# Mountain Advancement Report
September 2025

## Mountain Fund: Goal $400,000

We exceeded our Mountain Fund goal at the end of FY24 raising $398,429.85 (goal: $375,000).

Summary:
**As of 9/15/25 - $137,106.88 from 548 gifts and 338 donors (34.3% of goal of $400K)**
As of 9/15/24 -$173,038.16 from 649 gifts and 448donors (46.1% of goal of $375K)
As of 9/15/23 -$40,753.00 from 337 gifts and 176 donors (12.3% of goal of $330K)
As of 9/15/22- $43,715.22 from 354 gifts and 176 donors (13.5% of goal of $325K)
As of 9/15/21 -$47,303.07 from 311 gifts and 163 donors (17.5% of goal of $270K)
As of 9/15/20 -$51,126.10 from 317 gifts and 200 donors (20.5% of goal of $250K)
As of 9/15/19 -$46,613.38 from 229 gifts and 133 donors (19.8% of goal of $235K)

FY 25-26 to date:
195 alumni gave 324 gifts for a total of $106,391.49
123 friends gave 186 gifts for a total of $26,216.17
2 organizations gave 5 gifts for a total of $169.53

Credit card merchant fees collected: Nearly all of our credit card donors choose to cover the fee.

## Online Auction: Goal $35,000

**Please save the date for this year's auction: November 7-16, 2025!** We have some very exciting auction items this year including a pilgrimage to Assisi, a stay at an exclusive Inn on Cape Cod as well beautiful and delicious items from our Friar community. We are still in need of 2 or 3 Visa gift cards for overnight stays to pair with packages we have received for golf, ski trips, Saratoga etc.

**2024: $42,695**
2023: $32,566
2022: $35,711.32
2021: $35,692
2020: $30,805.73
2019: $22, 608
2018: $ 23,785
2017: $21,000
2016: $14,203
2015: $7,769.30 (online only)
2014: $6,320.64 (online only)
2013: $1,890.71 (online only)

2015: $34,792 (online and live)
2014: $31,706 (online and live)
2013: $44,013.42 (online and live)

# 40 Hours of Giving

As of September 2024, the total raised is approximately $121,295 from 310 gifts and 295 donors. There is still $2,000 in an unpaid pledge from last year.

This year, as of this report, we have received a **committed amount of $62,619.45!** There were 198 gifts given during this time including 5 special opportunities. Mike has more details on this.

# Overnights: Goal: $25,000

**Summary**

**As of 9/10/25 - $10,890 from 36 gifts and 33 donors**
As of 9/10/24 - $10,616.89 from 37 gifts and 32 donors
As of 9/10/23 - $7,330 from 37 gifts and 37donors
As of 9/10/22 - $10,800 from 43 gifts and 43 donors
As of 9/10/21 - $14,165 from 45 gifts and 45 donors
As of 9/10/20 - $9,220 from 7 gifts and 5 donors
As of 9/10/19 - $9,420 from 50 gifts and 43 donors

# ENDOWMENT/MAJOR GIFT REVENUE

## 2025 3 Peaks Campaign for Mt. Irenaeus

**Prepared by Rob Buckla, Campaign Director**

The Mt. Irenaeus Campaign Cabinet is pleased to report that much progress has been made toward our working goal of $7-$12 million. The latest, up-to-date cash and pledge total will be shared during the Advancement Committee report at the Board meeting.

The Cabinet is co-chaired by Les Quick & Bob Daugherty with support from Br. Kevin Kriso, Board Chair Kathy Colucci, Jim Gould, Executive Director Mike Fenn, Board member Evan McElroy, Dick Tantillo and Campaign Director Rob Buckla.

Volunteers have focused on the launch of the endowment-centric campaign's leadership phase for Mt. Irenaeus. Since the beginning of the Campaign in November, work has centered on five areas: 1) Creating and designing compelling Case for Support documents and campaign communications materials, 2) Creating the infrastructure for campaign success, 3) Reaching out to Mountain constituents to share our successes thus far in 2024-25, 4) Conducting research in preparation for and execution of key solicitations, 5) Preparing for the Fall 2025 launch of the Campaign's Decades Initiative.

