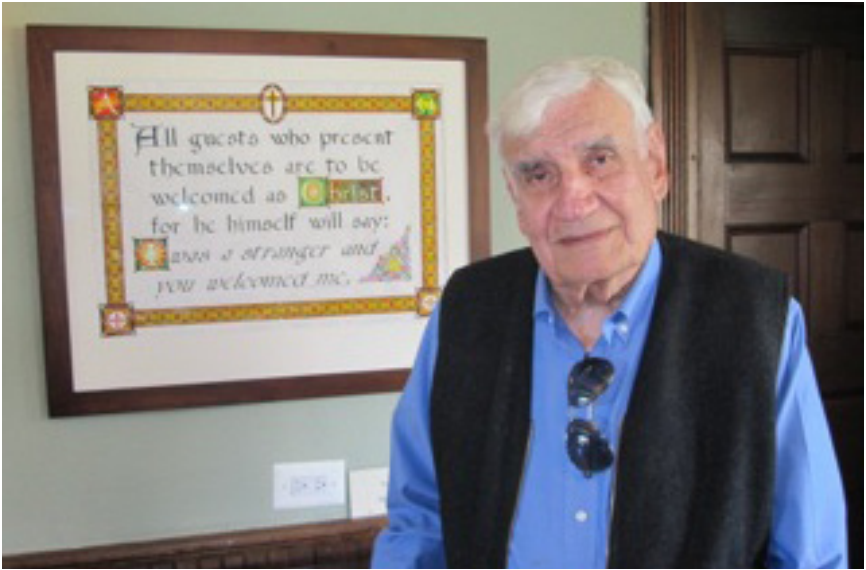




# MOUNT CALVARY MONASTERY

SUMMER 2015



## ILLUMINATION!

"All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: *I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*"

This pillar of Benedictine hospitality now adorns the Refectory in the form of a magnificent illumination. Hand-painted by our good friend Vincent Mazzuchelli, it is the result of more than 600 hours of exquisitely applied craftsmanship. Vincent is a professional cartographer, known both as a UC professor of the subject and for his elegant hand-drawn maps and illuminations.

Thank you, Vincent!



## BR. WILL BROWN IS TURNING 90!

The many friends of Br. Will Brown are invited to gather here at Mount Calvary on Sunday, July 12, for a Birthday Tea, beginning at 3:00 pm and ending with Vespers, to celebrate our beloved brother's 90th birthday.

Will was born on July 13, 1925, in Burton-on-Trent, England, and moved as a young man to North Carolina and then to Georgia where he worked as a horticulturalist. In 1981 he was life-professed in OHC. He has been a monk of Mount Calvary on and off since 1984.

Will asks that if you wish to make a gift, please donate to Mount Calvary and indicate that it is for the Garden Fund. (Please don't make checks payable to the Garden Fund; our bank takes a dim view of anything not payable to Mount Calvary, our legal name.)

## LUIS RUELAS: 25 YEARS OF HEALTHY, DELICIOUS MEALS

The Mount Calvary Brethren honored Luis Ruelas on Sunday, May 31, as he celebrated a quarter century as our chef.

Luis began working with us when we reopened in 1990 after our year-long reconstruction, and he has presided skillfully and creatively over the kitchen ever since then.

When we began offering retreat ministry again after the fire, the first question many people asked was: "Is Luis still with you?" Gracias, Luis!



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## FROM THE BRETHREN

### BR. WILL BROWN

I am still making early-morning Monks Blend coffee for the community and guests. As one guest humorously observed, "That is Brother Will's ministry." With the support of the community in my decision, I will not be renewing my driver's license. In Santa Barbara I can walk to most places that I need to go and I also have helpful chauffeurs. And I am still hiking up Rattlesnake Canyon with Rachel Couch, who kindly adjusts to my slower pace.



### BR. TIMOTHY JOLLEY

For the past several weeks now, I've been settling into this new chapter of my life with the loving welcome and hospitality of the monastic community at Mt. Calvary, friends on the West Coast and elsewhere, and the grace of God. It is a good environment to pray. The household have asked me to look after the grounds and buildings, and if this drought will ever end, we hope to get some serious landscaping under way!

