



BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

A CAMPAIGN FOR ST. MARY'S ABBEY

"I pray that Delbarton School will be a force for the intellectual and moral development of young men, and that this Abbey Church and the monks of this monastery who worship here will continue to nurture the Delbarton community with their work and prayer."

Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien, O.S.B., who founded Delbarton School in 1939 and spearheaded the building of the Abbey Church and "new" monastery in 1966, offered those sentiments while walking through the newly completed Abbey Church in 1966, one year before his death. Fifty years later, all who know the School and the Abbey would agree that Abbot Patrick's prayer is being answered.



Delbarton School's success and distinctive Benedictine brand of Catholic education has always relied upon the values and energy of the Benedictine monks of St. Mary's Abbey. Indeed, they are the School's living legacy.

To ensure that St. Mary's Abbey remains vibrant and financially secure, the Abbey is undertaking a comprehensive effort that will seek philanthropic support to secure funding for much needed capital improvements in the monastery's buildings.



THE MONKS OF ST. MARY'S ABBEY SECURING THEIR FUTURE

Delbarton School owes a great debt to the Benedictine monks of St. Mary's Abbey. Their hard work and "can do" attitude helped the School persevere in the face of early adversity, and the Benedictine values of prayer and work that they modeled made Delbarton what it is today.

In many respects, the monks were Delbarton's "living endowment" for the first several decades of the School's history. Until fairly recently, Benedictines employed at Delbarton School took a reduced salary when compared to that earned by similarly qualified lay teachers, in an effort to keep Delbarton accessible to students from every economic background.

Today, the monks continue as the guarantors of Delbarton's Benedictine and Catholic identity and mission, through the daily witness of their prayer and community life and their work as teachers and administrators at Delbarton. To preserve and celebrate this legacy, St. Mary's Abbey must remain a healthy and financially secure community, able to meet the housing and health care needs of its aging monks, as well as the religious and educational aspirations of the younger ones.



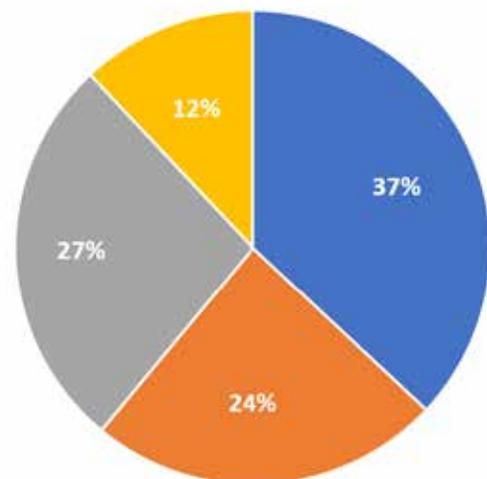
New men continue to join St. Mary's Abbey (four in the past six years), and their needs for suitable housing, formation and advanced education are also critical to the community's vitality today and in the future.

In addition, as monks become fully or semi-retired, the Abbey must grow its endowment and other sources of income to compensate for the diminishing sources of revenue from earned income.

Currently, St. Mary's Abbey relies upon four main sources of revenue. The largest percentage of its income is derived from salaries earned by Benedictines at Delbarton School and from the pastoral work of the monks in area parishes, convents, and the Abbey Retreat Center.

At the same time, some of the Abbey's largest expense categories are fixed costs that do not change much relative to the size of the monastic community. Moreover, these expense items will continue to grow as the monks get older.

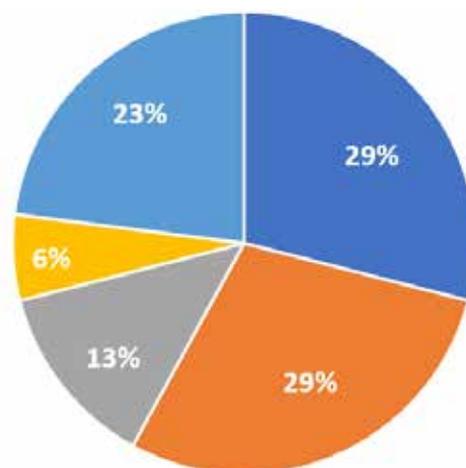
PRIMARY ABBEY REVENUE CATEGORIES



■ Earned Income ■ Rentals & Services
■ Investment Income ■ Other Income

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| Community Census | 31 |
| Average Age | 70 |
| Median Age | 74 |
| Monks over 70 | 19 (63%) |
| Monks Employed at Delbarton | 7 (25%) |
| Newly Ordained Priests (2017) | 2 |
| Candidates in Formation (2017) | 2 |
| Fully Retired Monks | 9 (28%) |

PRIMARY ABBEY EXPENSE CATEGORIES



■ Insurance, Benefits, Etc.
■ General Admin. & Fees
■ Plant
■ Depreciation
■ OSB Expenses (Food, Medical, Education)

The Campaign will seek community support for much needed improvements to the Abbey's physical plant. Based on the findings from a 2013 campus-wide facilities assessment, by the Stone House Group, the Campaign seeks to address capital improvements for the monks that fall into the following categories:

ASSISTED LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Many of the older monks do not need nursing care, but do need various forms of "assisted living" accommodations, such as wheel-chair accessible and secure entrances, larger living spaces, individual bathrooms with wider doorways and handrails.

The "Old Monastery" (Vincent House) was renovated after a fire in 1975, but is still not wheelchair accessible and the room configurations are burdensome for those monks with limited mobility.



HEALTHCARE

As the monastic community has aged, demands on the Abbey Infirmary have increased significantly. There are six patient rooms in the infirmary, and all of them have permanent residents who require specialized care around the clock. As a result of heavy use, the infirmary furniture, beds, and wheelchairs need replacement.

MONASTERY BUILDING MODERNIZATION

Both monastery buildings need significant upgrades to their heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. Both still have single-paned windows and limited insulation. In addition, much of the furniture in the bedrooms and common areas is more than fifty years old and needs to be replaced.



THE ABBEY CHURCH

In 2016, the Abbey Church celebrated its 50th birthday. While the building remains in excellent condition, some repairs are needed, most especially a new roof. In addition, two entrances need to be improved to make them wheelchair accessible.

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Seventy-five years ago, a group of young Benedictine monks banded together to create a school with a culture reflecting their monastic and Catholic values.

Fifty years ago, in order to enhance preparation for their work and prayer for the Church and Delbarton School, the St. Mary's Abbey community completed construction of the Abbey Church and the new monastery complex. The School and Abbey community continue to honor and share the vision of those men who dreamed big in 1939 and 1966.

As St. Mary's Abbey and Delbarton School embark upon the next chapter in their history, they must ensure that the monastic community remains a vibrant and integral part of the Delbarton experience. The generosity of our School and Abbey friends in the past encourages us to ask again. We thank you in advance for your prayers and financial assistance at whatever level you find possible. We welcome you to join us in our work of fulfilling Abbot Patrick's dream.

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