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Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit

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## GREETINGS FROM DETROIT'S BASILICA

### Securing the Future of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit

On March 9, I announced at the Sunday Masses that the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit has entered a partnership with the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation. The secular and Catholic news agencies reported on the story. On March 10, we held a listening session in English and again in Spanish on March 12. This allowed parishioners to learn more information and to have the opportunity to ask questions.

Archbishop Vigneron assigned me to St. Anne Parish to restore the basilica and the community. The community has grown over 40 percent. Prayer has been an essential activity for both. After restoring the steeples and bells, I continued to fundraise.

I met with Mark Pulte to describe the project. At the same time, he was thinking of a new initiative of the Foundation. He created a public charity to raise money for the project. He wanted to develop a new model of philanthropy. This new model requires that the public charity purchase the campus (buildings and property) for \$1 and then exclusively lease it back to the parish for \$1 a year. The lease has a reverter clause that is triggered if in the future the Foundation no longer wants to own the campus. This arrangement assures multimillion dollar donors that their investment is protected. This arrangement required the approval of the Vatican. (The approval letter was dated on my birthday!) The whole process took three years. Project planning will occur in 2025. Work is expected to begin in spring of 2026 and be completed by 2029.

Funds will also be raised for an endowment to provide for maintenance and repairs in perpetuity. A third part of the partnership is to provide grants to help us to be a hub for the community.

More details about this historic partnership are on page 3.

Please be aware that our parish will continue to rely on the weekly offertory collection and donations from our many generous donors. Donations will now go entirely to support our ministries, and not to capital expenses.

I give thanks to God for using the Pulte Family to perform a miracle for us! I look forward to our buildings and property being restored and made available for the next 200 years!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Msgr. Chuck Kosanke".

Msgr. Chuck Kosanke  
Rector

## HOLY WEEK AT THE BASILICA

### HOLY THURSDAY

- Spanish Mass @ 7pm
- Altar of Repose open until midnight

### HOLY THURSDAY

#### SEVEN CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE - SELF-GUIDED TOUR

- Visit seven beautiful, historic Detroit churches on one sacred night, including the Basilica of Ste. Anne.
- More details, a program guide and a complete list of participating churches is at [ste-anne.org/events](http://ste-anne.org/events).

### GOOD FRIDAY

- Live Stations of the Cross in Spanish @ 1:00pm
- Bilingual Good Friday Liturgy with Pesame Prayer @ 3pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

- Easter Vigil Bilingual Mass @ 8:30pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

- Spanish Mass @ 10am and Easter Egg Hunt on the Plaza after Mass
- English Mass @ 12pm

More details about all our services are at [ste-anne.org/events](http://ste-anne.org/events).

## Quinceañera Retreat

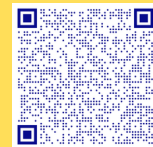
Saturday, May 3  
9am – 5pm  
Most Holy Trinity  
Catholic Academy  
1229 Labrosse Street,  
Detroit

Girls making their Quinceañera are invited to join us for a day of inspiration, friendship and fun! Our theme this year is “Burning Hearts” and we’ll talk, pray, eat, play games and listen to great presentations by dynamic speakers.

Registration is required. No cost for girls making their Quinceañera at the Basilica of Ste. Anne or Most Holy Trinity.

For more information please contact Daniel Magareno at 313-965-4450 or [Daniel.Magareno@SteAnneDetroit.org](mailto:Daniel.Magareno@SteAnneDetroit.org).

Register online at [ste-anne.org/events](http://ste-anne.org/events).



## NOVENA 2025 SCHEDULE

**We are pleased to announce our schedule for this summer’s Novena!**

One of the highlights of the year at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is Novena. This joyful event will take place from July 17-26 and is a decades-old tradition. Novena is nine days of prayer including Mass each day. Each day of prayer has a different theme associated with an ethnic group important to Detroit. On the tenth day, we celebrate the Feast of Ste. Anne. We gather to ask Ste. Anne to pray for our intentions, the intentions of our families, our city, our Archdiocese, and our world.

- Thursday, July 17 - 6:30pm - Celebration of African Culture
- Friday, July 18 - 6:30pm - Celebration of Latino Culture
- Saturday, July 19 - 4pm - Celebration of Asian Culture
- Sunday, July 20 - 12pm - Celebration of French and Native American Culture
- Monday, July 21 - 6:30pm - Celebration of Eastern European Culture
- Tuesday, July 22 - 6:30pm - Celebration of Albanian Culture
- Wednesday, July 23 - 6:30pm - Celebration of Western European Culture
- Thursday, July 24 - 6:30pm - Celebration of Chaldean Culture
- Friday, July 25 - 6:30pm - Celebration of Celtic Culture
- Saturday, July 26 - 3pm - Feast of Ste. Anne



## Basilica Sunday Mass Schedule

10am Spanish  
12pm English

Daily Mass  
schedule  
at [ste-anne.org](http://ste-anne.org)

## Transformational Partnership Between Basilica of Ste. Anne and The Catholic Initiative to Facilitate Restoration of Basilica and Create Endowment

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and The Catholic Initiative, a nonprofit created by the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, announced a transformational partnership to restore the historic Basilica and secure its future as a place of sacred worship and historic landmark in southeast Michigan.

The Catholic Initiative will embark upon a \$30 million rehabilitation of the Basilica building and property and create a \$20 million endowment to provide for future capital needs and operational support in perpetuity, including repairs, routine maintenance, and the financial support of a priest on site.

Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit Allen H. Vigneron expressed his gratitude for the partnership, a creative solution to the familiar problem of parishes struggling to maintain their historic worship spaces. "Due to the Basilica's age and significance, Ste. Anne Parish would have needed to enter a state of perpetual fundraising, often at the expense of its missionary efforts, to undertake the extensive renovations and costly maintenance work required," he said. "I am deeply grateful to the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation and The Catholic Initiative for answering the call to help preserve the Basilica and thereby strengthen the parish's ability to further its missionary presence in the community."

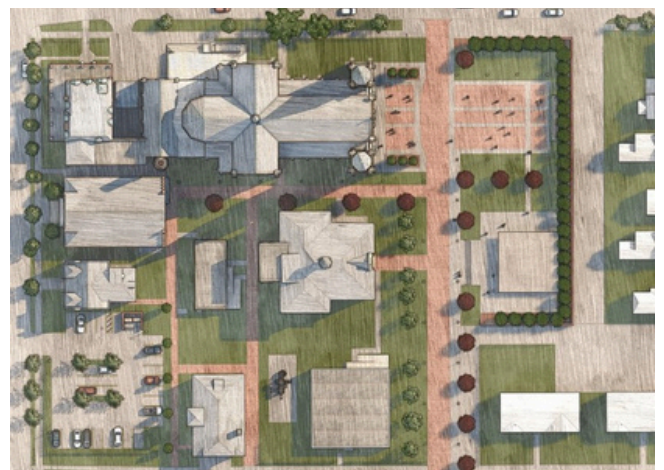
As part of this innovative Vatican-approved partnership, ownership of the church building and campus will shift to a newly formed nonprofit organization created solely for this purpose, with The Catholic Initiative assuming all responsibilities associated with restoring and maintaining the property going forward. The agreement legally ensures that the Ste. Anne Parish community retains exclusive and permanent rights to use the property as a Catholic parish, most especially the Basilica. This is expressed, in part, through a 200-year renewable lease.

"Ste. Anne is more than a building; it is a community hub, a town within a city," said Kevin Doyle, President of The Catholic Initiative and COO of the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation. "To our knowledge, this is the first time in U.S. history that the Vatican has approved a shift in ownership of a parish church to a dedicated nonprofit," Doyle continued. "We are pioneering a new model of investing in vibrant churches, schools, and parishes, securing their long-term viability and strengthening their ability to serve their communities. We hope we can shift the conversation for priests and parishioners – from one of constant fundraising to one of renewal, sustainability, and the needs of the community."

Restoration of the Basilica is expected to take three years. In addition to the complete restoration of the Basilica and parish facilities, the project will include a new outdoor pavilion, enhanced walkways, landscaping and lighting, and a prayer wall for reflection. The \$50 million restoration and endowment secure the building's preservation, but also its ongoing operational needs, freeing up priests and church leaders to focus on providing spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and fostering a sense of community among the parishioners.

Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger also expressed his enthusiastic support of the effort. "I am both honored and inspired to continue the legacy of Archbishop Vigneron's leadership through my support of this partnership between Ste. Anne Parish and The Catholic Initiative. It is a remarkable example of how creative and faithful stewardship can ensure the preservation of our sacred heritage while advancing our mission," he said.

The Catholic Initiative, launched in March by the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation, is an innovative, Vatican-approved funding model created to restore and endow vibrant Catholic churches, schools, and parishes for generations to come. The model is the first of its kind in the world in faith-based fundraising and shifts ownership of church buildings and campuses to a newly created nonprofit organization created solely for this purpose, with The Catholic Initiative assuming responsibility for renovating and maintaining the property going forward, while the parishes or schools retain exclusive and permanent rights to use the property, without risk of vital funds being redirected to other purposes. The model also creates a dedicated endowment to guarantee a reliable, steady income stream to support churches, schools, and parishes long into the future. Find out more at [www.thecatholicinitiative.org](http://www.thecatholicinitiative.org).

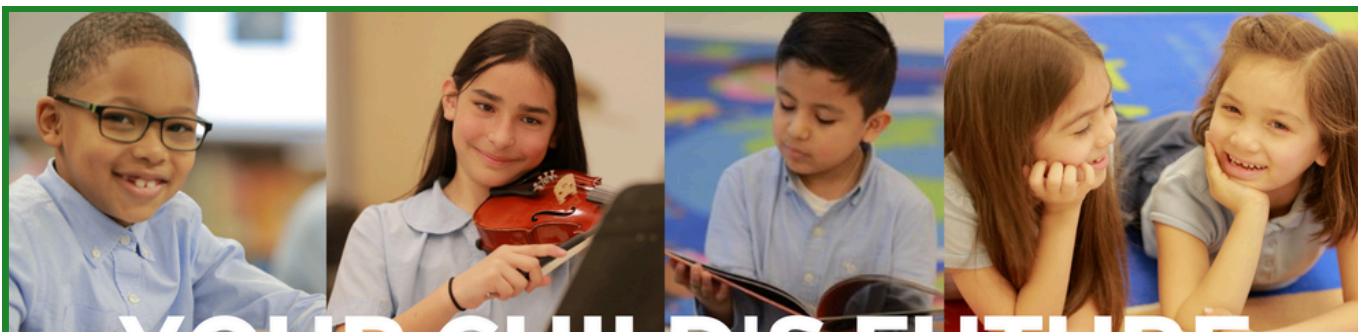




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Founded in 1701, the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit invites people of all cultures to encounter Jesus, grow in faith and form disciples. Inspired by our patroness, we provide a place for pilgrimage, formation, healing and devotion.

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