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RETREAT CENTER

Summer Updates from Mt. Claret

Cross Replacement and Driveway/Parking Improvements Underway



in our front yard. As many of you know, the original structure was actually a repurposed telephone pole dating back to the 1960s. The beautiful Corpus was added in the early 2000s, bringing a more sacred presence to the space.

This summer, we're:

- **Carefully removing the Corpus**

- **Construction of a brand-new, redesigned cross**
- **Reinstalling the Corpus on the new structure**

We're grateful to Dean Dwyer, who has designed the new cross, is overseeing its construction, and is managing the entire project.

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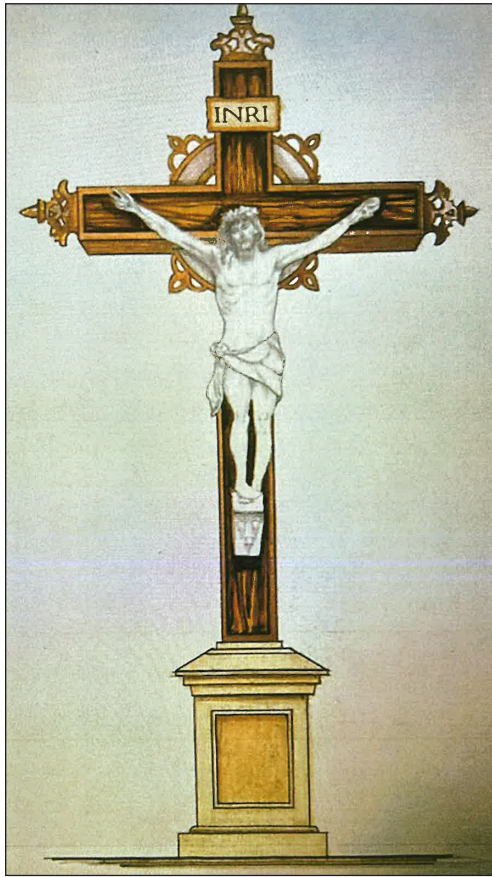
Dear Friends of Mt. Claret,

Summer has arrived, and while our retreat schedule has eased slightly, we're still keeping busy with some exciting campus improvements!

Cross Replacement Project

One major project already underway is the replacement of the cross





Artist rendering of the the redesigned cross to be installed. At the right, road widening and asphalt repair project map.

Completion is expected by the end of August. A heartfelt thank you to the generous donor family who has fully funded this meaningful upgrade.

Driveway & Parking Lot Improvements

We're also exploring improvements to our entry driveway and parking lot. Currently, there are two narrow "choke points" that restrict traffic to a single lane. To improve access, we're gathering proposals to:

- **Widen the driveway at these pinch points (highlighted in green, yellow, and blue)**
- **Repair a damaged section of the parking lot where the asphalt has broken up (red)**

If we receive a reasonable proposal, we plan to move forward with the work, which would be funded through our operating budget.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We look forward to sharing more updates as these projects progress!

Warm regards,
The Mt. Claret Team



Studio Space Finds New Purpose with the Cursillo Movement

After eight years, Skyline Productions concluded its lease of the studio space on our campus. We are excited to announce a new chapter for this versatile space with the Cursillo Movement.

The Cursillo Movement, which has long been an active and vibrant part of our community, has expressed a need for a dedicated area to support their growing ministry. Their vision included office space, meeting rooms, and storage—all of which the studio is well-equipped to provide. We're pleased to share

that the studio will now serve as a home base for Cursillo's day-to-day operations.

This transition allows Cursillo to expand its presence while continuing to host its impactful retreat weekends in our main building and dormitories. The studio's layout and location make it an ideal fit for their needs, and we're confident it will enhance their ability to serve and connect with others.

We look forward to supporting Cursillo as they begin this exciting new chapter.



Evening Under the Stars Update

Saturday, October 11 is set for this year's Evening Under the Stars Oktoberfest! Look for invitations in the mail the end of August! This year we are pleased to honor the Order of Malta. The Order of Malta has a long history at Mt Claret. They meet here monthly for Rosary, Mass, social time and Business meeting.

The Order is one of the world's oldest Christian institutions. In the 11th century Blessed Fra' Gerard saw poor and sick pilgrims of all faiths lying in the streets of Jerusalem. To relieve their misery, he founded a religious order of Catholic men and women to serve the needy and procure the necessities of life for them.

