



2025-26 QUICK FACTS

Founder: Daniel P. Riley, '64, ofm (1943-2024)

Founded: 1984 as an IRS 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization

Affiliations:

- St. Bonaventure University*
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Orders of Friars Minor
- Franciscan Federation

**Mt. IRENAEUS AND ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY SIGNED IN 2024 A NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT*

Executive Director: Mike Fenn '91 (10th year)

Resident Community: Since the very beginning, Mt. Irenaeus community has had the involvement of religious and lay men and women. Our future will continue in that direction. The current resident community includes:

- Br. Joe Kotula, ofm (1989),
- Fr. Lou McCormick, '57 ofm (1991),
- Guardian/Animator Br. Kevin Kriso, ofm (2008)

Lay community in residence:

- Director of Faith Formation and Mountain Companion Karen Halliday Pulaski, '84 (2022)
- Mountain Companion Declan Donahue (2025)

The Faces of the Mountain: As was the vision of Fr. Dan Riley, the Mountain mission is carried out by a mix of Franciscan friars, lay people and an extensive national volunteer network. Below is a listing of those who serve important staffing roles at the Mountain and her/his arrival year.

- Executive Director Mike Fenn '91 (2016)
- Office Manager Michelle Marcellin (1993)
- Senior Advancement & Comm. Coordinator Mary Giardini '93, '05 (2008)
- Ministry Coordinator Natalie Pronio '09 (2023)
- Campaign Director Rob Buckla '84 (2024)

Governance: 15-member self-perpetuating Board of Trustees; Chair Kathy Pekar Colucci '77 (Retired VP, IBM Sales Transformation and former Vice Chair of the St. Bonaventure University Board of Trustees). Dr. Jeff Gingerich, President of St. Bonaventure University, serves on the Board.

Location: West Clarksville, N.Y. The Mountain is located 35 minutes east of St. Bonaventure University near Cuba, N.Y. In order to best engage the students, faculty and staff of St. Bonaventure University, Mt. Irenaeus maintains offices in the McGinley-Carney Center for Franciscan Ministry.

Web Site and Social Media presence: www.mountainonline.org includes materials on YouTube, videos and podcasts. The Mountain has a strong presence on social media:



5,000+
Followers



2,400+
Followers



5,500+
Subscribers

Active Mail/Email Distribution: 5,500+

Mission: Rooted in the Franciscan tradition, the Mt. Irenaeus community is committed to simple, joyful, healing communion with God and all creation through contemplation and the communal experience of God's justice, love and peace in contemporary everyday life. Life at Mt. Irenaeus is centered on attending to what is primary: **presence to God, others, one's self and earth.** All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new" by creating and nourishing a community that transcends a particular place, opening to all peoples, ages and cultures. The mission of Mt. Irenaeus is to join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new!" (Rev. 21:5)

Impact of ministry with SBU students: Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends visit the Mountain each year. More than 900 St. Bonaventure student visits were recorded in 2024-2025. The Mountain is a major player in the retention of students at SBU.

Franciscan vocations: Alongside our ministry with St. Bonaventure University, a significant number of recent men entering into formation to become a friar have come through Mt. Irenaeus. Recent graduates engaged with the Franciscans: Fr. Jason Damon '16, ofm, Br. Jimmy Kernan '19, ofm, Br. Tyler Grudi '19, ofm, Br. Kevin Hamczik '19, ofm.

2025-26 Operating Budget: \$940,000

Endowment Funds: \$6,000,000+ (May 31, 2025)

Other Assets: \$366,000 Building/Physical Plant Fund; \$508,000 in Reserves plus value of property and buildings.

370 acres of land and 10 miles of trails make up Mt. Irenaeus: There are 14 buildings on the Mountain that must be maintained, including the spectacularly beautiful Holy Peace Chapel (1989). The initial land purchase was 204 acres in 1984.

Energy Efficient and Planet-Friendly: The Mountain is primarily self-sustained through the recent installation of solar panels. Our goal is to minimize the use of fossil fuels as much as possible.

