Annual Appeal & Budget Summary 2019

Order of Julian of Norwich
Our Lady of the Northwoods Monastery
A soul that simply makes itself fast to God with true trust, either by seeking or in beholding, that is the most honor it can do to Him, as I see it.

Julian of Norwich

The Order of Julian of Norwich
is a contemplative religious order of monks and nuns of the Episcopal Church.

We have three ministries:

• monastic life and witness
• our guest ministry
• our print and web ministry, by which we encourage the study of Julian’s writings, and the practice of silent prayer

We seek to continue the Benedictine vision of a shared, contemplative life of prayer, living close to the land and providing a welcoming space to those who are seeking God or who are searching for deeper meaning in their lives.

We rely on your help to exist.

The Rev Holly Ratcliffe
Oblate of the Order

OJN is a...
• contemplative community seeking, through the OJN rule, the practice of silence and the reading of our patron’s writings, to become more like Jesus of Nazareth.
• counter-cultural spiritual community of people who are committed to actively practicing their vows.
• an intercessory community who prays for one another and others.
• an Oblate rule that offers the possibility of committing to a lifelong vow of consecrated celibacy.
• a committed affiliate community inspired by the witness of the members regular.
• a young monastic community which was born out of the excitement of the rediscovery of Julian of Norwich in the 1980s, has worked through the difficult passage of growing up, and has set its long term course on becoming truer to its contemplative vocation.

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Fiscal Facts

- In round numbers the Order of Julian currently has a 260k annual budget that covers running its sole property, which serves as the order’s monastery and the guesthouse in White Lake Wisconsin, looking after 4 nuns and monks and up to 2 guests, and funding all OJN ministries.

- The budget cannot account for surprises or future planning.

- To provide for those who wish to enter, we will need to increase our budget for monastic life by 10% in the next two years.

- The Order does not currently have an endowment.

- The community is carrying the remainder of a 385k loan for new construction which provided needed space for guests and new monks and nuns.

- Our Associates and Oblates currently provide up to 51% of our annual budget.

- Guesthouse income contributes to about 1% of the budget, and 13% comes from other sources.

- For the remainder of our needs, the community relies on friends and benefactors who donate periodically or annually, to fund 35% of the budget.
Annual Budget Summary

The need in numbers

260,000 approximate annual budget for ministries of:

- monastic life 164,000
- hospitality (with loan payments) 66,000
- print and web ministry 30,000

298,000 remainder of construction loan
While some of our income comes from gifts through our hospitality ministry, and some income may come to us through our craft and soap production, the vast majority of our support comes from the simple generosity of the people of God—people like you.

These gifts help support our three ministries of monastic life and witness, our guest ministry, and our print and web ministry.

We rely on the generosity of our friends and benefactors to sustain our way of life and ministries.
You will never know from the guest end how much your fully monastic hospitality means to us who make a retreat here. You offer what no one else in this increasingly crazy world can offer and this is a blessing for which I am more deeply thankful than ever. Thank you for all you do in Jesus’s Name.

Helen Benton
Associate of the Order

How can I help?

Pray for us

Tell someone else about the Order of Julian

Make an occasional or annual gift

• We are upheld in our ministries by the generosity of those who value the witness of the religious life in the Church, and we count on the generosity of these donors.

Your gift in any amount is like another pair of hands, enabling the ongoing operation of the monastery and guesthouse, the upkeep and repair of the premises and equipment, the care of present and future monks, nuns, and guests, and supports our print and web outreach.
When we cross the threshold of Our Lady of the Northwoods Monastery, trouble, stress, worries and fears just melt away. A welcoming smile, the fragrance of fresh baked bread, the ticking of clocks and a holy silence take us to a place where it is easy to sit at the feet of Jesus and just be. The sisters have shared with us a treasured friendship, a chance to lend a hand and an opportunity to experience wisdom, humor and a beautiful spirituality. It is our “light in the forest.”

Mary Jo Peters Neighbor

Sustaining Support—— Make a 3-year Pledge

• A three-year pledge helps us to plan the community budget in advance and be less concerned with immediate fundraising. But even more, a long-term gift like a three-year pledge strengthens and affirms your loving connection to our work. You sustain our contemplative witness in the Episcopal Church.

Remember OJN in your will

• A will is a definitive “last word,” a way for you to say whom and what you have loved in your life and what has been important to you. A gift bestowed by bequest enables you to make your love tangible and to continue to support the ongoing life and wellness of the Order. You can help our future by remembering the Order of Julian in your will.
Ways to give

We welcome and appreciate all gifts of any amount. If you are able, please prayerfully consider an annual commitment of $500 (under $10 a week) or more. Gifts can be made annually, monthly, by check, credit card, direct debit, or stock gift.

No one is asked to give more than they can afford—and every gift is valued!

OJN is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible as the law allows. All donors receive a receipt for tax purposes.
By Check
Checks can be made payable to the “Order of Julian of Norwich”.

Credit card
We can accept donations via credit or debit card through our website. Please note that we pay a fee of 1$ for every 24 dollars donated from each transaction, so if you wish to give a particularly large amount, we recommend doing so by check.

Stock and other securities
Please contact us for information if you are interested in donating stock.

Estate Planning
Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for OJN. If you do decide to include OJN in your will, we would find it very helpful to have a copy of that portion of your will for our records. A bequest established today guarantees a lifeline of vital support for the future of the Order of Julian of Norwich.
What you in the monastery want is what we desperately need, those who almost ceaselessly hold us up and all of God’s creation bringing us into the ambit of the throne of grace, to be there in our stead offering praise and adoration, contrition and tears for our sins and of the many who never think they should say sorry to God or their hapless victims, holding, bearing up before God, God’s world aching so much, those skeletons that are Somali children, the victims of injustice and oppression, the girls and women raped where rape is weapon of war, to degrade and dehumanise them, and hold up the perpetrators for they too are God’s children. Without you to do and be this, our world is doomed. Oh how much we need you to be this only with no distractions however worthy. We need you to be this desperately. Please be. It is a tough call but we are doomed if you do not follow the promptings of your heart, the movement of the Spirit.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Oblate of the Order
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☐ About designated gifts
☐ Becoming an oblate or associate
☐ How I might incorporate a gift in my estate plan

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