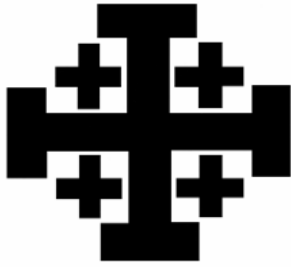


*Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd . . .*



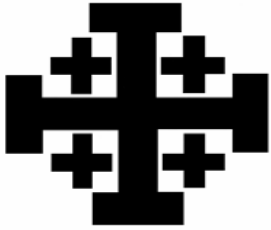
*. . . I know my sheep, and mine know me."*



San Damiano  
Retreat Center

Shrine of Christ the  
Good Shepherd

**Memorial Dedications**



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*" He went out into a mountain to pray . . .*

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*. . . And His disciples followed him."*

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## Dear Friend of San Damiano,

In Sacred Scripture, Christ offers us a perfect example of the need each human being has to



occasionally place himself in an environment that fosters reflection and meditation for the maintenance of a solid spiritual life. On many occasions, Our Lord withdrew himself into a quiet place in order that He might shed the distractions of everyday life and cover Himself in the cloak of simplicity and solitude:

*“And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray: and he passed the whole night in the prayer of God.” (St. Luke, 6:12)*

At San Damiano, efforts are made to provide the faithful with an atmosphere conducive to this reflective prayer to which Christ calls each of us.

Our mission as a religious center of retreats involves a variety of services that help each guest to follow in the footsteps of Christ, who, being full of the Holy Ghost, was led by the Spirit into the desert for prayer and reflection of his own. Carrying out such a mission requires a multitude of resources, particularly in the area of financial support of patrons and benefactors like you. I would like to ask your consideration of ways you can give the gift



### San Damiano Memorial Order Form and Information Request

Enclosed is my donation for a memorial at San Damiano. My donation will aid in the continuance of the mission and development of San Damiano Retreat Center and the Shrine of Christ the Good Shepherd.

- Bronze Plaque at the Shrine Statue of Christ the Good Shepherd . . . \$ 1,000.00
- Mosaic Stations of the Cross in the San Damiano Chapel. . . . \$ 1,000.00
- Granite Memorial Plaque at the XXIII Psalm. . . . \$ 1,000.00
- Angel Memorial in the Garden of the Angels . . . Range from \$ 1,200 to \$ 2,500.00
- Memorial Plaque representing entire Garden of the Angels. . . \$10,000.00
- Guest Residence Buildings . . . Range from \$80,000 to \$ 150,000.00

I wish for my memorial to read: \_\_\_\_\_

( Name of Person or Event You Wish to Memorialize. 3 Lines or Less, Please.)

I am interested in making a donation to San Damiano, but would like to know more. Please contact me regarding my gift of:

- Time  Life Insurance Policy Benefits
- Materials  Stocks
- Fine Artwork  Financial Support \_\_\_\_\_

( First Name ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( Last Name ) \_\_\_\_\_

( Street Address ) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

( City ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( State ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( Zip Code ) \_\_\_\_\_

## Items Accepted for Donation to San Damiano

Antique Furniture	Microwave Oven
Automobile	Motor Boat
Building Materials	Oil Paintings
Capodimonte	Oriental Rugs
Carpenter Tools	Patio and Garden Furniture
Cement Mixer	Religious Statuary
Chain Saw	Religious Relics
Chalice or Ciborium	Restaurant Equipment
Coin Collections	Riding Lawn Mower
Dresden Figurines	Royal Doulton
Electric or Gas Golf Cart	Shop Tools
Fine China	Stained Glass
Franklin Mint Sculpture	Stamp Collections
Garden Tractor	Swarovski Crystal
Gas Lawn Mower	Table Saw
Hummel Collections	Truck
Hummel Figurines	Watercolors
Icons	Waterford Crystal
Lawn and Garden Tools	Wedgwood
Lennox China and Figurines	Wood Carvings
Lladro Figurines	Yacht

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of financial assistance to help us continue the mission and development of San Damiano and the Shrine of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Please take this booklet with you as you consider making some sort of financial contribution to the continuance of this shrine and retreat center. You'll find that your gifts will be of benefit not only to the programs of San Damiano, but to your own estate in the form of lower taxes. Please contact me or our staff in the Planned Giving Department at our Administrative Office, and we would be pleased to discuss with you any details regarding this type of gift. You may contact the Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage Administrative Office at (618) 234 - 1445.

