



Sisters Catherine Rose Holzman, second left, and Rita Callanan, center, is escorted out of Los Angeles Superior Court on Thursday.

## Katy Perry's bid to buy convent in limbo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Katy Perry's dream of owning a hilltop convent near Hollywood is going to have to wait a while longer.

The convent, which Perry has wanted to buy to be her personal residence for several years, is in the middle of a legal fight between a group of elderly nuns and the archbishop of Los Angeles over who has control of the sale and its proceeds.

Some of the nuns don't want Perry to buy their former home and in June hastily sold the convent to a businesswoman with ambitions of turning it into a boutique hotel.

Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant said Thursday that he believes the sale to entrepreneur Dana Hollister is invalid. Still, he blocked Perry and representatives of the archdiocese from visiting the convent until after the court case is resolved. That could take months, if not years, the judge said.

"You're not selling to Katy Perry anytime soon," the judge told lawyers for the archbishop.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez wants to sell the convent to Perry, but the sale cannot go forward because Hollister has already registered a deed for the property.

The Roman villa-style convent sits on 8 acres in the Los Feliz neighborhood.

Perry's involvement as well as infighting between the nuns and archbishop packed the courtroom Thursday with journalists, concerned residents, Hollister and two of the nuns.

Chalfant's mixed ruling requires Hollister to pay \$25,000 a month to the nuns until a September hearing, when he will determine who should pay rent on the property while the court battle is waged.

An attorney for Perry, who performed her hit

"Roar" at this year's Super Bowl halftime show, said the singer would pay rent on the property.

With a pair of nuns watching in the audience, Chalfant said it appeared they had acted improperly when they sold the convent to Hollister in June.

"There is no doubt in my mind sale to defendant Hollister was improper and invalid," the judge said.

The Sisters of the Most Holy and Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary have owned the property for more than 40 years, but they haven't lived in the convent for several years. Only five sisters, ranging from 77 to 88, remain, and their order has bickered with the archbishop for years on various issues.

Chalfant said the case boiled down to control and ruled that the dispute should be governed by church, not civil laws. But at one point he chided the archbishop's lawyers over the church's treatment of the sisters.

"They don't need your help, so long as you let them have their own money," Chalfant said, drawing cheers from the audience.

Bernard Resser, an attorney for the sisters, said after the hearing that the judge seemed to recognize the nuns' concerns about their welfare.

"The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have shown great courage in maintaining their independence and have demonstrated they are self-sufficient and capable of conducting their own affairs," Resser wrote in a statement.

The property was bestowed to them by a devout Catholic who wanted the nuns to keep him in their prayers.

Before it was a convent, the property was a private residence and few people have ever seen it up close.

## Pastor rebuilding Detroit with faith and vines

By INGRID JACQUES  
The Detroit News

DETROIT (AP) — Monsignor Daniel Trapp spends his time in two of the stateliest structures in Detroit. Between teaching at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and his work as pastor at St. Augustine/St. Monica Catholic Church, much of Trapp's work is done within awe-inspiring spaces.

But he's not content to stay within these magnificent walls, *The Detroit News* reported.

This priest is on a mission to beautify the neighborhood that surrounds his church on Detroit's east side, where he has worked for 20 years.

"We want to build on our strengths," Trapp says. "We are a small church but through partnerships with organizations we've been able to do a lot."

While some of the blocks remain fairly intact, the one adjacent to the church on Seminole was hit especially hard during the mortgage crisis. This street and others surrounding the church are now marked by a mix of abandoned homes and empty, overgrown lots.

"There was a big change in 2008," Trapp says. "It had been a very stable neighborhood."

So Trapp, 57, decided to do something about it. He formed a limited liability corporation to purchase some of the nearby homes and lots. Trapp's goal is to renovate the houses that are salvageable, and find young families who need a home.

"We can build on our block and then move from block to block," Trapp says.

