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## News Release

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### Benedictine Sisters' monastery renovation highlighted in new blog [www.clydemonastery.org/StoneStories/](http://www.clydemonastery.org/StoneStories/)

**CLYDE, Mo.** - Plans are shaping up for the proposed renovations to the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's monastery in Clyde, and progress can be viewed at a new blog site online.

The Sacred Stones, Sacred Stories project includes alteration of the motherhouse south of the main entrance. By removing a portion of the Marian Wing, the Sisters will decrease energy costs while allowing them to accommodate the needs of current and future members of the community and their diverse works.

The foundation of the Clyde monastery dates back to the 1880s. With foresight and careful attention, the Sisters have provided for the needs of the community since that time. More than 130 years later, they proceed in the same manner as they carry out a service of prayer and work in the monastery.

In collaboration with Straka Johnson Architects, this change will be done with great emphasis placed on ecological awareness. The Sisters will take great care in making sure materials will be recycled or reused in a positive manner or donated throughout their community.

The project began in earnest in January 2007 when the Sisters entered a discernment process to discover how to renovate their 19<sup>th</sup> century monastery to reflect the needs of a multi-generational community for today and tomorrow.

Plans will allow greater access to technology for learning opportunities and include new hospitality areas, private bedrooms and baths, meeting and office areas, an elevator and a geothermal heating and cooling system to reduce energy costs and dependence on fossil fuels. The electrical system will also be upgraded. The main entrance will shift from the west side of the main house to the south where parking will be available for visitors and buses.

The new blog site offers a variety of information, including project plans, solutions to problem areas, day-to-day updates and photographs, and ways to donate time, money and talents in order to complete the renovation.

To learn more about the project or to donate, please visit [www.clydemonastery.org/StoneStories/](http://www.clydemonastery.org/StoneStories/).

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**The current Clyde monastery entrance (right) will be relocated to the south after the Marian Wing (top) is removed to make way for renovations.**