Thank you for your consideration. May your generosity be rewarded. With prayerful regards, I am,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Craig J. Simoneaux*

Craig Simoneaux  
 Director



### ***The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want . . .***

For almost ten years, gifts from people like you have given us the means to provide our guests with everything necessary to make their retreat fruitful. Donations and memorials allow for the continuing development of our facility and services, ensuring availability and stability of our center for future generations.

### ***He makes me to lie down in green pastures . . .***

Located on nearly two hundred wooded acres in Southern Illinois, San Damiano Retreat Center and the Shrine of Christ the Good Shepherd provide guests with an atmosphere conducive to quiet reflection and prayer. Prayer walks, reflection gardens, a civil-war era cemetery, and the thirty-five foot bronze statue of Christ the Good Shepherd aid in calling one to an attitude of reflection and meditation. The San



Damiano Chapel, currently located at the Visitors Center, affords retreatants the opportunity for quiet conversation with God, as well as scheduled Masses and religious services. Future plans for development include erection of a permanent building for the chapel.

Shrine of Christ the Good Shepherd is on-going. Needs arise frequently for building materials, grounds equipment, furnishings, and volunteer work. In order that we might continue our mission of bringing peace into the lives of others and ensure the stability of the center for future generations, please take some time to pray and reflect on your ability to support this cause.

***“Lord,  
Make me an  
Instrument of  
Your Peace!”***

*- Saint Francis of Assisi*

On the following page is a list of ideas and suggested items that would be useful or helpful in fulfilling out our mission. Please take this booklet home with you and consider San Damiano Retreat Center as your worthy cause and charitable organization when you have items that you are considering for a donation.

## *A Worthy Cause . . .*

which are very nice, but have no need or use for them. In some cases, due to residence downsizing, one no longer has space enough for all of their furnishings. Many generous men and women have donated these items to San Damiano as a charitable



organization, rather than selling them at a depreciated price.

Gifts received from previous donations of benefactors have helped to develop the Center and Shrine. Donations of home furnishings have been utilized in

many of the buildings. Other donations bring revenue to San Damiano from their sale. Items for the development of San Damiano were afforded with this revenue.

Development at San Damiano and the

## *. . . leads me beside quiet waters .*

At this time, San Damiano features thirty guest rooms and suites situated high on the rim of the Ohio River Valley, nearly two hundred feet above the water. Solitary retreatants, married couples, priests, sisters, and brothers, as well as church and pilgrimage groups, utilize our guest accommodations



throughout the year. Some come for the view, others for an escape from the chaos of daily distractions at home and work. All who go away from this place return home with a sense of calm and a spirit of renewal. Residence buildings, which have been erected with funds made available by benefactors and friends of the organization, provide guests with clean, comfortable quarters for rest and relaxation. Currently, our facility permits

## *. . . restores my soul.*

accommodations for groups of up to about 60 members. Continuing development includes eventual realization of a guest house building, which will accommodate larger numbers.

## *Memorialize a Loved One at San Damiano*

A beautiful way to help continue the mission and expansion of San Damiano Retreat Center and the Shrine of Christ the Good Shepherd is to establish a memorial to honor your family members, loved ones, special events, and organizations. All those memorialized at the center are remembered at religious services in our Chapel and prayers at the Shrine throughout the year. Additionally, a Memorial Mass is celebrated annually for your deceased loved ones.



Fine memorial plaques commemorate special events, loved ones, and family members throughout the grounds of the center, and the memory of your intention will be held throughout the years, as your gift enables the work and building of San Damiano to continue.

The following suggestions are made available for family and community members to consider when making a donation to establish a memorial:

Memorials may be requested by a donor presenting \$1,000.00 or more to the development and extension of the retreat center.

Bronze plaques at the Shrine Statue of Christ the Good Shepherd are \$1,000.00.

Granite plaques at the XXIII Psalm are \$1,000.00.

Mosaic Stations of the Cross for the Chapel are \$1,000.00.

Memorial Angels at the Garden of the Angels range from \$1,200.00 to \$2,500.00.

Terra Cotta statue of Saint Francis of Assisi in the Pet Garden is \$2,500.00.

A plaque representing the entire Garden of the Angels is \$10,000.00.

Donations of fine art works are displayed in the Visitors Center, the Conference Building, and in our Chapel. Each carries a notation gift plaque.

Residence buildings range in price from \$80,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Other buildings, such as the Chapel, Conference Center, Convent, and Retired Priests' Residence are available for memorial sponsorship as well.



Your gift to San Damiano is tax-deductible; Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage and San Damiano Retreat is a religious, not-for-profit organization. Occasionally, guests have expressed a desire to assist our mission of bringing peace into the lives of people.

Donations of time, materials, insurance benefits, stocks, estates, and the like are always welcome. Some benefactors have inherited items