



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Support Our Religious Communities

Eleven-thousand priests, 44,000 sisters, and 4,000 brothers live and minister with many religious communities. Some belong to orders like the Jesuits, the largest order at 2,325 or the smallest with nine members. Regardless of their size each community must be self-sufficient. One way they achieve this goal is selling food and religious articles. The next time you're looking for a birthday, Christmas, First Communion or Confirmation present or need to buy coffee, why not consider the goods these communities offer?

Foods

Brigittine Monks [www.brigittine.org] fudge and truffles

Gethsemane Farms [www.gethsemanifarms.org] fruitcake fudge, cheese

Monastery Candy [www.monasterycandy.com] caramel mint, hazelnut, truffles candies

Monastery Fruitcake [www.monasteryfruitcake.org] fruitcake truffles, creamed honey

Monk's Bread [monksbread.com/bread] spreads, soups, coffee, sauces, baked goods

Mysticmonk Coffee – [www.mysticmonkcoffee.com] coffee, tea, drinkware and more [free-trade coffee]

Religious Goods and More

Monastery Creations [www.monasterycreations.com] candles, art, music

New Skete [www.newskete.org] cheesecakes, other food items, iconography, pet items

Sisters of Carmel [www.sistersofcarmel.com] religious goods, custom rosaries

Subiaco Abbey [www.countrymonks.biz] monk sauce, religious products, calligraphy, wood carvings

Monastery Greetings [www.monasterygreetings.com] sells items from a variety of abbeys, convents, monasteries, and hermitages – including Trappist ale