

THE MT. CLARET

SUMMER 2019

Mountain FAITHFUL

The Pearl of the Mountain Mt. Claret Celebrates 30th Anniversary

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Mt. Claret; the pearl anniversary. As the only retreat center of its kind serving the Diocese of Phoenix, Mt. Claret welcomes Catholic ministries, groups, schools and organizations to “come to the mountain” to build their programs—and to call this holy ground home.

What began as a way to expand the

Cursillo Movement, has now inspired an outreach of partnership with other organizations to fulfill missions alike. Catholic Singles Community, Rachel's Vineyard, Catholic Engaged Encounter, and ACTS retreats are just to name a few. These retreat ministries, along with community service organizations such as Christ Child Society of Phoenix and the Order of Malta, are the fabric



Photos by Tim H Murphy Photography

of Mt. Claret today and are modeled after the Cursillo in many ways.

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in each step of progression the center takes. The Claretians missionary charism continues to expand as Mt. Claret maintains the beauty of the grounds while Monsignor McMahon's model of community stays paramount for our special mission. What Msgr. McMahon saw as a uniquely special place then has remained true today. People are touched by the beauty that is here. We don't turn anyone away as part of our commitment to serving the diocese.

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A Pearl Celebration

This fall, Mt. Claret's Evening Under the Stars event will celebrate the 30th Anniversary. The event will

also recognize the Catholic ministries, service organizations, and Cursillo for leading those who have come to Mt. Claret and left with a restored faith and a fresh outlook on life. In acknowledgment of Msgr. McMahon and other retired priests who have resided at Mt. Claret. The late Rev. John Hanley and Rev. Matt Feit, presiders of Mass

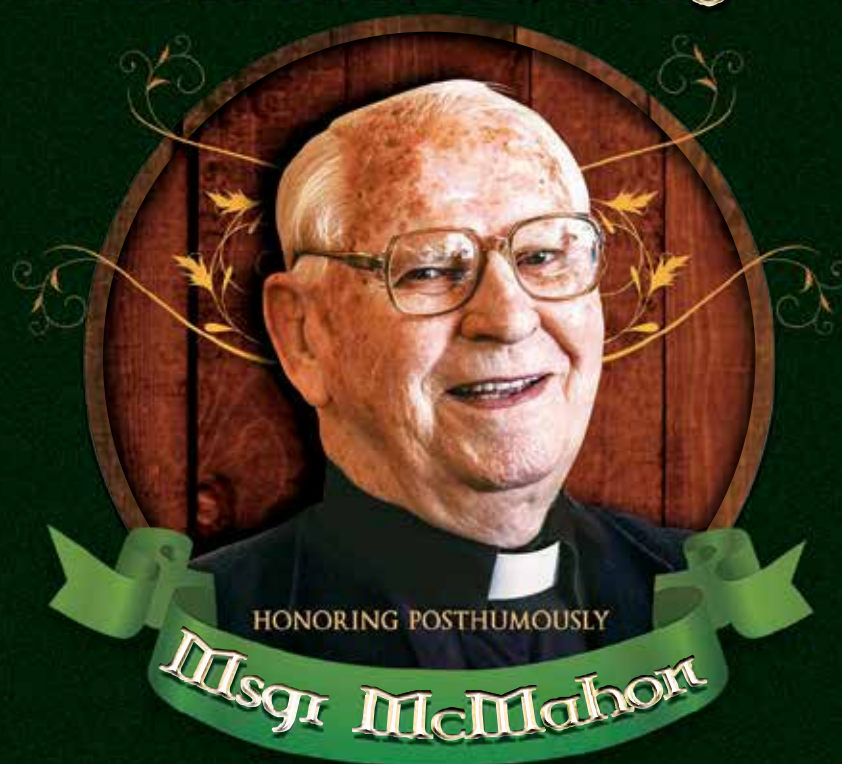
and helpers on retreats, will also mark a significant milestone. It's a tribute to the healing that can happen when time is spent in solitude with the Lord.



