



■ TENTATIVE CASE STATEMENT

Tradition Emergence Communion

BLUESTONE FARM *and* LIVING ARTS CENTER

THE COMMUNITY of the HOLY SPIRIT

At Bluestone Farm and Living Arts Center (Brewster NY)

Sr. Emmanuel, CHS

Sr. Heléna Marie, CHS*

Sr. Catherine Grace, CHS*

Sr. Carol Bernice, CHS

The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie
Resident Companion

Mr. Bill Consiglio
Resident Companion

Ms. Anne Ditzler
Resident Companion

At St. Hilda's House (New York NY)

Sr. Élise, CHS

Sr. Mary Christabel, CHS

Sr. Mary Elizabeth, CHS

Sr. Jerolynn Mary, CHS

Sr. Maria Felicitas, CHS

Sr. Faith Margaret, CHS*

Sr. Leslie, CHS

Sr. Claire Joy, CHS

Advisory Committee Members

The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus

The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-
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Mr. Nick Cadwallender

Dr. Ellen Davis

Mr. Cameron Dubes

Ms. Janet Keyes

The Rev. Winnie Varghese

**Members of the Community Council, CHS*

Total Proposed Capital Campaign Goal: \$1 million

THE SISTERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT continue to teach, as they did when the order was formed nearly sixty years ago. Today, however, our work is done in the Creator's own natural classroom where we seek to teach by example how all of us can make our way in the world while making that way a better one for our endangered Earth and its rich community of life.

In 2003 three sisters gathered in this bucolic spot located high in the woods of southeastern New York. We immediately began to pursue our interest in sustainable living by starting what has become Bluestone Farm and Living Arts Center, a place which fosters a mutually enhancing Earth-human relationship. Through prayer, celebration and hard work we have established a spiritually informed endeavor in sustainability, self-sufficiency and resilience that we want to share with others.

Daily life at Bluestone involves organic farming and monastic spirituality, mixing the duties of farm life—maple sugaring, caring for bees, ducks and chickens, and planting, tending, gathering and preserving food—with prayer, music and Eucharistic living. We have created a safe and precious place to share companionship, live in service to God and to others, and engage in time-honored and valuable artistic pursuits like weaving and tanning hides. We share our harvest greens and other vegetables, eggs, jellies, and honey with the

local food pantry as well as feeding ourselves from this bounty. We also host visits from individuals and small groups who come to learn from our example and share their own wisdom with us.

It is our vision that Bluestone Farm and Living Arts Center become a true community resource offering opportunities for observation and hands-on experience that can be taken away and applied elsewhere. To do this here at Bluestone Farm, we need to create new spaces for teaching and learning, and there has to be an extensive renovation of St. Cuthbert's House, to make the 1850s-era farmhouse we use as our convent healthy, safe, and environmentally sound.

We have worked hard to learn from and protect these wild and beautiful acres so that our use of them is respectful and wise; but there is more work to be done to bring our vision into full reality. The illustration that follows shows you that vision.

Gifts Essential Chart

This chart illustrates the size and number of gifts necessary for a successful \$1 million capital campaign.

Size of Gift	Number Needed	Cumulative Total	Monthly (Over 3 yrs.)
\$200,000	1	\$200,000	\$5,556
\$100,000	2	\$400,000	\$2,778
\$50,000	3	\$550,000	\$1,389
\$25,000	5	\$675,000	\$694
\$10,000	10	\$775,000	\$278
\$5,000	18	\$865,000	\$139
\$3,000	26	\$943,000	\$83
\$1,000	32	\$975,000	\$28
\$500	42	\$996,000	\$14
Less than \$500	Many	Goal Achieved	Variable

Holy One, in wisdom you have made us; guide us now as we step into our future. Help us to both honor our traditions and keep in mind those who will follow as we move forward with the great work of promoting vibrant local agriculture, living arts, and spiritual fulfillment. We ask for your blessing upon our many friends who support us with financial gifts, precious time and energy, and loving presence. To the amazing and spectacular community of life which grounds our life on the land and to the Holy Spirit who informs all, we give thanks for the awareness of our place and our work. May we be worthy. AMEN.