

Summer 2024



Dear Friend,

We invite you to join us for the  
**2024 New Skete Pilgrimage Saturday, August 10**  
We hope your schedule will allow you to make the journey to Cambridge, New York  
to join us in this day of community.

*"Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone would begin first with themselves, then there would be peace all around!"*  
-Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

Where can I find my Peace, recognize the need for peace and find practices to facilitate it in daily life? Learning to identify and understand what brings you joy takes consistency, time, patience and practice. My relationship with God is always whatever I am doing, it is God's hands that guide me. Tasks large and small, I am not alone.

We all seek transformation to find our true selves but we get caught up and worn down by the distractions and responsibilities of everyday life. The continuous onslaught of influence and images boldly guide our tired minds and bodies down the rabbit holes that transport us further away from the peace we long to have.

True to the monastic vocation, we begin each day with prayer, meditation and worship. This year we are delighted to welcome our longtime friend and Honored guest speaker:

**Patricia Fann Bouteneff**

Presenting:

***Morning Routine from the Christian East; Ideas and Practices for All, in the Real World.***

For years, Pat's work has edified us and many others in ways we can develop spiritual tools that when used, can carry us through even the most challenging and unexpected times.

The Monks and Nuns, along with members of the New Skete Chapel community and friends of New Skete have welcomed guests to this annual Pilgrimage event for many years. New Skete is long standing in its facilitation as a place of ecumenical understanding, tolerance and wisdom. This hospitality represents a perennial aspect of our vocations as we welcome all who visit. It is one of the many ways we work to bring Christians and those of different faiths together. We hope your schedule will allow you to join us!

We keep you in our thoughts and prayers daily. Now and as always, we welcome your requests for prayers for friends and family. ***As we all strive for Peace. Please consider a gift in Honor or in Memory of who or what brings peace to your world.*** Your donation to support the mission of the Monks and Nuns of New Skete would be gratefully received.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity of prayers, kindness, and friendship!

In Christ's love,

Handwritten signature of Brother Christopher in black ink.

Brother Christopher  
Prior, Monks of New Skete

Handwritten signature of Sister Cecelia in black ink.

Sister Cecelia  
Prioress, Nuns of New Skete