



**St. Joseph Center  
Blessing of the Building**

June 16, 2021

**1:30 p.m.**

**A Ministry of the  
School Sisters of St. Francis**

1501 S. Layton Blvd  
Milwaukee, WI

— Program —

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Gathering Song**

*Companions on the Journey*

**Blessing of the Building**

**Scripture Reading**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-7*

**Prayers**

**Blessing of the Building with Holy Water**

**Closing Song**

*Holy Ground*

**Ringling of the Bell**



— Acknowledgments —

**Chapel Garden Apartments**  
**Developed by the School Sisters of St. Francis**

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## — Blessing with Holy Water —

*Together we will process from St. Joseph Chapel, blessing the walls of the second-floor corridor and St. Joseph Hall. We will conclude our procession at the convent bell and ring the bell for the last time.*

## — Closing Song —

Holy Ground – words and music by Christopher Beatty  
This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground.  
For our God is present and where God is, is holy.  
This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground.  
For our God is present and where God is, is holy.

We are holy ground, yes, God makes us holy ground.  
For God lives in us, and where God is, is holy.  
We are holy ground, yes, God makes us holy ground.  
For God lives in us, and where God is, is holy.

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## COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Carey Landry

Refrain

We are com-pan-ions on the jour - ney, break-ing bread and shar-ing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we be-lieve in the love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

Verse 2

2. We have been gift-ed with each oth - er, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with jus-tice, to love ten-der - ly, and to walk hum-bly with our God, to walk hum-bly with our God.

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. We will seek and we shall find; we will knock and the door will be o-pened; we will ask and it shall be giv-en, for we be-lieve in the love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

to Refrain

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## — Blessing of the Building —

O God, the builder of all things,  
You have created everything through your Son  
and have made Jesus Christ the unshakable foundation  
of your kingdom

Grant that the work begun here may serve to better our lives  
and the lives of all who live here.  
Through your wisdom and goodness, may all who are part of  
Chapel Garden Apartments contribute to the spread of your  
kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Brother and of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-7**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## — Prayers —

God our Creator, we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
that the Chapel Garden Apartments may provide a warm and  
caring environment for all those who will make their home in  
this dwelling place, we pray...

Response: **Together let us build the City of God.**

God of new beginnings, bless all those who had the wisdom  
and foresight to initiate this project and all those who helped  
to design and work through the challenges that surfaced  
along the way, we pray...

Response: **Together let us build the City of God.**

Gracious God, guide all those who will bring the work of this  
renovation and construction to completion. We especially  
ask your blessing and protection for all the construction  
workers, that they may be safe from all harm, we pray...

Response: **Together let us build the City of God.**

May Christ, the cornerstone of our faith, who is our source  
of love and service, bless all those who will care for the  
residents. Inspire and guide them as they strive to respond  
to the needs of those who will reside here, we pray...

Response: **Together let us build the City of God.**

