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Chapel Renovation Update

From Director Tom McGuire

I wanted to give you a personal update on the Chapel project. Everything is moving in the right direction but, unfortunately, not on the time schedule I was hoping for. Our fundraising has been solid and positioned us to be well-qualified with the Diocese as well as Notre Dame Federal Credit Union to seek out a line of credit. The approval process with Notre Dame takes about four weeks and we are about halfway through. Once the line of credit is secured, we can then enter into a contract with the builder and craftspeople. Once this step is finalized, we will be able to communicate an updated timeline.

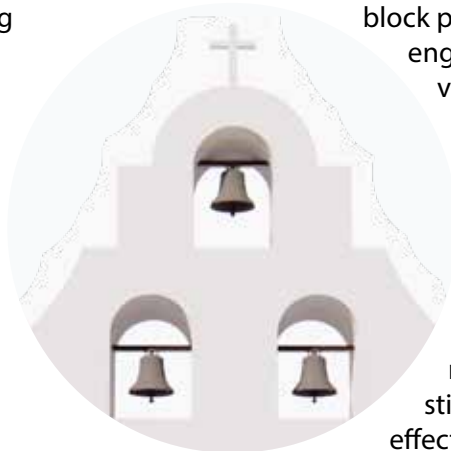
We are still working out some

details on the design features of the project. The bell tower which has been a very popular and well received feature has proven to be costly given the increase in concrete block products and steel. The engineering for it became very complicated.

We are working with the architect for alternative construction methods and materials that will make the tower more affordable and still achieve the desired effect.

We are moving forward with the interior Liturgical final details. This includes the altar, ambo, reredos (feature behind the altar) and features in the Adoration Chapel. This process also includes carpet and tile selection, and interior paint.

As of Friday, June 25 we have



closed the Chapel. This gives us the opportunity to fully relocate the Sacristy items and Tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament. From then on, all Mass' will be in the conference center until the project is complete.

I am reminded that, for a project of this nature, quality and value

is most important. Time, we have plenty of!! Again, it might not fit our preconceived ideas, but it is a worthy project worth our patience and prayer!

Thank you for your continued patience prayers and support!

For information on how you can participate in the
Capital Campaign for Mt. Claret

Call Tom McGuire at (602) 840-5066,
or visit **mtclare.org**



Chapel closes in preparation for remodel construction

We have closed our Chapel to remove furnishings, Sacred Vessels, statue's and so on. All Chapel activities continue in our conference center, and a temporary Adoration Chapel and a temporary Sacristy have been created. Our Wednesday Adoration continues to be offered from 2:00- 4:00pm in the new space. Larger Holy hours associated with a Retreat weekend will be held in the conference center. The conference center is set up to accommodate 100 seats for Mass. Most of the items we normally have in the Chapel continue

to be used in the conference center, however there is also 50 years' worth of clutter that we will need to sort through! A home has been found for the altar furniture and for some of the pews with Fr. Florea at Black Canyon City Merciful Hermitage. The remaining pews are being offered for sale. From time to time, we will have to reconfigure the conference center into tables and chairs for previously scheduled retreats and meetings. This is somewhat of a burden on our staff, but it is temporary and worthwhile!

FOR SALE: Chapel Pews available for purchase

Our Chapel project includes new pews so we are offering our current pews to anyone who would like to purchase them. The pews are red oak with a dark stain. The available pews are sized from 6' to 14' in length and can be adapted by cutting them down and re-attaching the end piece. The kneelers are removeable. Please contact our office at 602-840-5066 to arrange a visit and take a look.



MT. CLARET RETREAT CENTER



Oktoberfest



Join us as we hold our annual dinner and auction for Mt. Claret Retreat Center, honoring the Most Reverend Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted.



SAVE THE DATE

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

SAT. 10.9

DRINK • FOOD • MUSIC • DANCE

We celebrate this evening Oktoberfest style with traditional Bavarian attire encouraged, so get your lederhosen and dirndls ready!

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for valued items to add to the auction/raffle part of the evening. Some items that have worked well in the past are travel certificates, event tickets, outdoor leisure equipment, spa packages, golf outings, vacation rentals, fine wines and liquor, gift certificates, and cultural memberships.

If you would like to contribute something, please email Shawnee.hill@mtclaret.org or call 602-840-5066 to let us know. THANK YOU!!

Retreat activity picks up

We are pleased to have had two Cursillo's in June! These are the first Cursillo's in over 15 months! They were both well attended and well-staffed! July has 4 weekends reserved with different retreat groups! In August, all four weekends are booked and in between weekends we have the annual seminarian retreat as well as diocesan teachers retreat! Thanks to all of these ministry's for staying connected and getting right back on it!



Annual Fund Update

We closed out our fiscal year on June 30. This also was the end point of our annual campaign, "The Fund for Mt Claret", and as of that date we have received over \$34,000 for The Fund! This will enable us to move ahead with the exterior painting project of the St. John Paul II building as well as enabling us to refinish the wood and metal doors on the building. Thank you so much for your contributions and support of Mt. Claret!





CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Good and Loving God,
you have blessed us
with the gift of

Mt Claret Retreat Center
and our extended community.

We praise and thank you
for our people, our Spirit,
our energy and our
welcoming presence.

Bless our efforts

as we go forward with our

Chapel Renewal Capital Campaign.

May our prayers of adoration,
thanksgiving and supplication rise to
you in the Name of Your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, Amen.



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