

Patris Corde

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

"Come away with me. Let us go alone to a deserted place and rest for a while."

- Mark 6:31

Retreat Booking Opens December 31st

Progress and Full Opening at Year End

Greetings from Patris Corde Hermitage! We were blessed to receive the following words from a retreatant who allowed us to share: "My family's life has been filled with many trials, sufferings, fears, and tribulations over the past four years, and especially the last six months. I needed to come away to be with my first love for a while, to be reminded that He remembers me. What a gift this life truly is. Thank you, Jesus." – 2025 Retreatant

As we read these words and look forward to fully opening at the end of this year, we are reminded of our vital need to hear Jesus call us by name - to be deeply receptive to His grace, and to be renewed in sharing His work through our vocations. Thank you sincerely for sharing in this work with us, and for supporting us these past six years through your prayers and donations! God is working and deeply renewing His disciples through this place, and it is only possible because of the generosity of so many.

2025 has been filled with the finalizing of many items needed for opening. We've completed roadwork and parking, gates and signage, the small welcome building, the shower house, the chapel bathroom and septic, along with many other details. During construction, we've been blessed to host about 150 nights of retreat for clergy and laity.

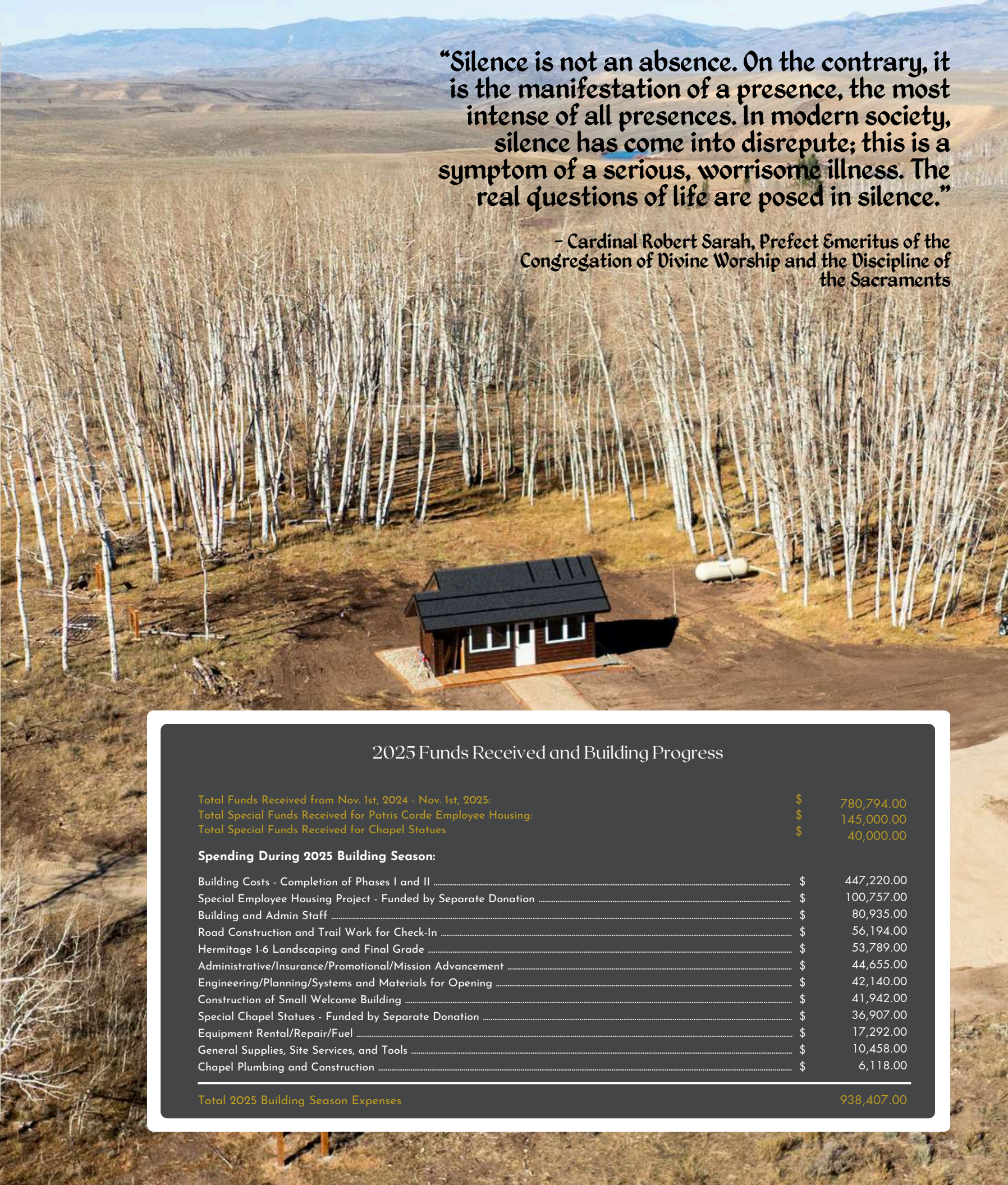


In 2026, we ask for your prayers - that God will continue to move in the hearts of retreatants as He has done so powerfully. Please also pray that God will help and protect our opening and our efforts to provide a well-run, well-maintained Catholic retreat center where the details are looked after from the first personal connection until the retreatant's departure. We will also focus on final building projects and for the first time, we will intentionally spread the work of Patris Corde to priests and laity seeking renewal and strength in their vocations. Thank you again making this possible!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
John and Ashleigh Ryan

“Silence is not an absence. On the contrary, it is the manifestation of a presence, the most intense of all presences. In modern society, silence has come into disrepute; this is a symptom of a serious, worrisome illness. The real questions of life are posed in silence.”

– Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments



2025 Funds Received and Building Progress

Total Funds Received from Nov. 1st, 2024 - Nov. 1st, 2025:	\$	780,794.00
Total Special Funds Received for Patris Corde Employee Housing:	\$	145,000.00
Total Special Funds Received for Chapel Statues	\$	40,000.00
Spending During 2025 Building Season:		
Building Costs - Completion of Phases I and II	\$	447,220.00
Special Employee Housing Project - Funded by Separate Donation	\$	100,757.00
Building and Admin Staff	\$	80,935.00
Road Construction and Trail Work for Check-In	\$	56,194.00
Hermitage 1-6 Landscaping and Final Grade	\$	53,789.00
Administrative/Insurance/Promotional/Mission Advancement	\$	44,655.00
Engineering/Planning/Systems and Materials for Opening	\$	42,140.00
Construction of Small Welcome Building	\$	41,942.00
Special Chapel Statues - Funded by Separate Donation	\$	36,907.00
Equipment Rental/Repair/Fuel	\$	17,292.00
General Supplies, Site Services, and Tools	\$	10,458.00
Chapel Plumbing and Construction	\$	6,118.00
Total 2025 Building Season Expenses		938,407.00

Patris Corde: Land Blessing to Full Opening

2017 Beginning of Patris Corde Hermitage

- The late Monsignor Michael Glenn blesses the land on which Patris Corde Hermitage will be built.



2020 Land Clearing

- Clearing of land begins and continues for the entire year.

October 2020: First meeting occurs with Grand County BOCC for Special Use Permit.



2021 Utility Infrastructure

- Infrastructure to bring water, power, septic, and propane to the first group of hermitages is completed.

January 2021: First legal meeting occurs regarding retreat center water usage.



2022 First Two Hermitages Built

- The Hermitage of St. Francis of Assisi in memory of Monsignor Glenn and the Hermitage of St. Ignatius of Loyola in memory of Fr. Gawronski are built.



2023 Chapel of St. Joseph

- The Chapel of St. Joseph is built.

2023 Water Rights and First Retreatant

- May 5-9th, 2023: Patris Corde welcomes its first retreatant to the Hermitage of St. Francis of Assisi.

September 8th, 2023: Water rights are finalized.



2023 Blessing by Archbishop

- September 23rd, 2023: Archbishop Aquila blesses the Chapel of St. Joseph and the completed hermitages.



2024 Construction of Hermitages 3-6

- Construction of hermitages 3-6 begins and nears completion.



