

Annunciation Monastery

Ministry of Sponsorship: A New Understanding

Defining Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a ministry of the Church. As an institute of consecrated life within the church, the Benedictine Sisters of the Annunciation, B.M.V. (Blessed Mary, Virgin) (Annunciation Monastery) have the authority to perform apostolic works in accord with its monastic charism. Annunciation Monastery currently sponsors two major institutions dedicated to education and healing. This sponsorship, which is a corporate work and a formal relationship, includes St. Alexius Medical Center and the University of Mary. This ministry of sponsorship is so important for Catholic institutions and the furtherance of ministry in the Church, that it is protected by civil and canon law.