AN IRISH EVENING Under The Stars

CELEBRATING THE PAST
CREATING THE FUTURE

SAVE THE DATE
October 12, 2019



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Annual Fund Supports Maintenance & Operations

June 30 is deadline to help us meet our goals

The annual campaign not only funds the maintenance and operations budget for Mt. Claret, but also supports projects desperately needed. These projects not only continue the upkeep of the buildings, but also help attract and maintain facilities that are user friendly and support the needs of retreat groups.

Some of the accomplishments of the past year relative to improvements and renovations to our buildings, include the north dormitory remodel, seal coating and restriping our parking lot, and new landscaping along the front of our iconic main building with the green doors, and a variety of maintenance. Also completed were many repair projects necessary for the upkeep of our beautiful campus.

This year's summer projects include the exterior painting of the four priest casitas and the St. John Paul II building. The five buildings also had roof maintenance completed. The meeting room in the St. John Paul II building

also was upgraded with a large flat screen television and sound system.

We continue to act as stewards of Mt. Claret, ensuring what we are entrusted with is cared for with the utmost attention, utilizing the resources we have.

Our greatest assets include the natural beauty of our campus and the simplicity of our buildings.

Msgr. John McMahon had a great vision for the building configurations and how they could be utilized by retreat groups.

The generous gifts from our benefactors have allowed us to maintain and update these spaces with paint, flooring and technology improvements to Internet access, sound, and projection systems. All of these improvements help to ensure the best retreat experience possible. Your gifts also support our goal to keep the doors wide open for all of those wishing to renew or grow their relationship with the Lord, in the Catholic tradition.



YOUR IMPACT | 30 YEARS Please Support

We continue to act as stewards of Mt. Claret, ensuring what we are entrusted with is cared for with the utmost attention, utilizing the resources we have.

We prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to Mt. Claret's Annual Fund in order to continue the maintenance and growth of our beautiful retreat center.

Your gift will be used in tangible ways that directly impacts those who seek growth, healing, and conversion in our Faith. Your gifts also support our goal to keep the doors wide open for all of those wishing to renew or grow their relationship with the Lord, in the Catholic tradition.



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SUMMER RETREAT GROUPS

Please pray for all the retreat groups who have been and will be joining us at the mountain for either a day or weekend retreat in the next few months.

Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Schools Office
Principal Retreat and New Hire Teacher Retreat (PHOTO BELOW)



Diocese of Phoenix John Paul II Resource Center
Theology of The Body Speaker Training Series,
led by Katrina J. Zeno (PHOTO BELOW)



Cursillo Cena Dinner

St. Mary Magdalene Men's Retreat

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Silent Retreat

Catholic Engaged Encounter – Spanish & English Movement

Nueva Vida Con Jesus

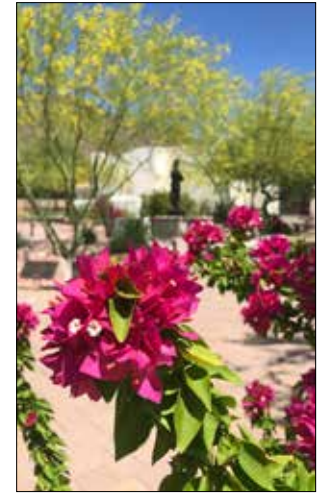
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

