

Sisters & brothers at Martha Retreat Center, Lethbridge, Alberta



The Hovelings gathered at Waterton, Alberta

A Note of Thanks

FROM THE FIRST INTUITIVE MOMENT to explore the wonder of the International Peace Park in the Rockies, the family of brother Michael and the Religious Community of the Sisters of St. Martha were very enthusiastic and generous as they opened invaluable resources to help us plan a trip centered in their homeland region of Lethbridge/Alberta, Canada. To the Sisters and to brother Michael's parents, Anne and George Hoveling, to his brother, Mark, and sister-in-law, Ingrid, to his sister, Yvonne, and brother-in-law, Ron, and to their families, we cannot fully express in words our gratitude and love. Without each of them such a wonderful, inspiring experience would not have been possible. Their presence was and continues to be a gift to us!

The gift of wonder at this Christmas feast invites us into the deep silence of our hearts. We respond by listening faithfully and bringing forth the Word of God for one another and for all creation. Through care and love, through efforts to heal and reconcile, we manifest respect and gratitude for the gifts we have received on life's journey. Therein God's incarnation becomes more evident on the earth and Christmas truly celebrated among us!

With love and gratefulness for each of you, your brothers of Weston Priory