Today the Order remains on the front lines caring for the poor and sick without regard to race or religion in over 100 countries. By loving their neighbors in this special way, knights and dames of the Order carry on Blessed Gerard's noble commitment to care for those living on the periphery of society.

Please plan on joining us for this fun event and help celebrate the Order of Malta.

SAVE THE DATE

Evening Under the Stars

Oktoberfest

Saturday, Oct. 11

Join us as we honor the Order of Malta for their good works and long-standing support of Mt. Claret. Enjoy a night of great company, delicious food, and festive fun!

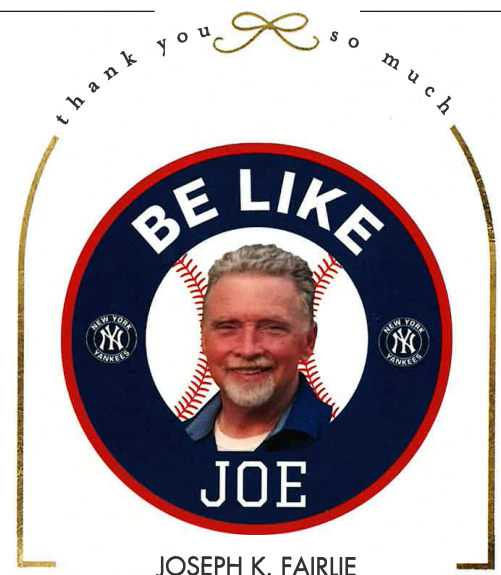
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We Remember...

We are remembering our dear friend **Joe Fairlie**, who passed away on June 9, 2025. Joe was a beloved member of the St. Thomas Aquinas parish, where his faith and generosity touched countless lives. His devotion to the Cursillo movement was especially profound—he not only participated actively but also served in numerous leadership roles, guiding others with wisdom,

humility, and joy. His presence was a source of strength and encouragement, and his quiet leadership reflected a life rooted in prayer and service. Joe's legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him. He was truly an inspiration—a man of deep faith, unwavering kindness, and gentle spirit. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant. Your light continues to shine.



Leave a Legacy of Faith and Fellowship

Remember Mt. Claret in Your Will or Trust

Mt. Claret Retreat Center has been a place of peace, renewal, and spiritual growth for generations. By including Mt. Claret in your will or trust, you ensure that its mission continues to flourish—touching lives, strengthening faith, and building community for years to come. Your legacy can be a lasting gift of hope.

- Support future retreats and ministries
- Sustain sacred spaces for reflection and prayer

- Empower the next generation of faithful leaders

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Serra Club to Hold Annual Priest Appreciation Dinner Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares to be Honored for 40 Years of Service

The Serra Club of Phoenix proudly hosts its annual Priest Appreciation Dinner at Mt. Claret. Each year, a distinguished priest is honored for their service. This year, we celebrate Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares, recognizing his over 40 years of priestly ministry and 15 years as our Auxiliary Bishop. Ticket information is below.

SERRA CLUB OF PHOENIX & EAST VALLEY
Invites our Priests, Serrans & Friends to:

✝ Priest Appreciation DINNER

Honoring Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares

**Thursday, August 28, 2025
at 6:00pm**

**MT. CLARET RETREAT CENTER
4633 N. 54TH ST., PHOENIX 85018**



PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 to Marnie Maza.

Via: Call 480-227-8872,
or Email marniemaza@gmail.com.

Cost \$60 per person

Payment options: Check - Payable to Serra Club of Phoenix,
Venmo - @SerraPhoenix,
or PayPal - serra.phoenix@gmail.com.

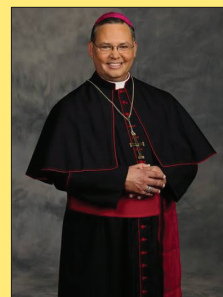
Priests attend free of charge as our guests.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES

THE FIELDS ARE RIPE FOR THE HARVEST.

—JOHN 4:35

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
AUXILIARY BISHOP EDUARDO NEVARES**
44 YEARS AS A PRIEST & 15 YEARS AS AUXILIARY BISHOP



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
FATHER JACOB CHAVEZ &
FATHER CONNOR COMPANIK**
THE NEWEST PRIESTS IN OUR DIOCESE