2025 Final Infrastructure

- Completion of Hermitages of St. Augustine, St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, and St. Mary Magdalene. Completion of interim shower building and chapel bath. Completion of welcome building, signs, roads, and trails.

August, 2025: Final inspection and approval of Phases I and II Hermitages and Chapel by Grand County.



December 31st, 2025

- Full opening scheduled to occur.



“Come Away With Me” - Invitation to Retreat at Patris Corde

The practice of “coming away” with Jesus into the wilderness for a time of rest, renewal, and strengthening in vocation, for both priests and laity, is deeply rooted in Church history.

Creating Space for God: In many ways, the time at Patris Corde is meant to be like a personal “desert day”: a step away from the noise of daily life to listen and pray. We hear from many of the Saints that when the faithful leave the world behind for a time – the daily routine and the distractions, good though they may be – something unique happens. The heart and soul can open to God with a receptivity that perhaps for our entire lives we unintentionally avoid. At Patris Corde there are no appointments, talks, gatherings, scheduled meetings, or time constraints – it’s just one person, God, and His creation. Retreatants have the freedom to sleep, walk, rest, write, listen, and receive as He leads them.

Hermitage Retreat at Patris Corde: Because of this unique charism, we are dedicated to exclusively offering individual, hermitage-style retreats in sacred silence. Our non-group and non-preached retreats allow retreatants to simply “come away” with Jesus into the wilderness, let go of distractions, and receive from Him in silence and solitude. Spouses, friends, and groups who come to retreat at Patris Corde observe the same solitude and silence for the entirety of their retreat.

Grounds and Rhythm of Days: The retreat center rests on about 200 acres, is bordered by National Forest on several sides, and offers walking trails and open spaces designed to foster prayer. Outside of time in the hermitage, retreatants often spend their days walking the trails, visiting the Chapel of St. Joseph, and, if desired, speaking with their spiritual director either over the phone or on site once each day.

Hermitage and Amenities: Each hermitage is simple, comfortable, and fully furnished, oriented toward mountain views with large windows. Bread, cheese, fruit, coffee, and tea are provided, along with a small refrigerator single-burner range for light cooking. Many retreatants bring additional food.

Phones and Technology: We strongly encourage that cell phones be reserved for emergencies or spiritual direction only, allowing the heart to enter deeply into the stillness that can so easily become clouded by many cares.

To learn more, you can watch our film found on the home page of our website: www.PatrisCorde.org

Booking Retreats: Each retreat at Patris Corde begins with a personal connection through a phone conversation to answer questions, share about the charism of Patris Corde, and ensure that this retreat is a good fit for you. Our phone number will be posted on our website and live for booking on December 31st.

If you feel God inviting you to come away with Him, for one night or for many, we would be so blessed to host you! Please reach out to us on or after December 31st!

“Be not afraid.

There’s nothing to fear when you’re going to the One who has loved you eternally, and to the One who seeks only your good. And He may and His love surface difficult areas of your life... but He does it in a very tender way in order to set you free.”

- Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.,
Archbishop of Denver

“The importance of silence cannot be stressed enough in our day of frequent distraction and noise, for God does not speak to us in such things but in silence as in a gentle breeze is the Lord heard.”
- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Patris Corde Building Phases



Phase I - Private Opening

Completed September 23, 2023

- Completion of roads, utilities, and power systems
- Completion of first two hermitages
- Near completion of chapel
- Blessing of chapel by Archbishop Aquila and reservation of Blessed Sacrament

Phase II - Full Opening

Completion December 31st, 2025

- Completion of hermitages 3-6 with shower house
- Completion of water and septic system at chapel
- Construction of interim welcome building
- Hire grounds/maintenance staff member

Phase III - Move Toward Sustainability and Expand Awareness of Patris Corde's Mission

- Advance the mission of Patris Corde to renew and strengthen priests and laity in the Archdiocese of Denver and beyond
- Ensure excellence in retreat operations through attention to detail and personal connection with each retreatant
- Complete employee housing for one staff member to support retreatants on site (the majority of this cost has been covered by a special donation)
- Scale operating expenses to near 50% covered by suggested donations

