MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE
SILVERSTREAM PRIORY
Adoration and Reparation

Living in the tradition of St Benedict, Silverstream Priory is dedicated to adoration of the Eucharistic Face of Jesus in a spirit of reparation for the sins of the world, of the Church, and particularly for priests.

The monks live from the altar and for the altar, seeking to be faithful to daily adoration and to imitate Our Lord in the Sacred Host, especially in His silence, hiddenness, and humility. In so doing, the monks seek to foster an atmosphere of order and of peace conducive to ceaseless adoration and identification with the Sacrament of Charity.

I looked for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none: and for one that would comfort me, and I found none. — Ps. 68:21

What is Reparation?
Throughout Holy Scripture we find examples of “reparators” for the indifference, irreverence, and profanations wrought against God: Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, St Mary Magdalene, St Peter and above all, Our Lady. These central figures in salvation history along with countless saints down the ages have desired only to offer what little love they have in return for the infinite Love of God. They stand in the breach and plead on behalf of a world bent over with the weight of sin, raising their love to God in reparation for the lack of love around them. Their words and example call others to do likewise.
Prophetic for Our Times

In recent centuries, much has been said on the need for reparation, particularly towards Our Lord in the Sacrament of His Love. Indeed, the message only becomes more urgent as time goes on and as great saints and popular devotions ask for this tribute of reparation. The following are only a few examples of the call for adoration and reparation:

Ven. Mother Mectilde de Bar
St Margaret Mary and the Sacred Heart
St Therese of Lisieux
St Peter Julian Eymard
St Gemma Galgani
Abbot Celestino Colombo
Our Lady of Fatima
St Faustina and Divine Mercy
Pope Pius XI
Pope St John Paul II
Pope Benedict XVI

Our most holy Patriarch [St Benedict], wishing to bear witness to his love for the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, could do so no better than by expiring in Its holy Presence. Thus did he render up the last gasps of his heart to that adorable Host, so that his sentiments, enclosed in the sacred ciborium, could in time generate sons of his Order who would, to the end of the world, offer adoration, homage, and continual acts of love and of reparation.

— Ven. Mother Mectilde de Bar (1614–1698)
For Our Priests

For the Church

Strike the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.
— Zechariah 13:7

It is no secret that the men that Our Lord has called to become His intimate friends, His representatives on earth to the Church and to the world, His priests, are greatly afflicted.

Many priests who are seeking holiness, seeking to be obedient sons of the Church, seeking to guide and direct their flocks towards Christ, are racked by criticism, hatred, and slander, and prevented from carrying out their God-given call to serve the Church. When our priests are attacked, the flock of the faithful is grievously wounded and scattered.

Why, the very man I trusted most, my own intimate friend, who shared my bread, has lifted his heel to trip me up. — Ps. 40:10

Moreover, it is a tragedy all too familiar that many priests, by their sins, have disfigured the Face of Christ in the eyes of the world and brought shame upon His Bride, the Church.

Whether in the grip of sin and unrepentant, hounded by temptation and longing to be saved, faithful and criticised, or overworked and underappreciated, each situation hurts the life of our Faith and the flourishing of our Holy Mother, the Church.

**OUR PRIESTS NEED PRAYERS, SUPPORT, AND PLACES OF REFUGE TO BE CONSOLED, HEALED, AND VIVIFIED.**
Why Another Monastery?

Silverstream Priory was founded in response to various threads of history meeting together in a beautiful arrangement of Divine Providence.

- The cherished project of Abbot Celestino Maria Colombo, O.S.B. (1874–1935), who, following the impetus given by Mother Mectilde de Bar in the 17th century, sought to establish a house of Benedictine monks committed to ceaseless prayer before the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar in a spirit of reparation.


- Pope Benedict XVI’s Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Sacramentum Caritatis*.

- The letter of the Prefect of the Congregation *pro Clericis* (for the Clergy) dated 8 December 2007: “We are asking, therefore, all diocesan Ordinaries ... in support of the ministerial priesthood, to take an active role and promote ... true and proper cenacles in which clerics, religious, and lay people ... may devote themselves to prayer, in the form of continuous Eucharistic adoration in a spirit of genuine and authentic reparation and purification.”

- A growing devotion throughout the world to Eucharistic adoration and the ancient liturgical tradition of the Church.
Our Vision

We cannot perform this work alone!

Since we believe this is a charism that is absolutely essential to our age, we desire to bring as many people as possible into this work of adoration and reparation. The following goals help to articulate our vision.

• To be an oasis of natural beauty, of silence, and of prayer for priests who are weary or wounded through their service to the Church and who desire a retreat removed from the noise and concerns of the world.

• To provide a hearth and home before the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar for all those around Ireland who wish to spend time with Our Lord day or night, and to be for them a faithful witness to our Church’s ancient liturgical tradition.

• To construct and develop our grounds and buildings in order to provide all of these apostolates with fitting decorum and beauty. Then, please God, to found other monasteries around the world to perpetuate and spread this work.

• To provide for the faithful around the world a place of retreat immersed in the living heartbeat of the Church through the choral celebration of the Divine Office, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and adoration.

Being in Ireland, we find ourselves located conveniently at the crossroads of East and West for priests throughout the world to come visit.
With “active” religious communities, it can be easy to see the fruits of one’s investments. Whether through the number of converts that are made, the poor and destitute that are served, or the schools and apostolates that begin, fruits are more immediately evident.

The fruit born from contemplative communities, however, can be harder to see, for it is often unknown during our lifetime. Yet it is no less real! Indeed, only God knows the full harvest that monasticism shall reap—our duty is to trust in Him and let Him take care of it. Even so, it cannot go without saying that in temporal matters as well, time and again, monasticism has saved civilization and kept Western culture alive.

Thus, every gift that you give is a seed planted in eternity, an infusion of grace into the Mystical Body of Christ that makes Her heart to beat and that God will use to draw all things to Himself. We invite you to plant with us for eternity!

**How You Can Help**

**Regular Donations**

While we seek to live the injunction of our Holy Father Benedict to create viable ways of supporting ourselves, like most monasteries we still rely largely upon the generosity of our benefactors. After all of our expenses for electricity, fuel, land upkeep, provisions for the oratory, medical bills, insurance, food, etc., our expenses come to around €10K per month. Regular donations every month, whether of €10, €50, €100, or more, are greatly needed to sustain our work. Every donation matters!

**Gifts to help us grow**

At the same time, we are in desperate need of renovation and expansion. We have planned various stages for these efforts:

Stage 1 (€50–€70K) — several projects to reorganize the layout of the grounds and refurbish existing buildings.

Stage 2 (€150–€200K) — small construction projects oriented to the spiritual benefit of the community and to help us grow our various enterprises.

Stage 3 (€4 mil.) — Larger construction projects such as our long-awaited Church, a new guesthouse, new buildings, etc.

Please consider a larger one-time donation, or a group of donations towards these projects.
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