

Cascina San Benedetto / St. Benedict House

UT IN OMNIBUS GLORIFICETUR DEUS

A group of young Christian families who wish to build a place of fraternal life. Inspired by Saint Benedict of Nursia, we aspire to grow in faith and serve the Lord in work and contemplation.

Who we are

We are a small group of christian married couples, all born in the Eighties. All of us have very young children. We live and work in Milan, Italy and in the surrounding area.

Meeting Christ inside the Church, His mystical body, was the most important thing happened in our lives.

What we are seeking

We share the desire to conduct a structured life in a way that our thoughts and works are more and more turned to Christ. A life shaped by communion, fraternal charity and regular liturgical prayer. That in all things, God may be glorified.

Our close relationship with monastic experiences made us understand that the Rule of Saint Benedict can illuminate this path.

And so we are going to establish a school for the service of the Lord (Rule, Prologue, 45), a place where more families living together can grow in faith. Brothers and sisters sharing both spiritual life – praying in community – and some of our material goods.

We are used to receiving great hospitality at the monasteries. In the same way, we want our house to be a place open to the ones who will want to share our same life choice, to participate in our Christian friendship – like joining us during the prayer time – or to simply visit us.

We will keep our current jobs. Nonetheless some of us might eventually cut back on them, either partially or completely, in order to dedicate part of our time to the needs of the community. In particular, we want to start a parents-run school so that our children can receive a kind of education that is fully rooted in the faith and moral teaching of the Catholic Church.

Where

The place where one of our families already lives seems to be the right one to start this kind of experience. It is a small rural village in the Brianza area, half an hour from Milan. We believe that this is a good location because of its authentic country life, its peaceful atmosphere, the chance to buy and refurbish existing buildings at a reasonable price and the short distance from the city.

We want to start from here, buying an apartment for each family as well as some common spaces for worship and school activity that our children are going to start next year.

How you can help us

After a period of discernment, during which some friends and fathers in faith helped us deepen our desire and understand this choice responsibility, we have decided to take the first step.

Alone we cannot do much. This is why we are asking to any person interested in our initiative to support us in one of these ways:

1. Material support

You can offer an economic contribution to help us buy and have our first buildings refurbished.

2. Spiritual support

You can join us praying the Lord to sustain the steps we are going to take. In particular, we invite you to recite the Liturgy of the Hours, asking Saint Benedict his intercession for this intention.

You can contact us at **mail@cascinasanbenedetto.it** or visit our website **www.cascinasanbenedetto.it** to make a donation.

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Feast of the Passing of Saint Benedict

O God, who made the Abbot Saint Benedict an outstanding master in the school of divine service, grant, we pray, that, putting nothing before love of you, we may hasten with a loving heart in the way of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.