

HONORING OUR HISTORY...

For over three centuries, Ste. Anne Basilica has been more than just a church—it has been our spiritual home. Founded in 1701, it remains the heart of our faith community, where generations have come together in prayer, celebration, and service. As we continue the legacy built by those who came before us, our parish family fills these sacred walls with devotion, tradition, and resilience. With 675 parish families and thousands of visitors each year, Ste. Anne is not just a place of worship—it is a place where our faith is lived and shared.

... AND SECURING OUR FUTURE

As part of a groundbreaking new model, supported by the Vatican, Ste. Anne Basilica now has the resources needed to undergo a ~3-year restoration of the Basilica and the campus, in partnership with the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation’s Catholic Initiative. We will preserve the historic beauty of Ste Anne, while simultaneously ensuring its long-term sustainability. Beyond the restoration, this transformation will also strengthen Ste. Anne role as a center of faith, community, and service in Detroit. Through this partnership, we are committed to ensuring the Basilica remains a beacon of hope for generations to come.

CONSTRUCTION SCOPE

PLAZA AND OVERALL CAMPUS

- New outdoor pavilion
- Enhanced walkways, landscaping, and lighting to create a cohesive campus feel
- “World Peace” Prayer Wall for reflection
- Expanded and relocated parking lot relocated to exterior of facility

STE. ANNE BASILICA RESTORATION

- Stained glass window restoration and replacement
- Brick and facade repair
- New slate roof
- Entry way restoration and replacement
- Technological improvements
- Interior and exterior painting
- Restoration of pews, altar, and organ

OTHER BUILDINGS

Includes Rectory, Parish Hall, Wellness Center

- Structural repairs
- Optimize interior functionality in partnership with the parish leaders to enhance usage for community services, creating a vibrant and welcoming hub

FAST FACTS

Timeline: ~3 years

Start Date: Mid-2025

Operations: No expected impact to Mass schedule

THE CATHOLIC INITIATIVE MODEL

RESTORATION

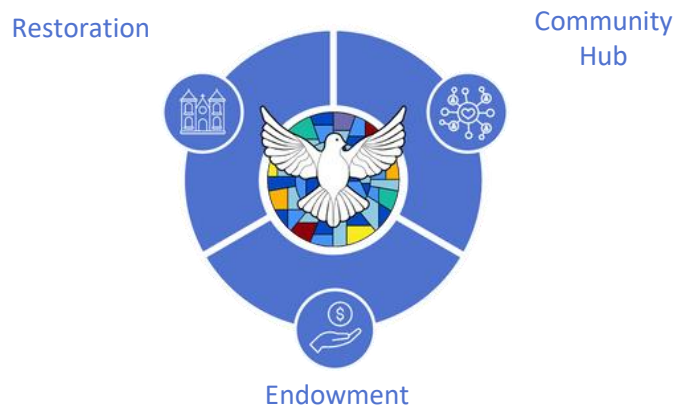
Restore the basilica and the surrounding Ste. Anne property, preserving its heritage while ensuring its sustainability and prosperity for generations to come

ENDOWMENT

Endow Ste. Anne parish with cash to meet future maintenance and operational needs, freeing up priests and church leaders to spread the Word of God

COMMUNITY HUB

Strengthen Ste. Anne role as a dynamic hub that serves and energizes the parish and surrounding community through social activities, education, youth programs, elderly outreach, and charitable services



THE RESTORATION VISION

The restoration of the Basilica is at the heart of our efforts—ensuring its stained-glass sparkles, its architectural majesty endures, and its sacred beauty is preserved for generations to come. Alongside these aesthetic enhancements, we are addressing critical infrastructure needs to guarantee long-term sustainability. As we breathe new life into this historic site, we are also thoughtfully incorporating historical artifacts and sacred objects, honoring the Basilica’s rich history while shaping its future. Beyond the Basilica itself, we are transforming Ste. Anne into a cohesive campus that fosters community and connection through a phased restoration. By creating inviting gathering spaces such as a community pavilion and surrounding plaza, we aim to establish a welcoming hub for reflection and engagement

A FOUNDATION FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL

To ensure the long-term vitality of St. Anne, the Catholic Initiative will establish an endowment dedicated to sustaining the Church’s mission and operations. Thoughtfully invested, this fund will provide financial stability, reducing the need for constant fundraising while allowing leadership to focus on serving the community. The endowment will accelerate critical maintenance projects, support new ministries, and expand programs that enrich parish life. By securing the Church’s future today, we ensure its ability to serve and inspire for years to come.

STRENGTHENING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY HUB

Ste. Anne is dedicated to enriching the lives of its parishioners and surrounding neighbors, serving as both a spiritual and community anchor. In parallel with the restoration, parish leadership will work alongside the Catholic Initiative to strengthen existing services and build new Detroit partners to expand offerings. Among these partnerships, the Foundation’s ownership of Saint John’s Resort presents a unique opportunity to enhance select community programs.

Example community hub services:

- **CARE FOR OTHERS:** immigration counseling, bereavement support groups, IDD services, offsite retreats—including those in partnership with Saint John’s Resort
- **EDUCATION:** financial literacy programs, tax assistance, mentorship & tutoring, job training completed through Saint John’s Resort
- **CELEBRATIONS:** holiday celebrations, cultural festivals, and Ste. Anne signature events like Day of the Dead and Novena
- **MUSIC & ARTS:** youth and adult choir, arts programs

Through these initiatives, Ste. Anne—working alongside Saint John’s Resort and other local partners—will continue to serve as a place of faith, support, and community engagement for generations to come.

A GROUNDBREAKING PARTNERSHIP

STE. ANNE & THE CATHOLIC INITIATIVE

The Catholic Initiative, founded by the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, is an innovative, Vatican-approved model designed to restore and elevate churches, secure their long-term financial stability, and build stronger communities of faith. Under this model, Ste. Anne will transfer church property ownership to the Catholic Initiative, ensuring that the Ste. Anne’s community retains exclusive, permanent rights for 200 years.

In addition to an investment from the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, the Catholic Initiative will lead additional fundraising efforts to restore and restore the basilica and its facilities while establishing a dedicated endowment for Ste. Anne parish to ensure lasting sustainability. Ste. Anne will be the first partnership under this groundbreaking initiative, setting the standard for similar collaborations across the country. Parishioners of Ste. Anne can take pride in being part of a historic, first-of-its-kind effort to ensure the long-term vitality of their church and others in the future.

To learn more about The Catholic Initiative, please visit our website:
thecatholicinitiative.org

QUOTES

“It’s more than a building. It’s what happens in the building.” - Monsignor Charles Kosanke

“It’s my considered opinion that without this Initiative, the Basilica de Sainte Anne would come to ruin.” - Archbishop of Detroit, Allen H. Vigneron
