

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. MT 6:21



To our Linwood family,

If only you could be beside me as I open cards and emails from Linwood's spiritual family members like yourself. The heartfelt support and gratitude we have received during this most painful and unprecedented year motivates us to not give up and do all we can to keep the gates open and welcome you back to this most precious gift on the Hudson we call Linwood Spiritual Center.

We never imagined that after 50 years we would have to cancel our programs and close the property. Like so many of you, we had to make difficult decisions about how we operate and minister in the short term so that we can continue our mission for years to come. We learned some new tricks in the process and words and phrases like Zoom, social distance, and, "Don't forget your mask" are now part of our daily lexicon. Here are some examples of our efforts over the past few months.

- ❖ Met New York State guidelines and procured necessary PPE to ensure the health of our beloved Sisters of St. Ursula and staff.
- ❖ Converted in-person programs to online. Purchased and learned new software to do so.
- ❖ Created new programs that are suitable for online.
- ❖ Expanded our social media to include daily Instagram posts and regular Website updates, such as Prayer Requests and live streaming video of our beautiful grounds.

Note: the result of our social media efforts- over 11,000 online visitors this year.

One year ago, in the 2019 appeal I wrote: *"2020 will bring challenges and blessings, seen and unseen."* We now know the challenges, I can't even imagine what awaits, and the blessings? Well, the blessings are as God intended, all of us to one another. This gives us the hope we need to step into 2021.

For this year's Appeal we are depending upon you like never before. Many of you have already been so generous and in an ordinary year we would not come to you again, but we all know that this is no ordinary year. Here is how your 2020 appeal donation will assist us in keeping the gates open in 2021:

- ❖ Weatherize the pavilion for greater all-year outdoor use.
- ❖ Convert some single rooms to doubles for couples and families.
- ❖ Enhance our trail and courts for increased outdoor activities. (Pickleball anyone?)
- ❖ Outdoor seating for safer distances and to take better advantage of our riverside views.
- ❖ Livestream our on-site programs to reach our more vulnerable friends at home.
- ❖ Return, and retain our outstanding staff, Linwood's very own heroes.

We are committed to serving those in financial need. We will continue to offer scholarships and will extend *2020 Vision: Honoring the Elders*, our 20% discount program into 2021. Contact the office for details.

*This year has brought a great deal of suffering. Some of us have lost loved ones. **We invite you to send us the name of your loved one and the Sisters of St. Ursula will remember them at a private memorial mass in the Linwood Chapel on November 18th, 2020.** Use the enclosed Appeal card and envelope to send us their full name.*

As you consider your gift to Linwood Spiritual Center this year, let us hold one another in prayer with the assurance that we are never alone and that we journey together in hope, faith, and love.

May the peace of Christ be yours always,

Terence McCorry
Director

My gift to support Linwood

Annual Appeal 2020-2021

Yes, I will help Linwood Spiritual Center "to companion people on their spiritual journey as they seek God and to foster spiritual freedom and growth" especially during this challenging time.

Linwood Spiritual Center is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Ursula.

Ways to give. Accept my tax-deductible gift of: \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Personal check enclosed, payable to *Linwood Spiritual Center*

I will give online at: linwoodspiritual.com/funding-projects

I wish to make a recurring gift of \$_____ per month billed to my credit card.

Check the box



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City/State/Zip _____

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Please contact me about arranging a planned gift.

My gift will be matched by my employer



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NOVEMBER 18th MEMORIAL MASS

Please remember my loved one who passed away this year:

_____ *Please print their name clearly.*

Please help us keep our records current
by updating your mailing information.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

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