### BR. BOB PIERSON

On Monday, May 4, I celebrated the first anniversary of my arrival at Mount Calvary Monastery, and later that week, on Saturday, May 9, participated in graduation ceremonies at Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological School at Claremont. I received a "Certificate of Comple-

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please include our address to ensure that we are correctly identified.

tion of Special Course of Studies," which prompted one friend to say, "Now you're special!" and another friend to say, "Does this mean you are 'certifiable'?" I am looking forward to the day when Bishop Jon Bruno will receive me as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

## BR. TOM SCHULTZ

These are things that feed and anchor my monastic vocation: *reading* history, biographies of other monastics, and mystery stories; *walking* in the woods; *looking* at other people's stuff (yard sales are a must!); all forms of *craft work* (making prayer beads and devotionals); and *silence* rather than "white noise." All these are hobbies that fill in between the routine, daily "monastic" life.

## BR. ADAM MCCOY

I was on jury duty for two weeks in April, an experience I had never had before. My recent reading seems to be clustering around Roman history (the end of the Republic through Augustus), historical background to the age of Benedict and earlier monasticism, and work inspired by the Old Testament scholar Margaret Barker, Rachel Elior, and others interested in the theology of the Temple. Plus the poetry of Hart Crane. And a wonderful new book by Maggie Ross called *Silence: A User's Guide*.

## MOUNT CALVARY GIFT SHOP

The new gift shop is off to a great start! Please stop by Tuesdays through Fridays and take a peek. We have Monk's Blend Coffee, new Mount Calvary mugs, the wonderful soap made with "a healthy dose of holy water," and Anglican Rosaries along with other gift items. All proceeds support the mission of Mount Calvary.



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# PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION STUDENTS RESPOND TO BENEDICTINE HOSPITALITY

In 2009 I initiated a field trip option for my Philosophy of Religion students. Each semester since, our students and faculty have gathered at Mount Calvary.

Our students are atheists, nominal Christians, agnostics of various hues, members of other religions and sects, and even some who would consider themselves committed Christians. More than a few have negative, stereotypical views of religion in general, and Christianity in particular. Over the years the every-semester visit to the monastery has become traditional, and the group often fills up the guest house.

In our discussions we invariably learn two things:

Many students expect the monks to be aloof, and all are impressed, even charmed, by the warmth, sincerity, and acceptance of the monastics. One young woman reported her amazement and delight that, after she had told one of the brothers she was an atheist, she noted neither any subsequent lack of warmth and acceptance nor any attempt to convert her. They *loved* sitting down to meals shoulder to shoulder with the brothers and being able to chat with them on secular topics.

Most were able to appreciate this new perspective on “silence” as a calming, stabilizing, and centering practice. In fact, almost everyone enjoyed the meditation of “centering prayer” or walking meditation, which we did as a group through the pleasant grounds of the monastery. The daily silent breakfast was deeply appreciated despite the strange newness to them of the practice. And we all loved Luis’s cooking – some were inspired to eat in a more healthy way, and more attentively, when they returned home.

Both the religious and not-so-religious students come to realize that there is a contemplative depth rooted in both the Christian and other traditions that they had not known about, a depth of practice that is relevant to a well-lived human life.

– Dr. Zachary Seech  
Professor of Philosophy Emeritus  
Palomar College  
San Marcos, California



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT MOUNT CALVARY

Sunday, July 12, 3:00 pm:

***Br. Will's 90th Birthday Tea***

(RSVP to 805-682-4117 or mtcalvary1@aol.com)

Sunday, September 13, 3:00 pm:

***Holy Cross Day***

***Open House***

October 13-16:

***Associates' Retreat***

December 1-3:

***Monks Before Benedict: Early Christian Monasticism***

led by Br. Adam McCoy, OHC

February 23-26, 2016:

***Icon Retreat***

led by Fr. Peter Pearson

For more-complete descriptions,  
please see our website or call the Guest House Office.



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