



Legacy Society

GETTING TO KNOW:

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The Basilica Landmark was founded as a non-religious 501(c)3 organization separate from the Basilica of Saint Mary in 1993, when years of deferred maintenance threatened the destruction of The Basilica.

Its mission is to preserve, restore and advance the historic Basilica of Saint Mary for all generations.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society, originally known as the Heritage Society is an honorary recognition society for those who have informed us of their legacy gift, whether it comes through a Will or Trust, as a beneficiary of a retirement account such as a 401k, IRA, insurance policy or real estate. Members are honored each year in November at a celebratory brunch thanking them for their generosity. Deceased members are specially remembered each year as their names are read aloud at the brunch.

PRESERVATION PROJECTS

Our 100+-year-old building and campus require preventative maintenance and capital improvements to ensure on-going stability. The Basilica Landmark Board of Directors has a Facilities Committee which continually updates the restoration plan for the church, Reardon Rectory, Basilica School building, Cowley Center and grounds

LEGACY PROJECTS

- Restored the Narthex and Sacristy
- Resorted the original bronze and leather doors
- Built a four-story elevator tower on the Reardon Rectory
- Renovation of the Reardon Rectory 4th floor to offices, art and archival storage, installation of efficient central air, and sprinkler system throughout the Rectory
- Restoration of the Sacristy stained glass windows
- Replacing the 1913 steam heating system in the church and school with a highly efficient hot water system
- Removing insulation from the church roof
- Addition of a storage facility for grounds equipment
- Addition of ADA accessibility points throughout the campus
- Lower level kitchen update and renovation
- Lower level electrical and lighting updates
- Cowley parking lot: repaving and line striping
- Rectory garage: new frame and door
- West side sidewalk: cleaning and repairs next to highway sound wall
- Church sound system: new sound board and equipment updates
- Interior dome lighting updated to LED

WHAT IS LEFT TO DO?

With a 100+-year-old building there is no end to projects that need attention. Priorities in 2019 include:

- Tuck-pointing the East and West portico of The Basilica
- Restoration of The Basilica School South Entrance
- Campus Master Planning

WHERE DOES FUNDING COME FROM?

Funds for The Basilica Landmark's preservation and restoration work come from these sources:

- The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund
- Landmark Live, The Landmark annual gala held each spring
- The Basilica Block Party (95% of proceeds go to preservation; 5% go to The Basilica's Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach Ministry)
- The Basilica Landmark Legacy Society

WHO OVERSEES LANDMARK FUNDS?

The Basilica Landmark has an independent Board of Directors which is responsible for its funds. Members include parishioners and friends, as well as The Basilica's Trustees, Pastor, John Bauer, and Managing Director, Terri Ashmore.

WHY IS PRESERVATION IMPORTANT?

When she worked hard to save New York's Grand Central Station, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis wrote, "If we don't care about our past, we cannot hope for the future." The Basilica of Saint Mary's history is entwined with that of our community. It's the place people come in times of tragedy, like 9/11/01 or the collapse of the I-35W Bridge. It's the place we gather in times of celebration, like VJ Day at the end of World War II. It's the place we mourn for deceased public figures from Rudy Perpich to Carl Pohlad, and for our own beloved dead. It's the place of joy for baptisms, marriages, First Eucharists and Confirmations. It's a stunning venue for concerts and art exhibits, many free to the public. It's the place many people come who would otherwise never go into a church. It's a stunningly beautiful architectural masterpiece still flourishing on the city skyline.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY ROLE

When you make a legacy gift, you play a special role for The Basilica Landmark. Your gift will help ensure that our historic church will be here for generations to come; **If you have already remember The Basilica Landmark in your estate planning please let us know so we can thank you and celebrate your generosity.**

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

Please make sure that your beneficiary is The Basilica Landmark, Tax ID #41-1754864.



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