A 13-page Case for Support—a source document which will be tapped for proposals and solicitations—has been created. Personal profiles on all Mountain friars and those engaged in Mt. Irenaeus ministry have been created. Evan McElroy, Mary Freeman and Amy Moritz helped Rob write these profiles. All Campaign communications materials are currently in the design phase with a contracted Buffalo-based free-lance designer.

Some members of the Mountain Board of Trustees have been contacted with invitations to participate in the Campaign while others will be scheduled soon. Our goal is to complete solicitation of the Board by the end of June with a goal of 100 percent participation.

Mike Fenn and Rob Buckla have been active in visiting, face-to-face, with a number of top campaign donor prospects as well as expanding the pool of prospects. To date, Campaign visits have been conducted in Olean, Buffalo, Rochester, Elmira-Corning, Albany, the Tri-State area of NYC-NJ-CT, the Gulf Coast of Florida, Washington, DC area, Reno, Nev., Phoenix, Austin, Tex. and Boston. Additional visits are scheduled for the Atlanta area. Other campaign travels will include parts of Ohio and North Carolina.

Lastly, plans are underway for the Fall 2025 launch of the Decades Initiative. This fundraising effort will be one component of the public phase of the Campaign where decades of St. Bonaventure alumni will be invited to support the Mountain and its campaign. Plans call for the recruitment of volunteer committees representing the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s.

# 2012-2024 Fr. Dan Riley Sustainability Campaign

**Budgeted Goal: $3.1 Million**

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Total to Date**: $917,436.68** committed from 889 gifts and 277 donors. This includes $3,212.23 in 3 unpaid pledges. Memorial donations to Fr. Dan made on or after July 24, 2024, were included in this campaign. **As of 4/22/25, $35,559.69 has been received in memory of Fr. Dan from 126 gifts and 108 donors.** This campaign closed December 1, 2024.

# Past Endowment Campaigns

Other historical sources of contributions to past Endowment Accounts include an endowment campaign that began in 2003 and ended in 2011, we raised $1,350,000. For over 20 years and ending in 2015, 10% of all Mountain Fund Donations were allocated to this endowment account. A *Major Gift was defined as $10,000 or more over a period of no longer than 5 years in addition to annual gifts (Mountain Fund and Auction).*

# SBU Endowment for Mt. Irenaeus

(Started with St. Bonas 150th campaign 2008)

*We receive approximately 33K a year—continues/remains flat each year. We are noted as part of the Bolder Bonaventure campaign that has recently reached its public phase. Any dollars received through that campaign go to this account. We annually receive 5% of the gift after a progressive 5-year vesting period. The numbers reported do not include gains or draws, only gifts made to this Fund.*

We continue to receive $50 biweekly from one person who is enrolled in SBU's payroll deduction. No other cash gifts to report at this time but there is a pledge for $200,000.

- **SBU Reported the following to us on Sept 19, 2024:**

  The balance in the **Community Fund** is $811,161
  $750,972 Balance as of 5/31/23
  6,083 Gifts in FY24
  36,188 Draw for FY25
  90,294 Market Gain!
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  $811,161 Balance

- The balance in the **Dumser Fund** is $42,854.
  $39,989 Balance as of 5/31/23
  0 Gifts in FY24
  1,920 Draw for FY25
  4,785 Market Gain!
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  $42,854 Balance

# PLANNED GIVING

## The Daniel A. Hurley, ofm Legacy Society

- Three new members have joined the Legacy Society.
- Information about the Legacy Society can be found on our website. A wonderful video of Fr. Dan Hurley is a highlight on the page.
- Updates to our webpage and materials are in progress.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Living Stones

This year's Living Stones event was held on May 24, 2025, the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. We honored 90 individuals and 1 organization with a total of 60 new tiles, including one for Fr. Dan Riley, ofm. There were approximately 76 people in attendance including volunteers, staff and the resident community.