



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **The monastery is noted for its peaceful atmosphere; will that still be maintained in the new building?**

Absolutely. The sisters are a monastic community and will continue to live in the monastic tradition. The new monastery will be their home and all will be welcomed as Christ.

### **What about retreat and conference space? Do I need to book space before the monastery closes?**

[The Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery](#) will continue to welcome guests. Public space, will be available in both the current monastery as well as the new monastery.

### **Is the new monastery just for the older sisters?**

The new monastery, just like the existing, is for all the sisters, whether they are working, retired, or in need of special care. Currently, sisters with health concerns are cared for at home. This will continue with the new monastery. Some sisters are living off site near their ministries. As they decide to move back, they will live on-site with the sisters already here.

### **What are the timelines for all these construction projects?**

Site construction has begun with roadwork on the St. Paul's Monastery's ground. Please check the Monastery's website for details. The Sisters anticipate moving into their new home in the spring of 2009. Work on [CommonBond's](#) family town homes should also begin this spring. [Tubman Family Alliance](#) expects to use 2009 to adapt the existing St. Paul Monastery to meet current building codes and hope to move into the building in 2010.

### **Where are the Sisters going to live?**

We are staying right here on our property. We will build a smaller monastery on the northern part of our property, on sacred ground next to our cemetery where 130+ of our Sisters are buried. Some of our offices and programs will continue to be maintained in the current monastery.