



Visitation Monastery Building Task Force

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Dear Visitation Community,

As we embark upon the 147th academic year at Visitation School, we would like to provide an update regarding plans for the future use of the Monastery building. We are pleased to share that the Sisters are doing well in their new homes, and we are filled with gratitude for their continued support and guidance.

With the encouragement of the Sisters, we are beginning to utilize different spaces within the Monastery. We continue to worship in the chapel and look forward to hosting special meetings and gatherings in areas within the Monastery. We have opened the doors to guided tours to our students, faculty, staff, Board members and more than 200 alumnae. In addition to the tours, professional photos and videos have been taken to capture and preserve the physical space and grounds for important archival work.

The Board of Trustees, under the direction of the [HOPE Committee](#) (which consists of the Sisters and group of trusted friends and advisors), commissioned the Monastery Building Task Force to study possible future uses of the Monastery space. The task force members represent many constituencies such as current and past board members, staff, current and past parents and alumnae, who bring their expertise and dedication to the process. The task force has met twice monthly since last spring and is thoughtfully and intentionally considering recommendations around the space to ensure that any future use carries out the explicit wishes of the Sisters -- that it be used to further the mission of our school. We anticipate that recommendations for the space will be presented to the Sisters and the HOPE Committee early next year. Future plans for the Monastery building will not be implemented without the support and approval of the Sisters.

As the task force studies various options for the long-term use of the Monastery building, we invite you to share your thoughts and ideas. Please [click here](#) to share your thoughts.

Thank you in advance for your suggestions, and we look forward to insightful conversations. As we move forward together, we are grateful for the support of the entire Visitation community. We are committed to living out the legacy of the Sisters -- this beautiful, thriving school -- while welcoming each child, nurturing them and educating their Heart and Mind with great love.

Sincerely,

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Head of School



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