



Preserving our *Heritage*

*Capital campaign for a new chapel
at Trinity Woods*



School Sisters
of Notre Dame
Central Pacific Province

History

The School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province are members of an international congregation of women religious which was founded in Bavaria in 1833. The first sisters arrived in North America in 1847. School Sisters of Notre Dame, now living and ministering on five continents, have two provinces in North America. SSNDs serve in a variety of ministries, grounded in the concept of transforming the world through education in the broadest sense.

Trinity Woods

In 2017, the School Sisters of Notre Dame began to plan for their future. A new building on the campus of Mount Mary University, which they founded, was the logical and desired site. Discussions with Mount Mary University (MMU) leadership and Milwaukee Catholic Home (MCH) eventually led to a plan to build a residence on the Mount Mary campus. The new residential project called Trinity Woods will provide housing for the sisters, seniors, and undergraduate single mothers with their children. Construction on the new residences began in July and is scheduled to be completed by October of 2021.

This intergenerational community will allow the sisters to continue their ministry of education in an environment that supports women and children. The new community will allow the sisters to remain together and age in place in a safe, secure setting. In addition, SSNDs sharing housing with students who are single mothers and their children will offer opportunities for intergenerational learning and mutual enrichment.

Trinity Woods will include 90 apartments for sisters and other seniors and 52 assisted living units. The indoor and outdoor spaces will take advantage of the natural and wooded environment, views of the Menomonee River Parkway, the University bell tower, and expansive green spaces. A town center will offer amenities such as dining services, a library/learning center, wellness center, and a chapel to support the sisters' physical, intellectual, spiritual and emotional well-being.

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The School Sisters of Notre Dame will move in the fall of 2021 to a new intergenerational residence being built on the Mount Mary University campus. Leaving their historical

Elm Grove convent, including Holy Family chapel, will be a major change for the sisters. However, they will experience a new chapel that incorporates the marble altar, stained glass windows and other artifacts from their former Holy Family sacred space, easing their transition.

We need you to help make the new chapel a reality. Through your financial support, we can provide a sacred space for prayer and the celebration of the sacraments.

Join us in preserving the heritage and enriching the spirituality of our sisters.

Chapel - \$500,000

As community we pray with the whole church. The new chapel preserves the heritage of the sisters with artifacts from the convent and Holy Family chapel in Elm Grove.

The chapel seats 120 people and features the marble altar and wooden tabernacle stand from Holy Family chapel, providing continuity between Elm Grove and the SSND community in residence at Trinity Woods. The stained glass windows depict the Holy Family and Mysteries of the Rosary.

The chapel lobby displays artwork made by the sisters and panels from the Heritage Room in Elm Grove, which portray important events in the history of SSND. Stained glass windows in the lobby show symbols of healing and resurrection.

Courtyards - \$50,000 each

Three beautiful courtyards provide spaces for the sisters to reflect and gather. The courtyards take advantage of the natural, wooded environment and expansive green spaces.

The East Courtyard features a pergola, flower beds, and abundant green space. Tables offer a perfect place for the sisters to share food and conversation. With concrete walkways lining the area, sisters can enjoy a walk and connect with nature.

A reflection pond provides the focal point for the West Courtyard. A butterfly garden and pergola add to the tranquility of the space. The deck is sure to be a favorite spot for the sisters to take in views of the Menomonee River Parkway and surrounding area.

The vineyard carries on the tradition of the Grape Arbor started in 1886 at the convent in Elm Grove. Shoots from the Grape Arbor are being used to grow the vineyard. The sisters will continue to pick the grapes, which they will use to make jam.



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Prayer Rooms - \$50,000 each

Having a sacred place to pray and reflect is essential for the sisters. Each of the three floors of the assisted living center includes a prayer room. The prayer rooms feature back-lit stained glass and artifacts from the convent and chapel in Elm Grove.

Bell Tower - \$25,000

Prior to entering the chapel, visitors will recognize the bell brought over from the main entrance of our NDEG campus. The bell holds an important place in the SSND history. It rang for the first time upon the death of Mother Caroline Friess, our North American Foundress.

Stained glass windows - \$25,000 each

The new chapel preserves the heritage of the sisters with stained glass windows from the Holy Family chapel in Elm Grove. The stained glass windows depict the Holy Family and selected Mysteries of the Rosary.

The chapel lobby features stained glass windows showing symbols of resurrection and healing: the sun, which imparts life and produces fruitfulness; the phoenix, symbolizing the Resurrection and the fact that those who fall asleep in Christ shall rise again to newness of life; the thistle symbolizing the ever-present sin in the world; and water, an ancient symbol of faith, coming as it does from the heavens, and going back to the heavens in continual repetition.

Butterfly Garden - \$10,000

Located in the West Courtyard, the butterfly garden provides a tranquil place for the sisters to pray and reflect. While butterflies already migrate to the Mount Mary campus, creating a garden lush with flowers and greenery will continue to attract butterflies.

Artwork (front entrance of chapel) - \$5,000

The lobby of the new chapel will feature artwork created by the sisters and the Heritage panels brought over from the convent in Elm Grove.

Flower bed boxes - \$1,000 each

Flower beds enhance the East, West, and Vineyard courtyards. The flower beds consist of flowers native to the area and add to the beauty and serenity of the courtyards.

Name plate on chair in chapel - \$500 each

The new chapel seats 120 people, offering ample opportunities to show your support for the sisters with a personalized name plate. Pay tribute to a sister who has impacted your life by purchasing a name plate in her honor. Be a part of the SSND legacy and have your name or a deceased loved one inscribed on a name plate.

Your help is needed! Our senior sisters have dedicated their entire lives to serving others. This sacred space of a new chapel for individual and communal prayer will support the sisters' current ministry of prayer and presence. Please fill out the enclosed response card and return in the envelope provided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**“Prayer is for us the ladder, the key,
and the gate to heaven.”**

- Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger



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