

Mountain FAITHFUL

Spring Social brings donors and ministries together in appreciation

Our annual spring gatherings are a time to express thanksgiving and gratitude. In the past we have had our Donor Social event which enabled us to thank our benefactors for their generosity. It is always a wonderful gathering that mixes friendship and fellowship with some food and drink.

Separately, each year we host the leadership of our retreat ministries for an Appreciation Dinner to express our gratitude and affirmation of them. Our appreciation runs deep

for their ministries and for calling Mt. Claret their home.

This year we decided to combine these events into a Spring Appreciation Social.

Over 80 people attended and heard stories from our retreat leaders on the importance and significance of Mt. Claret for their ministries.

Mt. Claret has become significant to all of them because of its spiritual beauty, the functionality of the meeting space, and the overall affordability; some ministries could not function without Mt. Claret. Ministry

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Spring Social *continued*

leaders told wonderful stories for all of us to hear. It gave great affirmation to Mt. Claret's mission in serving our diocese as a retreat center.

Also presented at the Spring Appreciation Social were conceptual drawings of the Chapel renovation that is being explored. The preliminary plans call for the addition of a vestibule on the north side, some

architectural changes to the roof line to make it more recognizable and some updates and renovations to the interior. The drawings were received very favorably by those in attendance. The project would be a warm and welcome addition to our campus and be a significant continuation of the Mt. Claret Master Plan.



Proposed renovation of the North dormitory introduced

Our dormitories are our primary means of accommodations for our retreat groups – we have dormitory beds for 72 people. Half of the dorms are less than 15 years old and are in very good condition. The other half are 25-30 years old and are showing their age. We are exploring new flooring, new paint, new light fixtures, new bathroom tile and replacing all of the mattress'. This is an exciting project for our retreat ministries, as they will directly benefit from these upgrades. This is a project that keeps with our intention of being good stewards as we continue to revitalize our campus.

Chapel Renovation Conceptual Drawings



Conceptual drawings of the proposed Chapel renovations will add a welcome update to the current building. The more modern, yet authentic, concepts will welcome guests and provide a much more comfortable sanctuary.

In Remembrance

During the past three months we lost three wonderful members of our community. On February 4, 2018 John Maruziak passed away at the age of 100! Steve Maggio passed away on March 25, 2018 at the age of 88. Margaret Toney passed away on March 4, 2018 at 82. Prayers and condolences to all of their friends and family. They are very much missed in our community.



John Maruziak, 100



Steve Maggio, 88



Margaret Toney, 82

Annual Fund campaign still needs support for continued projects

Our annual campaign, The Fund for Mt. Claret kicked off the second week of April. This is our largest fundraising effort of the year and is significant for us in the full operation and maintenance of our campus. Our income comes

- Office flooring and library conversion
- Updated chapel landscaping
- Updated landscaping on the front of the main building.



Old Lobby Floor



New Lobby Floor

from two primary sources; our retreat ministry rentals, and donations from our benefactors. This income not only enables us to operate our campus but also to provide timely updates and renovations to our building, and grounds.

In the last 12 months we achieved some pretty amazing projects that improve our maintainability and are lasting improvements to our campus. Some of the most influential ones include:

- A new kitchen floor
- New commercial kitchen stoves

Our upcoming projects for this years annual fund include :

- **Dormitory renovations**
- **Third projector and screen in conference center**
- **Paint exterior of conference center**
- **Seal coat and restripe parking lot.**

As of this writing we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$150,000. We have collected over \$103,000! Our campaign ends on June 30th so it is not too late to send in your gift for Mt. Claret. We recognize our role as stewards of this beautiful retreat center property. The vision Msgr. McMahon had of Mt. Claret remains intact. Our facilities and grounds are used in just the way Msgr. McMahon

envisioned it! It is up to us now to maintain, repair, replace and renovate so that the simple beauty that is here continues to flourish.

Please consider a gift to Mt. Claret before our campaign ends June 30th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and very needed. For those of you who have already given thank you for your generosity and love for Mt. Claret and our mission.



A Toast to

Mt. Claret



AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS

Saturday
October 13
2018

at
Mt. Claret
Retreat Center

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Phoenix, AZ 85018
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SAVE THE DATE!



**There is
still time to
help!**

Help us reach our goal
by June 30, 2018!
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