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Mt. Claret Endowment Funds New Fund Honors Msgr. John McMahon

Msgr. McMahon was a trailblazer in so many ways! A significant effort on his part was the establishment of perpetual endowment funds. At Mt. Claret, we are blessed to have several perpetual endowment funds – one that he was instrumental in establishing and one that we established in honor of him.

The Frank Knoell fund for Mt. Claret was established in the early 1990's after Mt. Claret was purchased from the Claretian Fathers. The fund

grew slowly and steadily over the following years. Today its value is over \$1,000,000! The terms of the fund allow Mt. Claret withdrawal 4% of the principal of the fund each year to support our operational budget.

In 2011, on the occasion of Msgr. McMahon's 90th birthday we established a perpetual endowment fund in Msgr. McMahon's name. At that time the fund had approximately \$60,000. Today, following some memorial contributions and stock



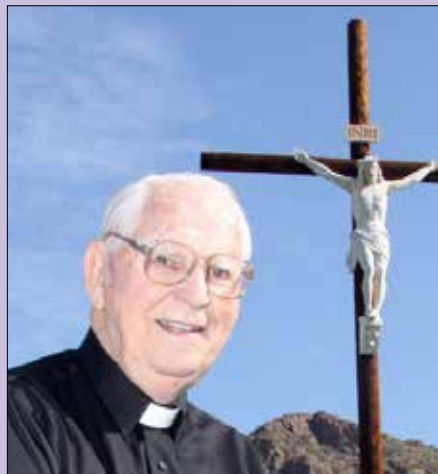
The Frank Knoell Fund for Mt. Claret was established when the property was purchased and today helps support the Mt. Claret operating budget. A new fund established in 2011 will continue to honor Msgr. McMahon and will continue Msgr. McMahon's vision and passion for the center.

market gains, the fund is valued at close to \$80,000! As Mt. Claret continues in its mission, these funds are essential. Our work today in increasing the value of the fund will ensure that those who come after us will have the means necessary to continue the good work of Mt. Claret. Please consider a contribution to the Msgr. McMahon Fund. Some have chosen to designate the McMahon fund in their financial planning and wills and trust direction. Again, this is an excellent way to ensure the ongoing mission of Mt. Claret! As always, thank you for the gift of your support and prayers.

Qgiv coming to Mt. Claret



Mt. Claret has enrolled in an Online Giving Solution called Qgiv. This program will allow our donors and benefactors to make contributions to Mt. Claret in a variety of safe, secure, and easy ways. With Qgiv setting up an online donation profile is simple and secure. Additionally, Qgiv provides a "giving kiosk" that is the next generation in on site donations. All of this is intended to make supporting Mt. Claret and its mission accessible and easy to all who are interested. We look forward to making these features available to all! Please contact our office for more information.



MSGR. MCMAHON ENDOWMENT FUND

To support the vision of Msgr. McMahon and help to continue his legacy, please consider giving to the Msgr. McMahon Fund today or in your wills and trust financial planning.

**For more information, please call
Mt. Claret at 602-840-5066**

Annual Campaign to Kickoff

Mt. Claret's annual campaign – The Fund for Mt. Claret will begin on April 9, 2015. The fund supports a significant part of our buildings and grounds maintenance budget. Mt. Claret is solely responsible for its income and expenses and does not receive any outside financial support from the diocese or any other organizations.

Our ministry groups who use our facility pay for use of the center. However, that does not cover all operating expenses. Having a successful annual fund is very important for us. This year we have established a goal of \$120,000 for the Fund for Mt. Claret. We are prayerfully asking for your help and support to reach this goal. No gift is too small – you can make your gift as a onetime gift or you can pledge monthly over the next 12 months. Our community has been very generous over the years and we count on your continued support as we move into our second 25 years of serving the Diocese of Phoenix!



SAVE THE DATE

Evening Under the Stars

2015 will be held on October 10, 2015. 2014's event was an excellent celebration of friendship and fellowship plus great food and excitement. We are looking forward to the same for 2015! Please plan to join us!



10.10.2015



Christ Child Shrine UPDATE

We continue to make progress on our fundraising goal for the Christ Child Shrine. As we have reported previously, this outdoor devotional space will be an excellent addition to our prayerful and spirit filled campus. Our overall goal for completion of this project is \$250,000. We have on

hand approximately \$60,000. There are several naming opportunities available. If you would like more information, please contact our office. The gift of your prayers is always asked for and appreciated in supporting this worthy project.



