

*The Spirit of the Lord God is
upon me,
because the Lord has
anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings
to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
To announce a time of
favor from the Lord.”*

Isaiah 61: 1-2



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CSA Hermitage

*“Be still
and know
that I am God.”*

Psalms 46: 11

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“The call of the Father, which is reflected in Christ and nourished by the Spirit, continues to find a response in the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine who, out of the traditions of the past, find meaning for the present, and hope for the future.”

*History of Sisters of Charity
of St. Augustine (CSA)*



“There should be at least a room, or some corner where no one will find you and disturb you or notice you. You should be able to untether yourself from the world and set yourself free, loosing all the fine strings and strands of tension that bind you, by sight, by sound, by thought, to the presence of other(s)...”

*“New Seeds of Contemplation”
by Thomas Merton*



These words seem a fitting explanation for the purpose of the Hermitage. The Hermitage, a cabin, was built in 1982 commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of establishing the Motherhouse on the grounds in Richfield.

The small Hermitage, harmonious with the environment, was built overlooking a lake. Through this place of prayer, we will invite all who wish, to pray in simplicity and solitude for a world of peace and justice.



The CSA Hermitage is equipped with a twin bed, table and chair, a Crucifix and Bible. The building is heated and has a small kitchenette.

The Hermitage offers these possibilities:

- ✧ A Poustinia Day for fasting and prayer
- ✧ One or more days of retreat in solitude
- ✧ A chapel with daily Mass, library, and dining room for optional meals are located in the main building within easy walking distance
- ✧ The grounds are available for quiet walks



“Come, by yourself, to an out-of-the-way place and rest a little.”

Mark 6:31



For more information or reservations:

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Donations for use of the Hermitage are according to your means. The suggested donation is \$15-\$20 per day.



Hermitage

Enter our Hermitage with deep faith in God's presence and love. His Word in Scripture will sustain you.

A hermitage is a special place – a desert place where one can be alone to listen in silence to God's still voice. It is in silence and solitude that one can be free from many distractions. Here one can try to face the truth and respond freely.

Taking the responsibility to face what God is saying implies a definite call. It is the Spirit of God within us inviting us to draw closer in prayer. And so, one responds in faith to God's invitation. Here in silence and alone, one comes to know God, and through the Spirit of Love, to know God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Before God in our aloneness and in God's immensity, one can bring the whole world and all the needs of humanity – suffering and injustices – and plead for them in prayer.

One may have to face personal struggle in one's soul, and bring it out in the open in prayer, sometimes causing one to cry aloud to God. But in each a deep and humble prayer, peace and joy will follow.

Reflection by Sister Alicia Wagner, CSA on Catherine de Hueck Doherty's "Poustinia."