Phase IV - Welcome Building Completion, Completion of Hermitages 7-11

- Convert current Ryan house to retreat center check-in/main building
- Complete hermitages 7-11

Phase V - Completion of Hermitages 12-16

- Complete hermitages 12-16
- Provide for at least 50% of all operating costs from suggested donations

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“The combination of natural beauty and sacred silence make it easy to encounter the one who is ‘Beauty ever-ancient, ever-new.’ The theme and prayer of my retreat this year has been a line from the prayer of ordination of priests: ‘Renew deep within him the Spirit of holiness.’ Thank you for providing a place where God could do that in me. I leave here refreshed and renewed to do this work in my new assignment.”

- 2025 Priest Retreatant

2026 Funds Needed to Remain Fully Open and Provide
for Current and Coming Retreats

Total Planned Income in First Year as Initial Retreats are Booked	\$ 51,900.00
Building, Maintenance, and Admin Staff	\$ 174,800.00
Operations Development to Provide for Coming Retreats	\$ 147,727.00
Hermitage Buildings and Grounds Equipment, Fuel, and Maintenance	\$ 88,930.00
Completion of Construction Costs and Employee Housing	\$ 79,369.00
Advertising and Promotional	\$ 50,200.00
Administrative/Insurance/Operational	\$ 36,325.00
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Total Requested	\$ 525,451.00

Request

We are most grateful for your help in completing our second phase and fully opening at the end of this year. THANK YOU for joining us in this mission through your prayers and gifts.

God is at work here! In 2025, through your generosity, we will bring the hermitage to full opening by year end. During this time of building, we have hosted 150 nights of retreat for priests and laity, and we look forward to hosting many more in 2026.

The need for disciples to deeply hear God's voice is very great. Many retreatants who have come in the past year work generously every day to advance the Great Commission and build up the ecclesial and domestic Church. Many are committed to daily prayer and the sacraments, but from the feedback we receive, coming to the desert allows them the space and the receptivity to reignite their call and the deepest connection of their heart to the Father. Our mission is to accelerate their fruitfulness and sustain their service to the Church by providing space for this sacred encounter.

Many priests and leaders have confirmed this indispensable need to come away with Jesus into total silence and solitude as the doorway for renewal and strengthening of their vocations. Because of this, we are committed to exclusively providing individual, non-preached, hermitage retreats in sacred silence - one of only a very few locations in Colorado and surrounding states that provides this kind of retreat. Every retreatant who comes - who has "left everything" for a time to follow Jesus - brings Him back to everyone they serve and encounter.

In 2026 as we move into Phase III, our plan and prayer is to provide well for each retreatant - from the first call to book a retreat until they depart these grounds. Secondly, over these next years as retreat numbers increase, we plan to scale our operating expenses to near 50% covered by suggested donations.

Finally, for the first time, we plan to actively spread the word of Patris Corde's availability to those who seek Him in the desert. Please pray for us as so much of our work will transition to caring for those whom God calls on retreat.

If you are able, we humbly ask your help so that we can continue to provide this space to His laborers. Our fundraising goal of \$525,451 will allow us to remain open and to double our numbers by providing for 300 nights of retreat, to complete a critical housing project so that one staff member can help provide for retreats on site, and to reach many more who are discerning and renewing vocations in the Archdiocese of Denver and beyond.

Patris Corde Hermitage is a registered public 501(c)(3) charity; our FEIN number is 88-0639678. God has continued to bless us to be able to volunteer as directors and primary caretakers/builders. Because of this, we are able to use all outside donations very efficiently, and we are blessed to open debt free. To learn how to donate, please visit our website at www.PatrisCorde.org.

Patris Corde Hermitage Employment Opportunity

As we fully open, Patris Corde is seeking an administrative staff member (option to work remotely) who would help with administration as well as phone support for retreat booking. If you or anyone you know would be interested in sharing this mission long-term, please visit our website to learn more and email John@PatrisCorde.org.



Scan to view a video
about our mission and
retreats at Patris Corde
Hermitage.



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Patris Corde Hermitage is located 30 miles north of Silverthorne
on Ute Pass Road / Grand County Road 3.

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