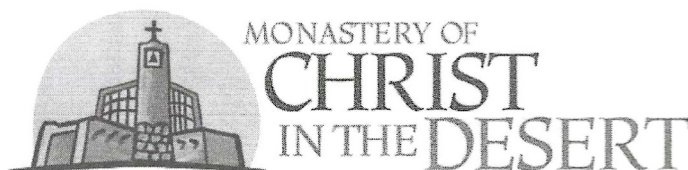


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Dear Friends,

Christ's peace and many greetings!

Along with the rest of the world, we are rejoicing in the election of the first U.S.-born pope, Leo XIV. May he lead the Church in the way of peace as we all move along toward God's house, one day at a time.

Here at the Monastery we are doing well. Fortunately, none of us is in poor health, but like every family, with young and old members, we have ongoing medical and dental needs. With that in mind, this appeal letter is targeted for the medical expenses we incur in the course of the year.

As any who have been here can testify, going to the doctor, hospital or dentist is a commitment of at least an hour (one way) to the medical and dental clinics in Coyote or El Rito, an hour and a half to the Espanola Hospital, two hours to Santa Fe, and three hours if we need to see a doctor in Albuquerque.

We are very grateful for the fine medical and dental care provided in New Mexico, but even so, the costs quickly add up for routine and out-of-the-ordinary medical and dental needs.

For your help in the past, we are deeply grateful and turn to you again for your kindness to us.

If you can help with our 2025 medical expenses, **please send a \$10 gift, or more if you are able.** We have set a target for this appeal to be finished this September 8th, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You may donate at this link: www.christdesert.org/give/MD25 or by check made out to: "Christ in the Desert," and mailed to the Monastery at P.O. Box 270, Abiquiu, NM 87510-0270.

We pray for your good health, and for all your needs and intentions. God bless you now and always.

Gratefully in Saint Benedict,

Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB

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