

The Monastery Our Lady of Nazareth

The Monastery Our Lady of Nazareth was born in 1998, when a group of five monks arrived in the city of Rio Pardo, at south of Brazil. Initially, the Community was accepted by the Bishop of Santa Cruz do Sul diocese, that gave them canonical approval. The monks, that since the beginning intended living with honesty and authenticity the values, the spirituality and the tradition of the Cistercian Order, immediately made contact with its General Abbot, Dom Mauro Esteva, to start, with the support and approval of the Diocese' Bishop, an approach that wishes to achieve the definitive aggregation with the Cistercian Order.

With the intention of intensifying the union with the Order, some members of the Community have already participated of the Monastic Formation Courses in Rome. Furthermore, the monastery has sent monks to help in the activities that the General House of the Order had to do during the preparation to the Synod of 2004, to the General Chapters of 2005 and 2010.

The monastery buildings are still under construction, but the Community already has enough to guarantee their monks' lives under the Rule.