, JUNE 13 – COMMUNITY ARRIVES IN BLANCO,
NM, ST. ROSE OF LIMA
OUR TEMPORARY HOME

THANK YOU, FATHER
JAMES WALKER AND
THE PARISHIONERS
FOR THEIR SUPPORT
OF TWELVE MONTHS!



2008, OCT 22 – OUR COMMUNITY
IN BLANCO



2009, AUG 29 – FROM BLANCO
TO GOBERNDOR, NM



BEGINNINGS IN GOBERNADOR



CURRENT MONASTERY IN GOBERNADOR



LET US LIVE IN HOPE, TRUSTING WITH COURAGE AND LOVE



Sister Agnes Le,
Junior and Father
Thomas Benedict,
our Chaplain

Sister Guadalupe, final vows
December 12, 2013



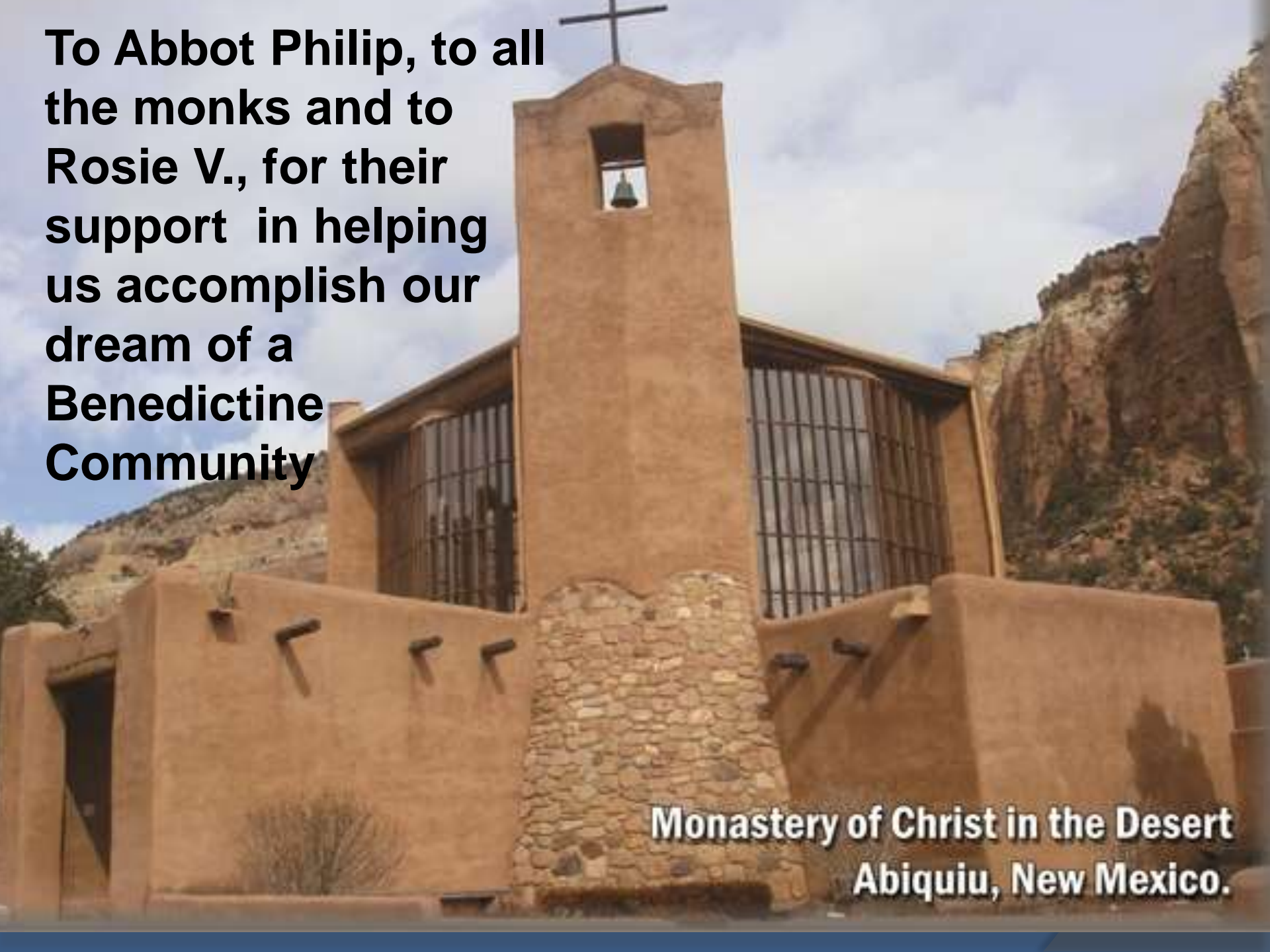
*FOR WE ARE PARTNERS WORKING FOR GOD,
AND YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD. (1Cor. 3:9)*



As a multicultural community, Our Lady of the Desert will continue to be a place where all will be welcomed to join us in our Benedictine life of prayer in the Gallup Diocese.

**To Abbot Philip, to all
the monks and to
Rosie V., for their
support in helping
us accomplish our
dream of a
Benedictine
Community**

**Monastery of Christ in the Desert
Abiquiu, New Mexico.**



Thank you!

We ask God to bless all those who journeyed with us since the beginning of our dream to live the Benedictine way of seeking God in the desert.







**Pope Francis Declares
a Year of Consecrated Life
Nov 30, 2014 - Feb 2, 2016**

**“Look to the past with gratitude...
Live the present with passion...
Embrace the future with hope.”**

