

Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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"At death we lose all that we have in this world, but we take with us charity and the alms-deeds we have done, and for these we shall receive a great reward from God." - St. Francis of Assisi

FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

God continues to bless us with more vocations each year. In the last fourteen years alone, our membership has increased by 80%. For this reason we've outgrown our Motherhouse. Without a new building we soon will not have room to accept more young ladies, provide for our infirm Sisters, and train more Sisters to teach, visit the sick and spread the Faith to others.

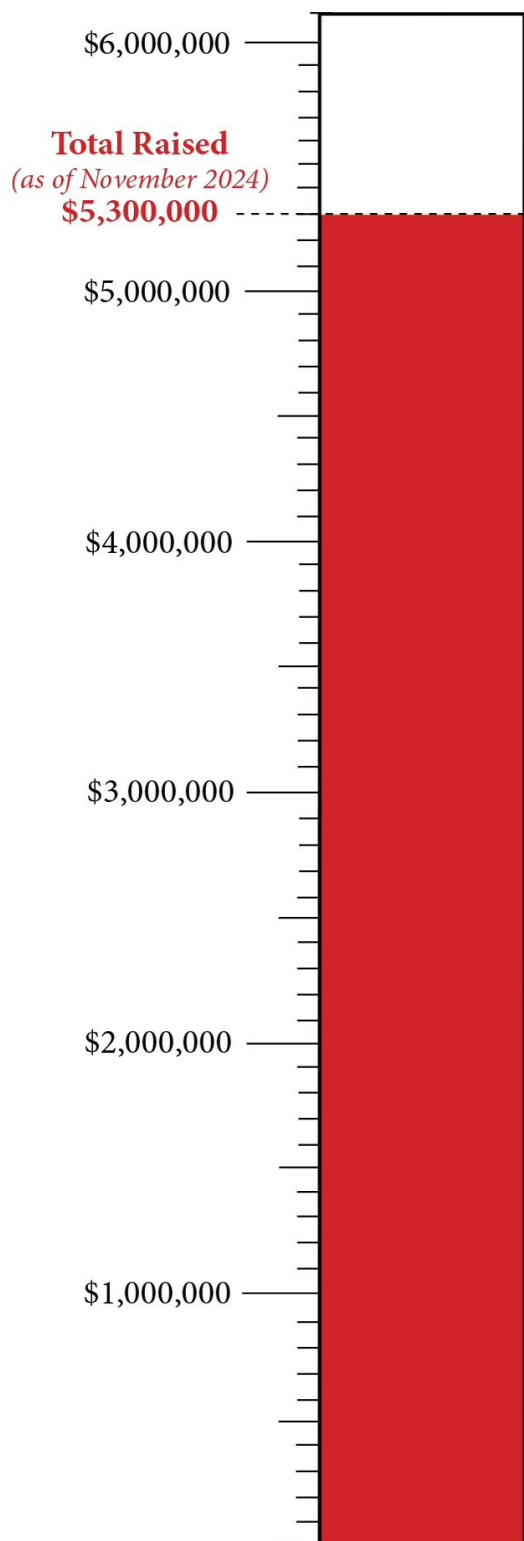
I realized that it's been a while since I gave you an update on the progress of our new building. I have a team of four Sisters who assist me with this project. One of them deals with the architects and engineers, as well as the codes for building. Two others help with the interior and exterior design. The fourth Sister handles the correspondence, paper work, and phone calls. These Sisters give me weekly updates and we have frequent meetings. Though the progress was slow in the summer, things have been happening a little more rapidly this fall.



We are finalizing the floor plans and exterior details of the new building.

Our Current Goal \$800,000

FINISH STEEL FRAMING,
POUR FOUNDATION & FLOORS



Building Update

In September the well for the new building was pounded. We're thrilled that plenty of water of very good quality was found. After experiencing delays for months in getting approval from the Department of Environmental Conservation, we spoke with the regional director and contacted our United States Representative to Congress. Thankfully, the DEC has now approved one permit and the other is in the final stage of review. Another stumbling block has been the utility company. However, we're now finalizing the contract with them to get three phase power. Once the engineers have finished the construction drawings, we will apply to the town for the building permit. Please pray that all of this will resolve in the next couple of months.

Your Help

Besides working through these problems, we continue raising funds for this project. Through God's Providence and the generous support of many, we've raised \$5.3 million so far. This will enable us to excavate for the foundation, pour the walls and footings, and partially erect steel framing for the exterior walls. Due to the rising cost of building materials, the price for completing each phase has greatly increased. It is, therefore, urgent that as soon as we have the building permit, we finish Phase 1 and move on to Phase 2. For this reason we are hosting a campaign, beginning on Giving Tuesday, December 3, that will run through January 6. Our goal is to raise \$800,000. A group of generous donors have pledged to match all donations, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$400,000. With your help we hope to reach our goal again this year. This will allow us to complete the steel framing (Phase 1) and pour the foundation slab and floors (Phase 2).

Raising the funds to complete a project of this magnitude requires confidence in God and the help of friends and benefactors. Your participation, no matter how large or small, is vital to the future of our Congregation and is a pledge of your belief in the need for religious Sisters in the Church and in our country. In return, be assured that we remember all our benefactors in our daily prayers, especially our Rosary, and in our sacrifices. In the words of St. John Bosco, "We shall always pray that God may abundantly bless those who have been so good to us."

In the Sacred Heart,

Mother Mary Bosco, F.M.

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The Sisters visited the new well site during the final stage while the well driller performed a bail test.



Earlier this year, an excavation company worked with us to widen the entrance that will be used as a construction access point.



At the end of the summer, a surveyor took the final topographical measurements needed to complete our drainage and grading plans.

*You Can Make a Difference
Your generosity makes it possible for us to spread
the love of the Sacred Heart throughout the world.*



Ways to Donate to the Sisters



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