

Dear Friends of Mt. Claret,

These are unprecedented, challenging times; all of us are struggling or know someone who is. These are also times when our strong faith traditions remind us that the Lord is ever-present. We know, as our faith community, you want to be kept informed about our current needs. Our donors always step up to meet these needs and we pray for your continued support through this challenging time.

For us, springtime brings our annual appeal, the Fund for Mt. Claret. Now, more than ever, we need your financial support. Mt. Claret is seeing a drastic reduction in our weekly financial support following the cancelation of Sunday Mass and all retreat activities. This support pays our staff, keeps the lights on, and funds a significant portion of Mt. Claret's operations. The Fund for Mt. Claret typically helps us complete major maintenance projects, but this year funds will help sustain operations. We have drastically reduced gas, electric, and water consumption, cut back on contracted services and are considering reducing employee hours.

Spring is a beautiful time at Mt. Claret with all the cacti, trees and flowers blooming or getting ready to bloom. We are truly blessed to have this gem of God's creation in our Diocese to serve our community as a place of spiritual refreshment and beauty. Please help us preserve our sanctuary and prepare for a time when we may come together again to celebrate the Lord.

Please go to our website and take advantage of our safe and secure online giving program. You may also make a one-time gift or schedule a weekly or monthly pledge.

Thank you always for the gift of your thoughts and prayers. St. Anthony Mary Claret pray for us!

God Bless, Tom McGuire

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Mt. Claret is a great blessing for our diocese. The quiet and beauty of the grounds make it an oasis of peace where our faithful can readily answer Jesus' call: "Come aside and rest awhile."

–Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted