



Shrine Mont Annual Report – October 19, 2017

Shrine Mont expects to have hosted over 13,000 guests and 845 campers and staff during the 2017 season, which ends on November 4, 2017.

Some highlights from 2017:

- 88 parishes from the Diocese held 95 retreats for families, youth, men, women, young adults, vestries and confirmations.
- Over 400 Diocese of Virginia middle and high school students participated in Parish Youth Ministry weekends.
- Bishop Shannon hosted the Annual Spring Conference for Clergy, Lay Professionals and their Spouses in May and The Annual Fall Clergy Retreat in October.
- Shrine Mont hosted two retreats for the Deacons of the Diocese of Virginia
- The Region Presidents held their retreat at Shrine Mont
- The Diocese of Virginia Family camp met for the 65th year with over 100 participants
- Thirty Pilgrims from Liverpool and the Diocese of Virginia came to Shrine Mont as part of their Pilgrimage.
- Shrine Mont hosted a number of nonprofit conferences, a corporate retreat, and school board meetings
- Shrine Mont rented four cottages during the winter months of 2016/17 with 80% occupancy. Meade Cottage will be added to the winter rental pool in 2017/18.
- 125 volunteers attended our Annual Work Weekend providing Shrine Mont an invaluable service in preparing to open for the season.
- 15 parishes from outside the diocese held retreats at Shrine Mont including new parishes from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and the Diocese of Southern Virginia.
- Shrine Mont hosted the following programs: Women's Retreat, Writing Retreat, Painting Creation Workshop, Summer Camp for Grownups, Arranging for the Joy of It, two Digital Photography Workshops, and a Hike & Bike. A new yoga retreat was added this year
- The annual Bishop's Jubilee was held the weekend of July 7-9.
- The Gourmet Dinner and Wine Tasting was a success and raised funds for Shrine Mont.
- The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston presided over the 92nd anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration and the dedication of Hazel's Hearth on August 6.
- Nearly 70 golfers joined Bishop Jones for the Tee with the Bishop Golf Tournament, which raised in excess of \$17,000 for Shrine Mont.
- St. Stephen's & St. Agnes cross country team came to Shrine Mont for pre-season training. St. Stephens & St. Agnes also brought their senior class for its annual retreat.
- The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival held its 55th season with nearly 6,000 attendees. For the second year, Shrine Mont and the SVMF partnered to sell packages with concert tickets and overnight accommodations and 392 people took advantage of this offer.
- More than 15 art groups met for workshops and retreats.
- The marching bands from Oakton and Fairfax High Schools returned for their annual band camps in August as did the planning committee for the Fall Church High School Band Alumni and the Robinson High School Band Alumni.
- Community partnerships included hosting the West Shenandoah Ruritan Club and the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department Leadership Camp.
- Shrine Mont hosted the Broadway High School football camp.
- The Cathedral Shrine hosted four weddings, three baptismal services, and two funerals.



Giving to Shrine Mont continues to grow both in annual donations to support our operations and for major projects. In 2017 annual giving is expected to once again surpass 7% of Shrine Mont's operating budget. As a result, Shrine Mont rates continue to be held steady for double occupancy and only slightly increased in other areas. In early 2017 Shrine Mont received a \$100,000 gift to go to the Shrine Mont endowment for maintaining and/or establishing gardens at the Shrine Mont or alternatively for any land or forest management expenses associated with the Thousand Acre Woods.

The Shout It from the Mountain capital campaign surpassed its \$2.5 stretch goal. As a result Shrine Mont will use "Stretch goal" funds to renovate Vienna cottage in the 2017/18 off-season. In addition the Diocese of Virginia gave out over 140 camp scholarships this past summer.

In 2018 Shrine Mont will undertake the following projects in addition to the normal repairs and upkeep of the property:

- A complete renovation of Vienna Cottage
- Paint the roofs of the VA House, PA House and MD House
- Replace bathroom floors in the second floor of Maryland House
- Complete the replacement of plumbing in the Pennsylvania House first floor
- Make improvements to bathrooms of Warner Cottage

Other Shrine Mont news

- Shrine Mont completely updated its website, www.shrinemont.com.
- In 2017 Lisa Lettau of Holy Comforter, Richmond joined the Shrine Mont board of directors
- At the end of 2017 Brian Bonnet and Alexander MacPhail will step down from Shrine Mont's board of directors. Shrine Mont is deeply appreciative of Brian and Alexanders leadership over the past six year.

Shrine Mont would like to thank the Shrine Mont Board of Directors, the diocesan staff, our Shrine Mont Staff and all of our guests and donors for their hard work and efforts to continue to make Shrine Mont *"A place apart."*

We are looking forward to another great season in 2018 and hope that every member of the Diocese will spend some time with us.

Submitted by:

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