

SPONSOR A ROOM CAMPAIGN

The Maria Stein Retreat House re-opened in 1999 after being closed and sold by the Sisters of the Precious Blood. It was at this time that the Retreat House became independent from the Maria Stein Shrine and established its own 501c3 non-profit status with its own board of directors and finances. Upon purchase, a campaign began for people to donate a designated amount to sponsor a bedroom or conference room in the building. Still today, as you walk through the halls you will see the names of those who donated on placards beside rooms throughout the building.

Now it is time to start to renovate those same rooms. Many of the bedrooms are in need of new mattresses and furnishings, and all of the rooms need new flooring as it is original flooring from the 1960's and is showing its age in many ways. The cost to renovate each of the 60 private bedrooms in the building is high and it can only be done with the help of our generous donors. We are hoping many of the original donors or their families and businesses will consider donating again to help renovate the room they first sponsored to help us keep the quality of the retreat house as high as possible.

A few of the things that will be done in each private bedroom include:

- A new bathroom vanity, mirror, and light fixture
- A new, taller toilet
- Update the shower by painting the tile
- LVT flooring throughout the bathroom and bedroom area
- New desk & chair
- New sitting chairs that recline
- Update paint colors with updated bedding
- New window blinds throughout the building
- New mattresses to replace those that are oldest
- New bed frames & headboards

In July, six bedrooms in the main hallway were renovated to include many of the updates listed above. In order to complete the remaining 54 rooms, the cost per room is estimated to be approximately \$2500. If you are interested in sponsoring a room that was originally in your family's name, we will place a second placard below the original with your name and the year. There are many rooms in the back hallway that never had sponsors, so for anyone who may not have originally helped, those rooms can also be sponsored at this time. If you would like to come see a room to better understand what is being done, please contact the office Monday - Friday from 8:30-4:00 to set up a time to visit. We hope you will prayerfully consider Sponsoring a Room in honor of your family, loved one, or business, and helping us with this project.

