

Annual Report

October 19, 2026

Shrine Mont is a conference and retreat center serving the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and beyond. At its heart is the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the cathedral of the Diocese, where public worship services are held at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays during the spring, summer, and fall. Throughout our season, we welcome parish retreats, family reunions, a wide variety of conferences and meetings, and the diocesan summer camp program.

Shrine Mont is situated on 1,200 acres of forest in the historic resort town of Orkney Springs, Virginia, approximately 15 miles west of Interstate 81 between Winchester and Harrisonburg. Our facilities include a restored nineteenth-century resort hotel listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Accommodations range from hotel rooms to cottages for families and small groups. Recreational opportunities include swimming, hiking, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, shuffleboard, bocce, other sports, and campfires. Golf and additional recreational activities are available at nearby Bryce Resort.

In a typical year, Shrine Mont welcomes more than 15,000 guests, along with 500 to 700 campers and staff during our season, which runs from late April through early November.

In 2025, Shrine Mont celebrated its centennial with special events throughout the year. As part of this milestone, we launched the quiet phase of the **\$15 million Living Stones Capital Campaign** to lay a foundation for our next century. Following conversations with hundreds of Shrine Mont stakeholders, we identified seven major capital projects to restore and improve our facilities, along with a goal of doubling our endowment. Earnings from the expanded endowment will help offset rising operating and maintenance costs while allowing Shrine Mont to remain affordable and welcoming to families and individuals for generations to come.

To date, more than **\$12,750,000** has been committed to the campaign through gifts, multiyear pledges, and estate commitments. Additional information is available at www.shrinemontlivingstones.org.



Shrine Mont is deeply grateful to Ben Emerson for his six years of service on our Board of Directors. His leadership, dedication, and commitment to Shrine Mont have been invaluable.

The 2026 season has been particularly successful, with a healthy mix of returning parishes and other groups, along with several new conferences and retreats.

Shrine Mont also continued its partnership with the Virginia Association of Teachers of English to host our fourth annual summer literacy camp, *Camp Curious*. This year, 28 rising third through sixth grade students from Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah counties and the City of Harrisonburg participated. These students, who face challenges with reading and writing, were referred by their school reading specialists. Thanks to the generosity of numerous donors, the camp was offered at no cost to participating families.



Other highlights of the 2026 season include:

- 85 diocesan retreats representing 77 parishes
- 4 diocesan conferences and events
- 23 parish retreats from outside the Diocese
- 10 conferences and meetings from outside the Diocese
- More than 550 diocesan campers and staff
- 15 Shrine Mont sponsored programs serving 400 participants
- More than 480 room nights booked through Shenandoah Valley Music Festival packages
- 9 school groups, including 2 schools that are members of the Church Schools of the Diocese of Virginia
- 24 arts groups
- 6 weddings
- 7 funerals
- 3 baptisms
- 8 confirmations
- 3 receptions
- 1 reaffirmation
- 385 donors contributing \$326,722 to the Annual Fund as of September 30, 2026

As Shrine Mont begins its second century, we remain committed to being a Place Apart where people of all ages can find rest, renewal, and community. We are grateful for the continued support of the Diocese, its parishes, and the many individuals and families who make this ministry possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Moomaw
Executive Director