



DEEP ROOTS



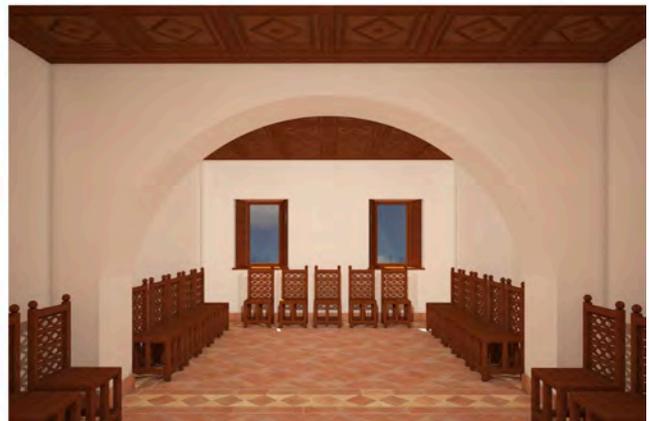
A Campaign to Restore Benedictine Monasticism in Norcia

THE STORY

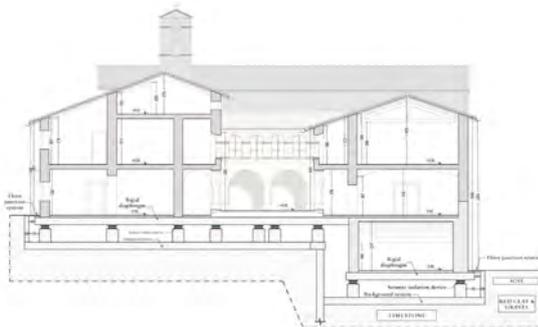
- + Monks have lived in the mountains above the birthplace of St. Benedict for more than 15 centuries.
- + In 2007, the monks providentially acquired a rural, dilapidated 16th-century Capuchin monastery that had been abandoned since the 1960s.
- + Earthquakes ravaged central Italy in 2016, leaving the Monks of Norcia, the contemporary guardians of their saint-patron's casa natale, his birth home, with their monastery in town in rubble.
- + First with tents, then with wooden temporary buildings, the monks' rural grange has been the place of their monastic prayer and work since the earthquakes.
- + The monks have plans, approved by the Italian state, to restore their mountainside monastery.
- + The monks' new permanent home will be outfitted with the latest anti-seismic technology so that monks and pilgrims will have a place to seek God for generations to come.



THE FUTURE



THE TECHNOLOGY



Anti-seismic technology is a must for any new building in Norcia. While the threat of earthquakes will always be present, advanced technology exists to ensure that new structures are protected. Using base isolation technology, the new monastery will be built with all eventualities in mind.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

The Monks of Norcia Foundation, a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization, has already received donations and pledges toward the building project, but still has a long way to go to reach the goal. For their part, the monks are also contributing to the funds needed to build through the profits earned from Birra Nursia sales and royalties from their 2015 music album "Benedicta: Marian Chant from Norcia." We need 1 million euros to raise the frame and infrastructure of the new monastery building, which will be equipped to house at least 30 monks so that the community can grow.

