

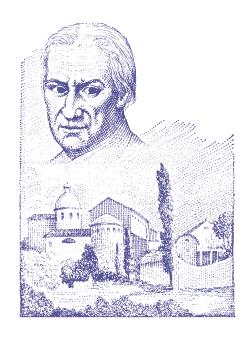
## Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light

The Diamond Jubilee Gala Capital Campaign October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025



#### ST PAUL OF THE CROSS

St. Paul of the Cross (1694–1775) was the founder of the Passionist Community, a Catholic religious order dedicated to preaching the Passion of Christ and living a life of deep prayer, penance, and missionary zeal. He emphasized the transformative power of Christ's suffering and sought to inspire devotion to the Passion as a means of spiritual renewal and salvation. His life was marked by profound mystical experiences and a fervent commitment to spreading God's love through the Cross.



"The world lives unmindful of the sufferings of Jesus, which are the miracle of miracles of the love of God." -- Saint Paul of the Cross



#### **Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center**

has been a sacred refuge for thousands over the past 75 years, providing a place of grace where people encounter God, find renewal, and experience the transformative power of spiritual retreats. As we celebrate this **Diamond Jubilee**, we invite you to be part of a



legacy that will continue to shine for generations to come.

This milestone is not just a celebration of the past—it is a commitment to the future. Our goal for the 75th Jubilee Gala Capital Campaign is to ensure that Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center remains a place of hospitality, prayer, healing, and spiritual growth for all who seek refuge in its sacred space.

#### **Why This Matters**

Our Retreat Center is at a **pivotal moment** in our history. Increased demand for retreats and aging facilities present both a challenge and an opportunity.

As we look to the future, we recognize that there are key areas within the retreat center ministry that require more of an investment to sustain and enhance the mission of **Christ** the **King Passionist Retreat Center**. The current campaign will address the **critical infrastructure improvements and the ministry growth initiatives** allowing us to serve even more people. Your generosity will **help secure the next 75 years** of spiritual renewal by supporting essential projects and scholarships, for all.





"As I pondered this question, the message from Matthew 25 came to mind. My experience of the Retreat was a reflection of the words of that passage, "I was hungry.... I was fed by the teaching, I was thirsty.... my thirst was quenched by the Good News, I was a stranger.... a community of the faithful welcomed me and affirmed my Faith." I will never be the same and I am grateful!" -- Mary Myrick

#### Our Vision: Sustaining a Place of Spiritual Renewal

Guided by our Catholic faith and the needs of our community, our vision includes:

- Addressing critical infrastructure needs to ensure our Retreat Center remains a place of beauty, peace, and welcome.
- Ensuring no one is turned away due to financial hardship by providing scholarships to those in need.
- Investing in sustainable resources to continue offering transformative retreats for decades to come.



"The passion of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also an ocean of love. Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this ocean. Dive into its depths. No matter how deep you go, you will never reach the bottom." -- Saint Paul of the Cross







# Our Goal: \$1,500,000 to Sustain Our Mission

With your generous partnership, we will achieve these essential objectives:

- Invest \$600,000 in Infrastructure Improvements Addressing urgent repairs and creating an environment that fosters prayer and reflection.
- Allocate \$500,000 for Retreat Scholarships Expanding access to retreats for those seeking hope and healing, especially seniors, young adults, and those in financial need.
- **Providing \$400,000 as a Sustainability Investment** Ongoing operations for the future of the center.

The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love.

--Saint Paul of the Cross

#### The Need: Why Now?

To continue offering a space where people encounter God, **we must respond** with boldness and faith. Through this campaign, we seek to expand:



### Ministry Growth & Scholarship Funding

Access to spiritual retreats for: \$500,000

- Young Adult & Married Couples Ministries, Confirmation Retreats
- Passionist Retreat Programs (Keeping them affordable for all attendees).
- Retreats and Programs for the Hispanic Catholic Community
- Retreats for people in Recovery

#### **Sustainability Investments**

Ongoing operations: \$400,000

• Investment in retreatant outreach, technological support and social outreach, staff development, and supporting the local Passionist Community.

#### **Infrastructure**

- Further Kitchen Enhancements: \$40,000 New Stoves, Ovens, Hoods, Salad Bar and Installation
- Laundry Room Build-Out for Holy Cross Building (Third Floor): \$40,000 Expanding facilities for better retreat center operations.
- Lighting for Stations of the Cross and Walkway: \$42,000 Providing illumination for prayerful reflection in the evenings
- Gate for the Retreat Center, Security Cameras and Parking Lighting: \$8,000 Enhancing security and welcoming aesthetics.
- Solar Panels for the Chapel and Holy Cross Buildings: \$315,000 Reducing energy costs and embracing environmental stewardship.
- Gazebos with Seating & Fire Pits: \$30,000 Creating sacred gathering spaces for high school retreats, young adults, and families.
- Retiring the Loan from New AC/Heating for the Retreat Center: \$125,000







#### **Ways to Give:**

- One-Time Gifts Make a direct impact with a generous contribution.
- **Pledged Commitments** Spread your gift over time with a three-year pledge.
- Legacy Giving Leave a lasting legacy through planned giving options.

#### **Naming Opportunities:**

Scholarships for Retreats: \$500,000

**Chapel Building Solar Panels: \$315,000** 

Gazebo: \$30,000

**Laundry Room: \$40,000** 

Lighting for Stations of the Cross and Walkway: \$42,000

Front Gate, Security Cameras and Parking Lot Lights: \$8,000







#### Join Us Today

Through prayer, generosity, and faith, we can respond to God's call to renew and sustain our Retreat Center. Join us in this transformative journey and help us secure our sacred space for generations to come!

Together, let us renew our sacred space and sustain the mission for the future.

🎇 Join us in making our vision a reality! 🎇

For more information on how to contribute, sponsor a project, or participate in the Gala, please contact:

& Sandra Gill in the Development Office at 916-725-4720, Ext. 302 or <a href="mailto:sgill@passionist.org">sgill@passionist.org</a>



#### Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits:

St. Paul of the Cross

One premier table

· Sponsor: Bishop & Provincial

\$250,000

St. Gabriel Possenti

· One premier table

\$100,000

· Sponsor: 5 religious

St. Gemma Galgani

\$50,000

· One premier table

St. Vincent Strambi

· Two tickets

\$25,000

St. Maria Goretti

· Two tickets

\$10,000

Bl. Dominic Barberi

Two tickets

\$5,000









**Some completed projects**: Station of the Cross pathway fixed, La Casa upgraded and refurbished, and emergency exit installed for the dining room.

"The bereavement retreat helped me realize that getting better is not what the outcome is from grief. What happens is we become more acceptable, more loving, more caring of ourselves and others. Therefore, we have an opportunity to have a more fulfilling and meaningful life." -- Peggy M.





"Having experienced the beauty and faith sharing at Christ the King, the retreat was a meaningful experience. The theme—<u>The Hope We Seek to Create</u>—was powerfully conveyed through talks, meditations, and music. In these perilous times, it was a gift to reflect on who we are, celebrate God's presence in all, and renew our belief in the road to Glory. Quiet time with the Lord is always a blessing—however He comes to you. Give any Christ the King program a chance—you'll be glad you did." Anonymous





### "May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts"



#### **Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center**

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