THE *Christ Child* SHRINE

MT. CLARET MASTER PLAN
PHASE ONE

DESIGN: The design of the entire project does not impact or reduce the grassy area we have by the Sacred Heart of Jesus niche nor will it impact our ability to have evening activities on the grassy area. OVERALL PROJECT: In addition to the shrine area, the entire project will include gazebos and walking paths leading to a renovated entrance to the chapel. CENTRAL SHRINE: The depiction at the right shows the planned statue location with planned architecture and seating for silent prayer and contemplation.

MT. CLARET RETREAT CENTER

Easter Liturgy Schedule

The Crosier Father and Brothers will once again lead the Easter Triduum Liturgies at Mt. Claret during Holy week. Please join us for all of these holy celebrations during the holiest week of all.

Please see the schedule below for Mass times.

All are Welcome

Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer (with Lamentations)

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer (with Lamentations)

3:00 PM – Passion of the Lord

4:15 PM – Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer
(with Lamentations)

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 AM – Morning Prayer

8:00 AM – Easter Mass





Thank You!

ANNUAL DONOR REPORT

We are always joyful in giving thanks for our generous donors who so lovingly support Mt. Claret with their gift of prayer and treasure. Without this support we would struggle to continue to serve in our mission. The following is a list of givers we recorded during calendar year 2014. This includes all gifts made to Mt. Claret in the form of checks or credit card. If we have omitted anyone, we apologize in advance and we would ask that you call our office so that we can verify our records.

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Thank You!

Because of our generous donors this past year, we have been able to:

Seal coat/restripe parking lot

Routine exterior building painting

Replaced over 5300 sq.ft. of carpet

Significantly upgrade our audio visual capabilities with installed screens and projectors in the conference center and in the Rollo room.

Added a sound system to the main dining room

Made improvements to the Chapel sound system

Remodeled two small apartments

We are very aware that Mt. Claret's impact on the faithful that visit us is the result of a true presence of the Holy Spirit, great retreat programs and a beautiful and holy setting. As stewards of this gorgeous facility it's our duty and joy to ensure that our campus is maintained to the best standards possible. That takes great effort with some of our buildings dating back to the 1940's! Our newest buildings are almost 9 years old! So with 10 acres and 60,000 square feet of building space our maintenance budget is a significant portion of our expense budget!

Christ Child Society of Phoenix donates \$5000 to Shrine project

The Christ Child Society of Phoenix raised \$5000 from their membership to support the construction of the Christ Child Shrine project. The monies were raised independent of the organization's regular budget through the generous support of the membership. The donation is being made in memory of Msgr. John McMahon who was instrumental in locating and supporting the organization at Mt. Claret.



Meeting Space Remodeled

The upstairs meeting area of Mt. Claret's main administration building is a heavily used space. The need for access to coffee, refrigerator space, and ice has been a constant short coming. Thanks to the support of our donors we recently completed the remodel of the hallway space to include a kitchenette, with an ice maker, commercial coffee pot, and refrigerator. The remodel included the installation of over 1500 square feet of new carpeting and wood laminate flooring. These upgrades will benefit a variety of organizations and ministries who use this meeting space on a regular basis.



Thanks to generous supporters, we were able to remodel some heavily used office space that will benefit the many groups and ministries.



Beloved Caregiver Plans Return to Ireland

Celine Wilson, Msgr. John McMahon's caregiver and good friend of his and the McMahon family, is preparing to return to Ireland. Celine looked after Msgr. McMahon for the last five years of his life and did so with wonderful grace and loving respect.

As Msgr. McMahon's health needs increased, Celine played a vital role ensuring that he was well cared for. She has become a great friend to many in the Mt. Claret community and beyond. Her presence will be missed, but we wish her the best as she returns to her new home in Gory, County Wexford, Ireland.



McMahon during a mass held at Mt. Claret before his death late last year.



Bishop Olmsted, Bishop Nevares, Fr. Paul Sullivan and transitional Deacon Fernando Camou celebrated Mass for Vocations Day of Discernment in the Mt. Claret chapel.

Happy Easter

From Mt. Claret Retreat Center

"And they found
the stone rolled
away from the
tomb, but when
they went in they
did not find the
body of the
Lord Jesus."

—Luke 24:2-3



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