

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of San Damiano Retreat is to provide a peaceful environment of natural beauty where people of all faiths and backgrounds may seek spiritual renewal and growth. In the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, and guided by the Franciscan traditions of joy, hospitality, compassion, peace, and simplicity, we offer contemporary and challenging retreats and programs in response to the changing needs of God's people.



*Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*  
St. Francis of Assisi



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# GUIDE TO GIVING



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*We depend and rely on your continued generosity and support of San Damiano Retreat for current operations, fundraising events and retreat events.*

## Testimonials

**What I especially like about San Damiano and the retreat I attended...**

- ... the peace I find here, the meals, and the opportunity for prayer.
- ... the staff is always very helpful.
- ... the gardens and grounds are beautiful and peaceful.

**The retreat director/presenter...**

- ... was touching, the guided meditation superb, honestly shared stories.
- ... was a woman of wisdom and grace - her gentle presence spoke to me.
- ... gave a homily that touched me at a very deep level.

**Describe the mission of San Damiano...**

- ... to model and guide in the ways of St. Francis.
- ... to provide a peaceful setting for those needing emotional and spiritual support.
- ... to help people of all backgrounds and faiths grow spiritually.

**What do you consider San Damiano's strength...**

- ... you can always count on it for peace, quiet and reflection.
- ... it is such a special place, a sanctuary - there's no place like it.
- ... the Franciscan heritage, location and grounds.





# San Damiano Retreat

Since 1961, the Franciscan Friars have welcomed to San Damiano those who thirst for a greater connection to God. We are a sanctuary of transformation for people of different faiths and backgrounds. The peace and beauty of our gardens and spacious grounds offer a serene place where individuals, groups, and organizations (both religious and secular) may reflect on new insights...new choices...new decisions. Through innovative and relevant retreats and spiritual direction, individuals can discover Gospel answers to today's challenging questions. San Damiano is truly a spiritual oasis.

## WHY SUPPORT SAN DAMIANO...

...so that we may provide a peaceful environment of natural beauty that invites spiritual growth and renewal. Your financial support is essential if San Damiano is to continue offering quality retreats and providing a comfortable, contemporary and safe sanctuary.

## BENEFITS OF GIVING TO SAN DAMIANO

Your gifts and donations will help us in the following ways:

- . Prestigious Presenters
- . Inspiring Programs
- . Scholarship Fund
- . Renovated Chapel, Dining Room, and Conference Rooms
- . Audio-visual and Tech Equipment Upgrades
- . Grounds Maintenance and Green Upgrades

*The Friar community at San Damiano offers daily prayers for all who support our ministry.*

## WAYS TO GIVE

Your generosity, whether through cash donations, appreciated stock, estate or other life income arrangements will help San Damiano's current operational needs. We rely on private support to help maintain our day-to-day costs. We do not accept funding from the State or Government. We also appreciate the giving of our volunteers. This funding allows our ministry to fulfill its mission.

- . Cash/Checks
- . Appreciated Securities/Mutual Funds
- . Life Insurance
- . Endowment Gift
- . Real Estate
- . Business Interests
- . Bequests and Trusts
- . Funds from Retirement Plans

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving, as part of an estate planning process, provides mutual benefits for both the donor and San Damiano. By including San Damiano in your estate plans, you are serving as a visionary and ensuring the future of the Retreat Center, as this support will be an ongoing gift to San Damiano for generations to come.

The simplest and most common forms of Planned Gifts are *Bequests* and *Beneficiary Designations*.

• **Bequests** are any assets bequeathed in a will or trust. A bequest may be a specific amount of money or assets, a percentage of those assets, or the residual (what is left over after heirs and other obligations are paid) from an estate. Including San Damiano in your will or living trust allows you to designate funding to San Damiano at a later time. A bequest to San Damiano requires a relatively simple addition to your existing will.

• **Beneficiary Designations** are gifts that occur outside of the will. This might be an Individual Retirement Account or Insurance policy.

## ONGOING SUPPORT

Make check payable to:  
San Damiano Retreat  
P. O. Box 767  
Danville, CA 94526  
Our tax ID # is 941674666

## AUTOMATED GIVING

Through arrangements with your financial institution, checks can be automatically sent in at intervals of your choice or electronic transfers or credit card donations from your bank account can be set up.

## WEBSITE

Visit our website at [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) to make a donation via your credit card.

The above information is intended to help you give serious consideration to the ways to give to San Damiano. It is not intended to be construed or interpreted as offering legal advice for any specific situation.  
*Please consult your attorney or tax advisor.*

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