

MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE

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OF THE SACRED HEART
OF JESUS



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Dear Friends of Mother Cabrini Shrine,

We are approaching the 50th anniversary of our chapel at Mother Cabrini Shrine. Our main building, which includes the chapel, gift shop, and cafeteria, was built in 1970. It was built for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart when they relocated from the Queen of Heaven orphanage in Denver. Over the past 50 years, Mother Cabrini Shrine has grown to become a thriving ministry, serving thousands of pilgrims, visitors, and retreatants each year.

Over the past few years, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and staff at Mother Cabrini Shrine have been studying the use of our facilities. We now celebrate three Masses every Sunday that continue to fill the chapel. We also serve retreatants by providing meeting room space, overnight lodging, and meals. As our retreat reservations have continued to increase over the past five years, it has become more difficult to serve multiple groups because of the limited conference space. Over the past 10 years, our gift shop has continued to increase in sales. However, we have maximized our floor space, and our capacity to increase sales will soon be limited.

With help from Integration Design Group of Denver, our Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and staff have created a master plan for the main building. Rather than constructing a completely new building, the objective is to revise the interior floor plan and maximize the existing space. We hope to:

- Update and expand the chapel,
- Relocate our conference facilities,
- Expand the gift shop into our existing conference room.

Expanding the chapel and gift shop will allow us the best opportunity to sustain long-term revenue. Our new floor plan also includes:

- A new elevator,
- Additional bathrooms,
- Possibly a new parking lot,
- Update the original mechanical systems including fire prevention,
- Total renovation project is estimated to cost \$4,500,000.

It is an exciting vision for Mother Cabrini Shrine. It will allow our main building to function more efficiently for decades to come. We have retained the services of the Cosgriff Company, a 57-year old national Catholic resource development firm, for a feasibility study to determine the potential of a capital campaign in support of this project.

With this letter, we have included a survey and are asking for your participation in the feasibility study. Your input is valued and important, and the results of your collective opinions are critical to the decision making process. **We are not asking you to give or make a financial contribution at this time, and your opinions can remain confidential.** Likewise, all the survey information will be compiled and tabulated in Cosgriff offices.

We hope that you can complete the survey and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to the Cosgriff Company by April 15, 2019. As an alternative, the survey is also available on our website at www.mothercabrinishrine.org if you would rather complete it online.

Thank you in advance for your time and more importantly your assistance with this important initial study regarding the future of Mother Cabrini Shrine.

Sincerely,



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