



Shrine Mont Annual Report – October 26, 2021

Shrine Mont is a conference and retreat center serving the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. At our heart is the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the cathedral of the diocese with public services held at 11:00 on Sundays in the spring, summer and fall. During the course of our season, we welcome parish retreats, family reunions, a vast array of conferences and meetings, and the diocesan summer camp program.

Shrine Mont is located on 1,200 acres of forest in the historic resort town of Orkney Springs, VA fifteen miles west of I81 between Winchester and Harrisonburg. Part of our facility is a renovated nineteenth century resort that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Accommodations vary from hotel style rooms to cottages for families or small groups. Recreation activities include swimming, tennis, hiking, sports activities, volleyball, shuffleboard, Bocce, hayrides and camp fires. Golf and other recreation are available at the nearby Bryce resort.

In a typical year, Shrine Mont will host over 13,000 guests and 700 campers and staff during our season, which starts in mid-April and ends in early November.

The 2021 season was another challenging time for Shrine Mont, but much better than 2020. Shrine Mont opened in mid-April and held three volunteer work weekends with smaller, safer groups helping to prepare the facility by raking and cleaning up after the winter. Shrine Mont continues to be thankful to those who help with this effort.

In summary Shrine Mont expects to welcome approximately 6,100 people by the end of our season on November 7, 2021. We anticipate total revenues from boarding and lodging to be 50% of what was earned annually before the pandemic.

- 53 diocesan parishes
- 5 diocesan conferences
- 25 non-diocesan parishes
- 5 non-diocesan conferences and meetings
- 400 diocesan campers and staff
- 19 Shrine Mont sponsored programs serving 325 people
- Over 400 overnight packages with the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival
- 4 church school meetings
- 14 arts groups

In 2021 Shrine Mont opened Spring Mountain Lodge, a 5 unit facility housing individuals and small families. There are two studio and three two-bedroom units. Each unit has a kitchenette and is available to rent in the winter.

Shrine Mont is deeply appreciative of the generous giving from families, individuals and parishes. In 2020, Shrine Mont saw donations surge threefold over 2019 with twice the number of donors. Giving in 2021 is on track for the same fundraising success to provide Shrine Mont with critical resources in a challenging year.



In 2025, Shrine Mont will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration. The Shrine Mont leadership is working with the Board of Directors and the bishop to plan and celebrate this important occasion.

In 2021 Shrine Mont welcomed Mr. Ben Emerson of Richmond and Ms. Hattie Gawande of Raleigh, NC to the Board of Directors. We are deeply appreciative of the hard work and leadership provided by Mr. Gary Shook, Ms. Mitzi van der Veer and The Rev. Daniel Velez-Rivera who will be stepping off the board at the end of the year.