

Dedicated **TO MISSION**

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Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood

...from every **tribe** and **tongue**, **people** and **nation** (Revelation 5:9)

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OUR SPIRIT & SERVICE

In 1885 the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood were founded in South Africa by a Trappist Abbot. Later in 1925 sisters from Germany came to Princeton, NJ. In 1952, due to growing numbers and needs, the motherhouse, Precious Blood Convent, was relocated to Reading, PA. Since that time the sisters have been instrumental in providing leadership to initiatives that impact eastern PA, and mission abroad. The sisters approach to mission is not as settlers but as pioneers. Their dedication to mission is evident in the following list of accomplishments.



1961 Bishop McShea gave the Sisters the responsibility to run the newly established **Holy Family Manor** nursing and rehabilitation center in Bethlehem, PA.

1968 The Sisters established a neighborhood community center in Reading, known as **Kennedy House**.

1976 The Sisters opened the original **Mariawald** as a Renewal Center on the Convent Property

1981 Bishop McShea, with the assistance of the Sisters, established the **Holy Family Villa**, a retirement home for priests in Bethlehem, PA.

1982 The Sisters recognized a unique opportunity to service children with special needs, and founded the **John Paul II School for Special Learning** at the St. Cyril and Methodius Parochial School in Reading. The school has moved and is now located on property next to the motherhouse.

1991 Dayspring Homes was founded in Reading, PA in response to older parents who were desperately looking for a place for their special needs sons and daughters. They wanted to die in peace knowing their loved one would be cared for in a Christian based environment. With the encouragement of Bishop Welsh, and thanks to Fr. Thomas Edwards, the Sisters were able to open the first home.



*Our mission is the Kingdom of
God which has no boundaries.*

2023 The community of sisters determined that there was a regional need for an expanded **Spiritual Renewal Center**.



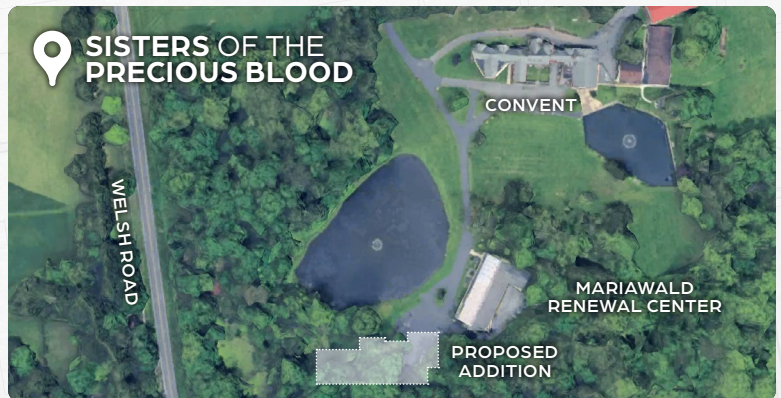
We are pleased to announce that the cost of the facility, furnishings, and fixtures is **\$3.6 million**, and a leadership gift of **\$3 million** has been received.

With your help and support we will raise the remaining **\$600,000** over the next three years.

The current Mariawald Center is fully utilized throughout the year. Numerous groups cannot be accommodated due to group size or because the facility is not available. The newly proposed Renewal center will be located adjacent to the current building and will address several needs:

- **23 guest rooms with private bathrooms**
- **a chapel with 9 stained glass windows**
- **large conference room for group presentations**
- **full service kitchen and dining room**
- **a pastor's suite**
- **three private spiritual direction rooms**
- **fully accessible and including an elevator**

The Mariawald Renewal Center is situated on 90 acres of beautiful rural woodland in Berks County. With 2 ponds, walking trails, and a grotto, it is hard to believe that the city is less than a mile away.



Help Us REACH OUR GOAL

We need your help and support to complete our goal to raise the remaining \$600,000. Please consider giving a gift at one of the levels below to help bring the new Renewal Center to life.

NAMED GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

- + Chapel - **\$50,000**
- + Altar Area - **\$35,000**
- + Dining Room - **\$35,000**
- + Conference Room - **\$25,000**
- + Gathering Space (2) - **\$12,500**
- + Stained Glass Windows (9) - **\$10,000**
- + Pastors Suite - **\$10,000**
- + Guest Rooms (23) - **\$7,500**
- + Spiritual Direction Rooms (3) - **\$5,000**

All donors of \$1,000 and above will also be listed on the Precious Blood Recognition plaque to be placed in the Renewal Center.

By laying a strong foundation and ensuring the sustainability of the work, we enable future partners to carry the torch forward, expanding and enhancing the mission. This forward-thinking mindset is truly our vision and mission.



Be a part of our vision and mission!

I am deeply pleased to hear of the generous support that you have received from the Catholic community. It is my fervent hope and prayer that this new addition will lead to ever great spiritual renewal for all those who seek solace on your holy grounds.

Most Reverend, Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown



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