



Priests' Retirement Home

Overview

The Priests' Retirement Home is designed to accommodate the priests from the Arlington Diocese who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. In answering the call to the ministerial priesthood, these priests have carried out the mission of the Church by uniting Her with Christ through the sacraments.

The initial home will include common space and individual suites for eight priests. The project is designed with future growth in mind having the ability to expand existing common areas to later accommodate 20 priests.



The initial phase of construction will include about 15,000 square feet in a two story structure. Common or shared areas will include a chapel, parlor, community room, dining room, kitchen, and administrative support space. The private residential area will include a workroom, an exercise/fitness room and eight suites. Each priest's suite will include a living room, bedroom, bath, kitchenette and storage area. The site includes parking and a walking path through the natural area of the site as well as a secluded garden courtyard area.

The Need

Over the next twenty-five years, the diocese must be ready to care for more than forty retirees. This project is an opportunity to honor their dedication and demonstrate our appreciation for their hard work and tireless service to the Catholic Church here in the Diocese of Arlington.

Location



The location of the facility is a site adjacent to St. Michael's Parish in Annandale, Virginia, providing easy access to all Parish activities. It is located on Ravensworth Road, near the beltway. Because of this location, the retired priests will be able to offer assistance to parishes when the active priests are busy or on vacation. The home will use approximately three acres of the ten acre site owned by the Diocese.

Schedule and Cost

Schematic plans are completed and construction is scheduled to begin by fall 2008. The Priests' Retirement Home will be available to occupy by late 2009.

The current estimated cost of the project is \$7,000,000 million for Phase I with \$5 million in funding dedicated from the *Rooted in Faith ~ Forward in Hope* campaign. This includes construction costs and other costs needed to make the facility operational, such as furnishing and equipping the facility.

The Diocese expects to complete Phase I of the Priests' Retirement Home in 2009. Further, the diocese hopes to establish an endowment fund that will support operating expenses of the home for our retired priests'. Finally, Phase II will complete the facility, accommodating a total of 20 retired priests and be developed in the years ahead as appropriate funds are available and the needs for retired priests necessitate this next phase.

