



The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.” *Luke 18:16-17*

FOR SALE

While winter storms forced *The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will* to flee from our snow-covered town of Talamello, the summer heat seems to be having the opposite effect. Not only has the Lord been paving the way for us to plant more and more roots in our diocese, but several women are flocking to our home now at the request of the Holy Spirit!

In only a month and a half, four aspirants have already visited our community to discern possible vocations as Benedictine Daughters. Two have even set entrance dates! Our rooms continue to be filled throughout August and into November as three more women come for a period of discernment to experience our monastic life. Through God’s grace and the intercession of Our Lady, we are growing!

However, with every gift comes change and responsibility. In our case, this involves moving once again. With only a few months left on our current lease, a new place to live must be found by the end of the calendar year.

Although our eyes are still very much set on the 13th century Franciscan monastery, Sant’Igne (“Holy Fire”), reconstructing the building and acquiring all of the necessary permissions may take a few years. As we wait for God’s Will to come to fruition according to His timing, our community feels called to make a purchase in the interim - a bigger, more stable home that will belong to the community.

Owning a house of our own will afford us the space needed to host as many discernment guests as the Lord chooses to send. It allows us to offer new vocations a greater sense of stability as they leave all behind to follow Jesus in our community. It demonstrates the Benedictine Daughters’ serious and firm



BDDW in front of the Church of Sant’Igne with aspirant Leah Trudo.

desire for permanency in the diocese. Plus, it will provide us with all the time God needs to prepare our future monastery.

Since the Lord is far more eager for us to uncover His Will than we are, He always mercifully shows us when we are on the right track. Through the intercession of Our Little Mother, the best of real estate agents, an



irresistible situation fell right into our laps – a large house for sale in the nearby town of San Leo with lots of land at an unbeatable price!

Within minutes from Sant’Igne, a close friend of the community found a three floor home on 45 acres of property listed for only €350,000 (approximately \$430,000) that contains...

- four large bedrooms that can easily fit two or three sisters each
- three full bathrooms, complete with showers and bathtubs



- two fully equipped eat-in kitchens
- one large dining hall that would make a perfect refectory
- one large living room/parlor that could also serve as a chapel
- a large, finished attic with space for three small sleeping quarters

Fulfilling our desire to one day become self-sufficient, the adjacent land proves fertile for farming and already contains several fruit and olive trees. A portion has even been set aside for a barn area.

Once work on Sant’Igne has been completed and we are able to move into the monastery, this property will continue to serve our community as a guest house for vocation visitors, pilgrims,



and those looking to make private retreats. With the house and the monastery in such close proximity to one another, we will easily be able to work the land on both properties as well as maintain a close, family atmosphere with our guests. All of the puzzle pieces just seem to fit together to confirm God’s Will.

But responding to God’s Will requires abandonment to Divine Providence. We are in need of funds to make a down payment on the house as well as benefactors willing to make monthly contributions to help with the mortgage. In addition, our daily living

expenses as well as the reconstruction of Sant'Igne require the continued support of generous donors. No amount is too small. During these difficult economic times, we only humbly ask that you consider giving what you can afford. As the Lord teaches us through the poor widow offering her two small coins with great love, He can accomplish great things with our little gifts!



View of San Leo from the property.

To see more pictures of this property as well as Sant'Igne, please check out our two new videos on the BDDW website...

www.benedictinesofdivinewill.org

You can also view them on Youtube.com by typing in the keyword "Divinewilldaughters" and clicking on the link for our channel.

Thank you to all those who have donated to us in the past! Please be assured of our continuous prayers for you and all of your intentions.

If you feel the Lord calling you to make a donation to our community, checks or money orders can be sent to the following address...

The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will
PO Box 1002
Hanceville, AL 35077

OR donate online at...

www.benedictinesofdivinewill.org



Please pray for our two future postulants who have officially decided to become Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will. **Giorgia** – our first Italian vocation - will be entering on September 8th of this year, *Feast of the Birth of Mary*. **Leah** (left) – a young woman from Connecticut and cousin to Sister Mary Rose – will be entering on February 2 of next year, *Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord*. May Our Lady keep them safely wrapped in Her mantle as they prepare to enter our community.

If you feel the Lord may be calling you to the religious life and are interested in exploring a possible vocation with the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will, please contact us via email at daughtersofdivinewill@gmail.com.