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RETREAT AND EDUCATION CENTER



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Shrine to the Holy Family
completed October 2010

THE HISTORY

Eleanor Meier was a person who trusted God as she faced life's challenges with serenity, and she wished to help others do the same. Hearing about the dream of St. Josemaria Escriva to build a Shrine to the Holy Family in the United States, Eleanor, supported by her husband, donated land for the building of a Shrine and Retreat and Education Center. The Shrine to the Holy Family was completed in October 2010 fulfilling the initial part of Eleanor's and her family's dream.

THE NEED

Pope St. John Paul II and his successors have urgently called for a new evangelization of the developed world, including the United States, to help people rediscover the joy of the Gospel message and its relevance in their daily lives. This effort must be carried out by a committed, well-formed Catholic laity and clergy who can make authentic Christian life attractive and accessible to their fellow citizens by joyfully living out the Gospel message in very real and tangible ways – being salt and light.

Pope Francis, speaking about the role of the laity in the church, put it this way: "We need well-formed lay people, animated by a sincere and clear faith, whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Christ Jesus. We need lay people with a vision of the future, not confined to the little things of life."

Recognizing these needs within our region, the Most. Rev. Robert J. Carlson, the former Archbishop of St. Louis, has commented, "The center will help men and women grow in their spiritual and human formation, encouraging them to share the Gospel with their friends, families, and colleagues."



"I talk about the interior life of ordinary Christians who habitually find themselves in the hubbub of the city, in the light of day, in the street, at work, with their families or simply relaxing; they are centered on Jesus all day long."

St. Josemaria Escriva



THE MISSION

Responding to the call for renewal, Cedar Lake Foundation's mission is to empower men, women, youth, and clergy to elevate the ordinary situations of their daily lives into encounters with God – all to the betterment of the Church and society. This mission will be realized and carried out through the Cedar Lake Retreat and Education Center, which will provide an inviting and uniquely tailored setting for practical formational programs that would cover topics such as:

- **Work and Study:** integrating the practice of the Christian faith into one's daily occupations
- **Character:** building a foundation of virtues that provides an attractive, joyful example of Christian life
- **Authentic Friendship:** spreading the faith and helping others through authentic personal friendship
- **Life of Prayer:** developing a personal relationship with God through prayer
- **Knowledge of God:** deepening one's knowledge of God, self, and Church teachings
- **Family Life:** discovering ways to strengthen one's marriage and to establish a culture in one's home that fosters living as children of God

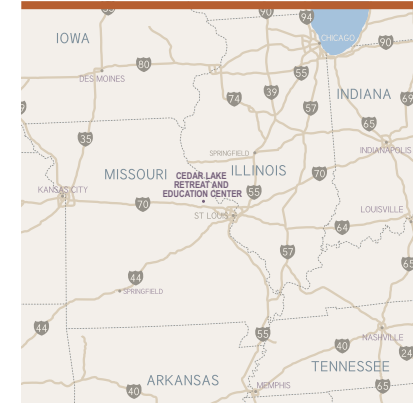
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

The Cedar Lake Campaign has a goal of \$12,000,000 to build and furnish a retreat and education center that will host practical formational programs for men, women, boys, and girls that are consistent with the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

THE LOCATION

Located on approximately 40 picturesque acres in St. Charles County, the Cedar Lake Retreat and Education Center will serve the Catholic faithful in Saint Louis and surrounding regions, as well as all those that share in the teachings of the Catholic Church. It will be open to religious, civic, educational, and professional organizations, offering a peaceful and attractive setting for hosting retreats, conferences and workshops for men and women of all ages.

The facility will include a well-decorated living room, a separate area for study and conferences, an ample dining room, and a beautifully appointed Chapel. The initial capacity of the building will be for thirty-two individuals, with private rooms and accompanying baths for overnight events.





SUPPORTING THE VISION

The Cedar Lake Foundation has assets in excess of \$3 million already in place through donations from numerous supporters. Those generous gifts have made possible the construction of the Shrine to the Holy Family that is already on the property.

SUSTAINABILITY

As part of this \$12 million campaign, a special reserve fund of \$2.5 million will ensure a smooth transition, and will ensure that the facility is maintained for the future.

CEDAR LAKE RETREAT AND EDUCATION CENTER FEATURES

- Classroom and library with WIFI for programs and study
- Comfortable living room perfect for group gatherings and socializing
- Fully equipped kitchen and dining areas staffed to serve visitors appetizing meals
- 34 private rooms with bathrooms
- Extensive walking paths and space for reflection and recreational activities
- Beautifully appointed Chapel for private and communal prayer
- Shrine to the Holy Family





Your help is needed to make Cedar Lake Retreat and Education Center a reality.

TO MAKE A GIFT

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Kirkwood MO 63122

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