The Catholic presence in Detroit has dwindled over the past 30 years, so work like Trapp's is increasingly rare. According to the Archdiocese of Detroit, in 1985, there were 115 active Catholic churches and 54 Catholic schools in the city.

Today, there are 53 churches used for worship and eight schools. This drop is tied to the city's shrinking population, as well as fewer Catholics living in Detroit.

Trapp acquired the first home two years ago, and its transformation is nearly complete. He bought it for \$500 from the Detroit Land Bank, but



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renovations have cost at least \$20,000 because the home needed a complete makeover, including new heating, electrical and plumbing. He has kept costs down by doing much of the work with volunteers, but he has also hired people from the neighborhood.

These projects fit well with the other work the church does in the community. The four buildings that comprise St. Augustine and St. Monica take up much of the block and provide a range of services for the neighborhood, including a St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, a substance abuse center for women, a Cesar Chavez Academy charter school and a pregnancy center.

Trapp says a Head Start program is also in the works. In addition, the church is the base for the Pingree Park Neighborhood Association.

"The goal is to provide all sorts of services for people in the neighborhood," Trapp says. "The vision is responding to needs as we see them happening."

Chris Rabaut, a deacon at the parish and the president of the neighborhood association, says the community is grateful. And Rabaut credits Trapp with spurring the efforts to clean up this part of the city, as it was his idea to form the association.

"It would never have happened without him," Rabaut says. "It's important the city knows we are a community."

In addition to the house flipping, Trapp has plans to purchase 10 vacant lots at the corner of Van Dyke and Canfield to turn them into a vineyard. He views this intersection as the entrance to the neighborhood and says he's already started mowing the lots.

He has some experience with grapes, having owned a vineyard in northern Michigan.

Hantz is turning empty lots into city forests. This concept of urban farming is also taking root in other parts of the city, such as Brightmoor, as a way to put abandoned land to good use.

Trapp's appreciation for history plays into his plans, too. He says the French described the land in Detroit as being very fertile, and those early settlers grew fruit trees and grapevines.

"I'd like to revive some of that heritage," Trapp says.

Vineyards are labor intensive, especially at first. But Trapp says one of his goals is to provide jobs for those in the community who need work.

"We could provide employment and beautify the neighborhood," he says. "Both of them are important."

### BRIEFLY

#### Faith Center welcomes German missionaries

PENDLETON — Jessie Comrie, grandson of Audrey and the late Roy Comrie, and his wife, Hilary, will bring their musical ministry to Pendleton's Faith Center Church.

They will share Sunday during the 10 a.m. service. The church is located at 108 S. Main St., Pendleton.

The Comries have been serving as missionaries in Germany. Jessie will preach the good news and share his rap music, while Hilary will sing a special song in German and English.

Jessie's personal story of transformation, "The Moment," is available on the Faith Center's Facebook page. For more information, call Rev. Ray O'Grady at 541-276-9569.

#### Russell to share about rural America mission work

HERMISTON — Brian Russell will share about his family's missionary work with Rural Home Missionary Association.

Russell, his wife, Jessica, and their five children work on planting and strengthening churches in rural America. They have been serving in Bear Lake, Idaho, for more than three years. Russell will share about their experience Sunday at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. The

worship service starts at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend. Afterwards, there will be a potluck to learn more about the mission and ask questions.

For more information, call 541-567-3013.

#### Hermiston church plans praise services

HERMISTON — An inspirational time of worship and praise is planned tonight and Saturday at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church.

People will have an opportunity to share their testimonies and praise.

The event begins at 7 p.m. both evenings at 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-571-2428 or 509-832-0517.

#### Tutuilla church holds breakfast fundraiser

PENDLETON — For a special breakfast treat, head to the Tutuilla Presbyterian Church for waffles with fresh strawberries and whipped cream. The fundraiser will benefit the church's maintenance fund.

The breakfast is Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon — or until the food runs out. The first plate costs \$7 per person, which includes sausage links and coffee or juice. Seconds is \$3 more.

For more information, call Etta Scott at 541-377-8198.

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