

40 Years With Eyes Fixed on Jesus

1978–2018

Our motto, “With Eyes Fixed on Jesus,” taken from the twelfth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, not only describes our life as religious, who look to Christ as their model in all things, but also sums up our charism as adorers of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Forty years ago, our founder and abbot, Father William Driscoll, began a new order in the Church, “I thought to myself: Why could there not be a monastic community of men devoted to the apostolate and ministry of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Church? Why could there not be a small community of men living a life of adoration in a monastic context under some monastic rule—a life lived in simplicity, regularity, and fidelity to the monastic ideal?” (*A Calling*, 196)

As we celebrate forty years of living that life, we invite you to look back over the decades with us and thank God for the abundance of graces He has showered upon our founder and order. As Msgr. Montini (the future Pope Paul VI) once commented, “There is no more difficult work in the Church than to make a monastic foundation, exposed as it is to the spiritual opposition of the evil spirits as well as to innumerable obstacles in the domain of temporalities.”[†] Truly we have much cause for gratitude!



Then and now: The monks of Most Holy Trinity Monastery in Petersham celebrate the Divine Office in our original chapel. **Below:** The celebration of the Office in our present chapel.



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[†]Cited in *Mother Benedict: Foundress of the Abbey of Regina Laudis* by Antoinette Bosco

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Highlights of Our History

Over the past forty years there have been many changes and significant events as our order matured. The following are a few dates that represent the most defining moments of our existence as well as some landmark “firsts.”

8 September 1978



Fr. William Driscoll begins a new order focused on Eucharistic Adoration under Cardinal Medeiros of Boston.

1981



Received into the Maronite Church under Archbishop Francis Zayek.

1981



First monastery in Palmer, Massachusetts.

June 1985



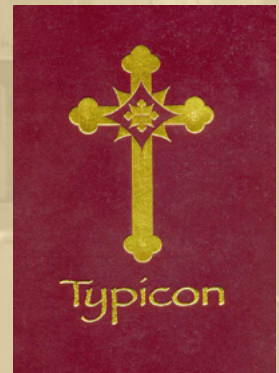
Most Holy Trinity Monastery moves to Petersham, Massachusetts.

14 July 1988



Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir visits Most Holy Trinity Monastery.

8 September 1989



The Maronite Monks of Most Holy Trinity Monastery receive canonical approval in the Church.

1 October 1993



Our first foundation attempted in Bethlehem, South Dakota.

22 April 1995



Seven monks ordained priests; our largest class ever.

29 April 1996



Fr. William Driscoll consecrated abbot by Archbishop Zayek.

November 2000



Our foundation in South Dakota is transferred to Nova Scotia, Canada.

23 December 2004



New church in Petersham completed.

14 April 2005



The new church is consecrated by Bishop Gregory Mansour.

27 June 2007



Monastery in Nova Scotia is closed and all the monks return to Petersham.

10 October 2007



Fr. Maron Morgan passes away, becoming the first monk "perfected". He has since been followed by Fr. Martin Ferland (+2013) and Br. Augustine Martin (+2016).

19 October 2011



Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai visits Most Holy Trinity Monastery.