

Annunciation Monastery Property and Grounds

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to extend an invitation of hospitality from our sponsors, the Sisters of Annunciation Monastery, to the students, faculty and staff of the university to join the sisters for prayer and eucharistic liturgy and to visit the monastery. Information is provided that describes the monastery property and grounds the sisters have made available for public use.

Statement of the Policy

The Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery, the founders and sponsors of the University of Mary, are committed to a monastic way of life. The sisters value prayer and solitude, community and hospitality, service and beauty. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to join the sisters for morning and evening prayer, or eucharist. The sisters also invite members of the university community to use the prayer labyrinth located on the grounds of the monastery.

While the property and grounds of Annunciation Monastery are adjacent to the university, they are distinct from university property. Located just south of the Benedictine Center for Servant Leadership, Annunciation Monastery serves as the sisters' primary place of residence, community and worship. The grounds and gardens surrounding the monastery are reserved for the sisters. Members of the university community are asked to respect the monastery and all its facilities just as they would any other private residence. Other facilities include:

- Scholastica Convent - The entire west wing of the Benedictine Center served as the primary residence of the sisters until the current monastery building was completed in 2000. Since that time, the west wing of the Benedictine Center has been converted to a multipurpose facility with a portion dedicated to continue to serve as the residence for a number of the sisters and now known as Scholastica Convent. The remaining space on the court level was converted to a student residence for women in 2004 and is known as Boniface 'Riverview', while the lower level is now used for classrooms and faculty/staff offices. Entrances to Scholastica Convent where the sisters reside are clearly marked. Members of the university community are asked to respect the sisters residence as they would any other private home or residence.
- The Annunciation Monastery Cemetery, located between Annunciation Monastery and the west wing of the Benedictine Center, is the resting place of the monastery's deceased members. Members of the university community are asked to respect the cemetery as a private cemetery.
- The towering Annunciation Monastery bell banner, also located between Annunciation Monastery and the Benedictine Center, serves as the symbol of the Annunciation Monastery community. Members of the university community are asked to respect this

structure as private property and are asked to seek prior approval from the monastery before using graphic representations of the bell banner in promotional materials or to represent university activities.

- Annunciation Monastery parking facilities include parking adjacent to the monastery and the parking lot south of the west wing of the Benedictine Center (where Boniface 'Riverview' and Scholastica Convent are located). These parking facilities are reserved for the sisters and their guests. Students and employees of the university are expected to use university-owned parking facilities.

Approved

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