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Thank you for your support of the new St. Mary's Religious Education and Parish Life Center



Rendering of our NEW Building

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WE need more space!



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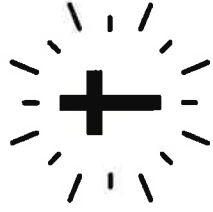
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The History of

St. Mary's Catholic Church is a story about the growth and strengthening of the Catholic Church in North Georgia. It begins about eighty years ago with the coming of industries and a few Catholic families to Toccoa, then a small rural community. In the early 1940's in Toccoa and throughout the rural South there was a social stigma for being a Roman Catholic. At that time a few devout Catholic families in Toccoa met at a parishioner home to celebrate the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. They kept the faith until they became a mission in 1954. For at least fourteen years,

Catholics in Toccoa did not have a church facility. The community became beneficiaries of a special Mother's Day collection in the Diocese earmarked for building a church in North Georgia. The church, Mary, Mother of Our Divine Savior Catholic Church became a full-fledged diocesan parish in 1964 and served Toccoa-Stephens County and the surrounding areas. They celebrated the sacraments in the small red brick building on Rothell Road for thirty-seven years, until 1991. An all-purpose building was constructed to serve as a church, living quarters for the priest and a social hall. It was furnished with chairs instead of pews.

As the parish grew, parishioners of St. Mary's saw a need for a larger hall and more space for religious education. A building development fund was started. Committees were formed during those years to study the feasibility of building a new church. The Parish Council decided in December, 1987, that the time was right after years of planning and hoping for the church to come to fruition. St. Mary Catholic church was dedicated October 6, 1991. The result is testimony to God's grace in our lives and the faithfulness of parishioners.



WHERE WILL THE NEW ST MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PARISH LIFE CENTER BE BUILT?

We will be remodeling the present St Mary's social hall for the Religious Education classrooms and building a brand-new steel structure where the current condemned rectory & religious education offices are. The rectory is full of mold and will be torn down. (see photos below)

Both new buildings will be joined by a beautiful covered walkway.

WHY DO WE NEED TO DO THIS ?

God gave us the mission to expand His presence throughout the world, this will allow us to do so in our community. As our parish family grows, so does our need for space to accommodate this growth.

The building will have to be torn down.

We need these new buildings to teach and socialize together as a church family.



YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS CRITICAL

This campaign will be successful because of our commitment, dedication and generosity of our parish family.

The same spirit of commitment and stewardship that led those first five to twelve people to being a Catholic Church in Toccoa, Georgia.

It will take all of us – the young and the young at heart, from the founding families to our newest- to build the St Mary's Religious Education and Parish Life Center.

“ Our Time Is Now, Let's Grow Together”

WE INVITE YOU TO RESPOND PRAYERFULLY IN A NUMBER OF WAYS:

- Please say **YES** to the new building for St. Mary's Catholic Church
 - Please say **YES** to being a campaign volunteer
 - Please say **YES** to bringing forth your gifts of Prayer, Service and Financial Participation

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