



Shrine Mont Annual Report – October 17, 2018

Shrine Mont expects to have hosted over 13,000 guests and 780 campers and staff during the 2018 season, which ends on November 4, 2018.

Some highlights from 2018:

- 89 parishes from the Diocese held 95 retreats for families, youth, men, women, young adults, vestries and confirmations.
- Over 440 Diocese of Virginia middle and high school students participated in Parish Youth Ministry weekends.
- Bishop Shannon hosted the Annual Spring Clergy Retreat in May and The Annual Fall Conference for Clergy, Lay Professionals and their Spouses in October. Additionally Shrine Mont hosted the Deacons of the Diocese of Virginia, the Region Presidents, the Fresh Start Conference, The Commission on the Ministry, and the Young Priest Initiative.
- The Diocese of Virginia Family camp met for the 66th year with 83 participants.
- Shrine Mont hosted nonprofit conferences, a corporate retreat, and local school board meetings.
- Shrine Mont rented five cottages during the winter months of 2017/18 with 76% occupancy. Vienna Cottage will be added to the winter rental pool in 2018/19.
- Due to the threat of snow, Shrine Mont cancelled our annual volunteer work weekend. However, 30 volunteers came to Shrine Mont in the spring to help rake leaves and do other projects.
- 32 parishes from outside the diocese/denomination held retreats at Shrine Mont including five parishes from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.
- Adventure Enablers held their Shenandoah Tough endurance race with Shrine Mont as the host facility.
- Shrine Mont hosted the following programs: Women's Retreat, Painting Creation Workshop, Summer Camp for Grownups, two Arranging for the Joy of It retreats, two Digital Photography Workshops and two yoga retreats.
- The annual Bishop's Jubilee was held the weekend of July 6-8.
- The Gourmet Dinner and Wine Tasting was a success and raised funds for Shrine Mont.
- The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston presided over the 93rd anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration August 5.
- After being postponed by rain, over 50 golfers joined Bishop Jones for the 20th annual Tee with the Bishop Golf Tournament, which raised in excess of \$18,000 for Shrine Mont.
- Shrine Mont hosted eight school groups including St. Stephens and St. Agnes School and the Episcopal High School during our season for senior retreats, band camps, cross country and football preseason training.
- In a partnership with Tesla, Shrine Mont installed three Tesla electronic vehicle charging stations and one universal electronic vehicle charging station available to both Shrine Mont and non-Shrine Mont guests.
- Resurfaced the tennis courts to include pickle ball lines.
- Shrine Mont installed a fiber optic network and enhanced wi-fi in the Virginia House and Brown Hall
- The Vienna cottage was completely renovated with the addition of two bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms and a fire place. Vienna has new heat and air conditioning and will be available in the winter months. During the summer, Vienna serves as the headquarters of the Shrine Mont Camps.
- The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival held its 56th season with nearly 9,000 attendees. For the third year, Shrine Mont and the SVMF partnered to sell packages with concert tickets and overnight accommodations and 421 people took advantage of this offer.
- The Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers board and visioning committee held their bi-annual meeting at Shrine Mont.
- More than 15 art groups met for workshops and retreats.



- Community partnerships included hosting the West Shenandoah Ruritan Club and the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department Leadership Camp, Basye Bryce Mountain Lions Club
- The Cathedral Shrine hosted seven weddings, thirteen baptisms, two confirmations, and three funerals.

Giving to Shrine Mont continues to grow both in annual donations to support our operations and for major projects. In 2018 annual giving is expected to once again surpass 7% of Shrine Mont's operating budget. There are now 35 individuals who have included Shrine Mont in their estate plans and are part of our Transfiguration Society. Shrine Mont is deeply thankful for the generosity of those who support our work.

In 2019 Shrine Mont will undertake the following projects in addition to the normal repairs and upkeep of the property:

- Begin renovation of the Rec Hall
- Replace the steps into Harrison Cottage
- Repair windows in Scott Cottage
- Update the bathrooms in the VA House
- Continue infrastructure updates
- Complete painting the roofs of the VA House and MD House
- Make improvements to bathrooms of Warner Cottage

Other Shrine Mont news

- In 2018 Mary Beth Clarke of St. George's, Arlington and Tom Baker of St. James's, Richmond joined the Shrine Mont board of directors.
- At the end of 2018 Marnie Sarver and David Penrod will step down from Shrine Mont's board of directors. Shrine Mont is deeply appreciative of Marnie and David's leadership over the past six years.

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 2019 and hope that every member of the diocese will spend some time with us.

Submitted by:

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