



Diocesan Spirituality Center

Overview

With the help of the *Rooted in Faith ~ Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign the Diocese has purchased a former Franciscan Monastery in White Post, Virginia to serve as its new Spirituality Center.

The center will serve students, adults, families and priests in both parish and diocesan functions.



Location



The center sits on approximately 150 acres in Frederick County, between Winchester and Front Royal, and includes a chapel, cafeteria and conference rooms. It will eventually host accommodations for approximately 50 overnight guests.

Built in 1960, the structure was originally a novitiate for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province. In 1981, it became a full-time retreat center, and then in the early 1990s was converted to a home for older Friars who needed some assistance in daily living. The friars

moved their friary to Loretto, Pennsylvania and the Monastery will now serve as the diocese's new Spirituality Center.

The Need

The center will serve all members of the diocese; students, adults and priests, families and individuals, for parish and diocesan functions, as well as personal days of reflection or retreats. The center will be more than just a retreat center. Plans also include areas for meditation.

Since Bethany House, a retreat center for the diocese, burned down in the 1980s the diocese and parishes have sought a replacement. Concrete plans for a spirituality center developed in the 1990s as groups, especially youth groups, found it difficult to locate a place to "get away" for an overnight retreat. In the Diocese of Arlington, there are several Catholic retreat facilities, but many of these are monasteries or convents and many do not allow large groups, young people or overnight guests. Because of this, groups have used non-Catholic facilities, or travel outside the diocese to find a center that will accommodate their needs.

Schedule and Cost

The center will be refurbished and updated in phases over the next several years. A portion of the 150 acre property will be designated for future parish or diocesan needs. The center's purchase is made possible by funds from the capital campaign, *Rooted in Faith ~ Forward in Hope*. The campaign included \$5 million for a diocesan spirituality center. Additional funds will help to refurbish and update the center to make it a pleasant and relaxing retreat for all who attend.

Memorial Gifts and Naming Opportunities

There are a number of Memorial Gift naming opportunities available. These opportunities provide a visible, permanent testimony of the faithfulness and generosity of the Arlington Diocese's parishioners as well as offer a lasting way to honor a loved one. The following is a list of the Memorial Gifts naming opportunities available for donors to consider:

<i>Chapel</i>	<i>\$2,000,000</i>
<i>Community Rooms (2)</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
<i>Prayer Garden & Walkway</i>	<i>\$225,000</i>
<i>Parlor</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>Dining Room</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>Kitchen</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>Project/Workroom</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Retreat Rooms (each)</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>