St. Mary's High School Staff Retreat

St. John Bosco Staff Retreat

St. John XXIII Staff Retreat

Spring Blooms Around Campus



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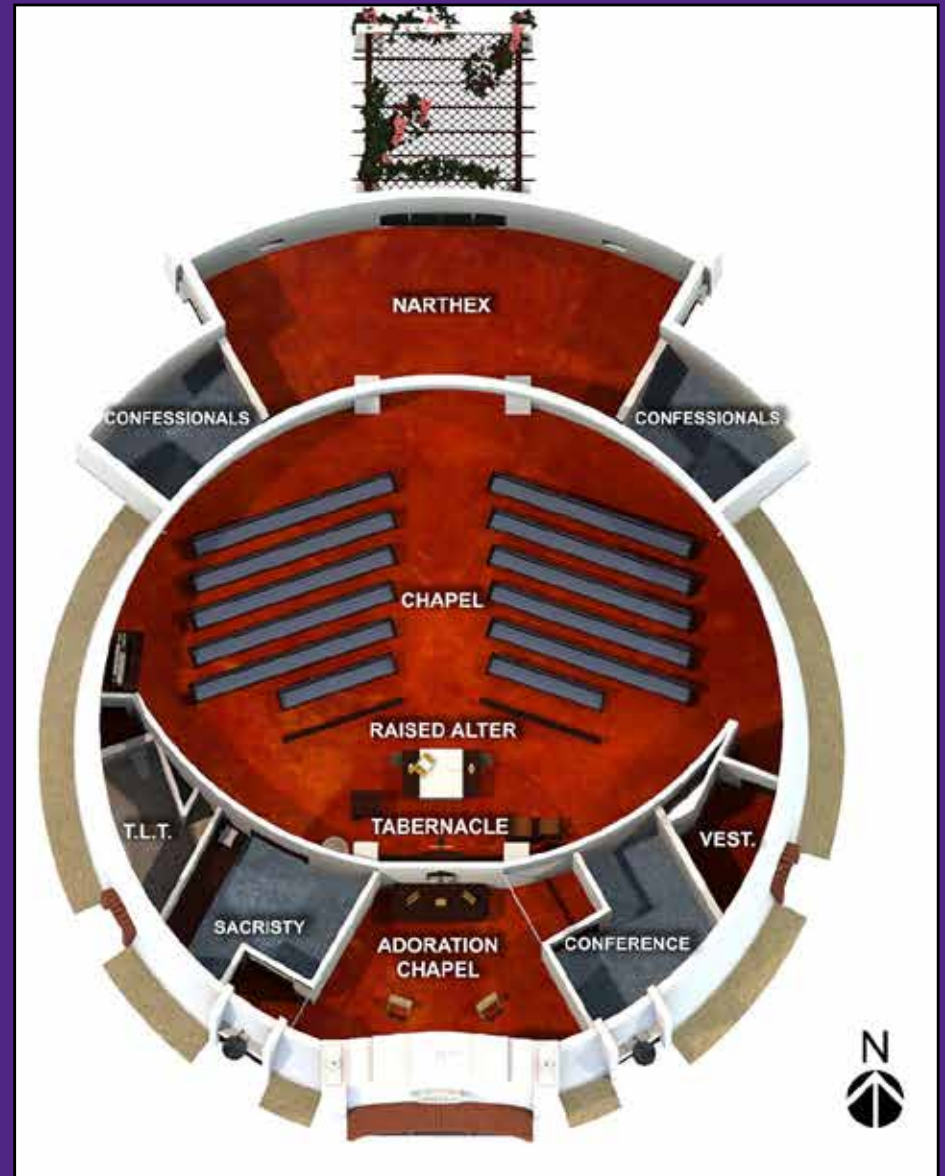


A special thank you to all who joined us at the Spring Social a few weeks ago. In attendance were about 45 friends and supporters of Mt. Claret, enjoying the accordion sounds by Augie Figurelli and catered hors

d'oeuvres by Personal Touch Catering. We appreciate you spending time to help us celebrate Mt. Claret's 30th Anniversary and we will continue to do so throughout the 2019 year! Be on the lookout for future events.



Chapel Renovation Project



We continue to work on the refinement of our drawings and plans for the Chapel renovations. Our anticipated time line for the project is to begin fund raising in late 2019 through early 2020 planning on renovation work the summer of 2020.

Anticipated re-dedication date is scheduled for October 24, 2020!

Local Photographer Captures Mt. Claret

Mt. Claret was selected by local photographer Tim Murphy as a location to take some photos of our buildings and landscaping. Tim is recognized for his landscape photography. Tim held a presentation at the Old Adobe Mission in Old Town Scottsdale on May 31 titled "Arizona through my lens." His presentation included some of the best natural, man-made and human elements of Arizona. Some of the pictures from Mt. Claret were featured in the presentation and are pictured throughout the cover story of this newsletter.

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