



A Letter from
Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv.

**Announcing the Friars’
CAMPAIGN FOR CARROLLTON HALL**

Dear Friend of the Shrine,

We are nearing completion of our important historic restoration project of Carrollton Hall. You may have heard about this during one of the Masses or you came for a tour of the building this past spring. We are seeking financial support from our faithful friends and patrons to help us reach the last stretch of our fundraising goal. As you read through the pages, I hope you will be inspired to help us.

Since 1924, our Ellicott City property has served generations of Franciscans as a novitiate and house of studies, and in recent years as home to our Province headquarters and the Shrine of St. Anthony. It is now a pilgrimage site for Catholics from around the world.

Our Ellicott City campus is a great source of pride for us all. Yet, there are many challenges associated with maintaining it. We are blessed to be stewards of Carrollton Hall and its surrounding grounds that have ties to our national history. Completed in 1832, Carrollton Hall was formerly part of the property of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence.

In 2016, the Friars’ approved the restoration of Carrollton Hall to support a long-term vision as a multi-ministry site for living our Franciscan values. This is the Friars’ first-ever capital campaign and has been a major undertaking for us.

We have over \$2,800,000 in first-time commitments gratefully received from philanthropic families, foundations, congregations, civic groups and the State of Maryland as well Maryland Historic Tax Credits. We need a further \$700,000 in gifts to complete the restoration work and provide us the space to accomplish our ministries that will help us to better serve thousands of people annually.

Today, we have pilgrims coming from a four-state area and beyond. As the Shrine of St. Anthony grows – attracting close to 60,000 people a year – we face an increasing need for space for hosting groups, meetings, and retreats. **The Friars need your help to complete our campaign.** I hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this campaign with a gift that will help complete our efforts and inspire others to support it as well.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Father Michael Heine, OFM Conv.
Franciscan Friars Conventual



*Archbishop Curley and Friars
at Carrollton Hall, 1928*

About the Friars



The Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of the Angels Province (OLA) are part of the Franciscan family founded by St. Francis of Assisi eight centuries ago. The Friars live out the call to ministry in many different ways, serving the Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and across North America as pastors, educators, chaplains, and missionaries.

Today, the OLA Province numbers over 200 men in 11 states along the east coast of the USA, as well as Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Brazil, and Japan — and its headquarters is right here on Folly Quarter Road in Ellicott City.

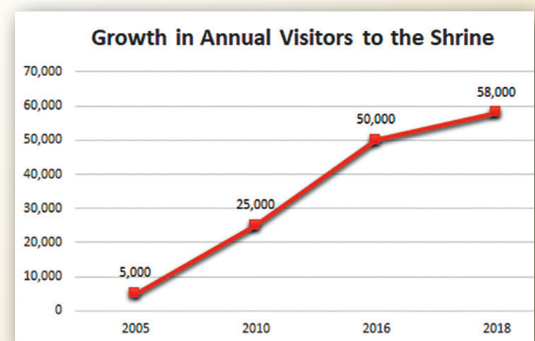
About the Shrine of St. Anthony: In 1995, the Friars received a gift of a major relic of Saint Anthony from the Friars of the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy, which began the Shrine of St. Anthony we know today. In 2005, the Shrine of St. Anthony was declared an official shrine of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



Fifteen years ago the Friars embarked on a plan to upgrade the facilities and grounds so the land might better serve the growing public of the Baltimore-Washington corridor and beyond. Today, by implementing several steps of the master plan, the OLA Province site is a thriving center of prayer, faith, and action that supports the Friars' work around the world. Friars host daily Mass at the Shrine, retreats, talks and classes, tours, meetings, dinners, concerts, and welcome pilgrims who seek peace in their busy lives.

A Lot Happens in Ellicott City! Open 365 days a year, the Friars receive close to 60,000 visitors annually with 200+ groups attending. They come for a variety of reasons:

- Shrine of St. Anthony
- Religious Gift Shop
- Daily Mass & Stations of the Cross
- Parish & Youth Ministry Retreats
- Conferences & Seminars
- Parish Meetings & Events



The Need: as demand for the site grows, the Friars need more space.

Plans to Grow Our Ministry



An Inspired History: The Friars' land was part of the historical property of Charles Carroll. One of the Founders of our nation, Charles Carroll of Carrollton was a man of great faith and patriotism. He was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. He helped draft Maryland's Declaration of Rights in 1776, and served as one of the first two US Senators from Maryland.

Significance of Carrollton Hall: In 1832, Charles Carroll built Carrollton Hall, a Greek Revival-style granite home, on a piece of his Doughoragen Manor estate known as "Folly Quarter," where the Friars live today. Designed by William Small, a protégé of Benjamin Latrobe who designed the U.S. Capitol, the historic house is on the National Register of Historical Places. Many historians consider this the most significant residence of its time of neo-classic architecture.

Meeting the Growing Needs for Space: With demand growing for the Folly Quarter site, the Friars are faced with an increasing need for space. As faithful stewards of this important piece of history for the nation, for Maryland, and for Catholics in the region, the Friars are restoring this early 19th century building; and, establishing a multi-ministry center that will extend meeting and retreat space, present exhibits, and host meetings on issues of the common good which Franciscans cherish and to which Charles Carroll devoted his life.



Our Funding Needs: The full restoration of Carrollton Hall is requiring the Friars to raise \$3,500,000 in philanthropic support. The project entails: historic restoration of the building's exterior; construction of a period-style "home chapel" including the restored Assisi Altar (early 19th century); restoration of the interior (basement, first, and second floors) and historic cupola; creation of retreat and conference center; creation of permanent and special exhibit spaces; and enhanced visitor experience spaces, including gathering areas and facilities upgrades, as well as modern restrooms and ADA compliance for public use.



Please join us and consider a gift today.

The Friars' Invitation:



Pray, Visit, Give

Join the Carrollton Hall Giving Society:

To serve the growing public of the Baltimore-Washington corridor and beyond, the Friars' ask for your help in supporting their first-ever capital campaign to reach its goal of \$3,500,000.

The Friars request your prayers, invite you to see Carrollton Hall first-hand, and ask you to consider making a gift to the Campaign for Carrollton Hall. Campaign participation is being commemorated with an inaugural Carrollton Hall Giving Society. Gifts can be structured over three years and may take the form of cash, funds from a donor advised fund, securities, property, or other assets. Special dedication opportunities are reserved for donors giving \$25,000 and above.



**Carrollton
Hall**

Carrollton Hall Giving Society Donor Recognition Levels:

*Folly Quarter Founder Level -
\$100,000+*

*Beacon Level -
\$25,000-\$99,999*

*McTavish Level -
\$10,000-\$24,999*

*Freedom Level -
\$5,000-\$9,999*

*Heritage Level -
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