

Camp Crucis Revitalization



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Last year, the Diocese adopted a Strategic Plan to guide our investments and focus for the coming years. We have begun the execution of our plan and have leaders in place to guide our four Pillars of focus: Revitalization, Church Planting, Next Generation and Multi-Cultural Communities. To continue our planning for the future of the Diocese, we turned our attention to Camp Crucis, which is now celebrating its 75th year serving North Texas.

The Camp was identified by the Strategic Planning committee as essential to the success of each of our four pillars. Working with the Board of Managers and many Camp Crucis alumni (clergy and laity), we have embarked on a similar planning activity for Camp Crucis. For some time, we allowed the needed maintenance of Camp Crucis to be deferred due to the uncertain outcome of the lawsuit. With that behind us, the Camp Crucis Board of Managers has been working closely with the Board of Trustees to identify critical repairs and improvements that should be made as soon as possible.

As Bishop Reed has stated:

“We have a defined Strategic Plan for our Diocese after an extensive process with clergy and lay leaders. We envision Camp Crucis being an integral component in the success of the Strategic Plan and the health and growth of the Diocese. We also are in the middle of a Camp Crucis Strategic Planning process with clergy and lay leaders with a heart for the camp to redefine its future to serve the needs of the Diocese. I fully endorse these efforts. It is a very exciting time for us. All of what we are doing is for building God’s Kingdom, together for all of our clergy and laity! This is just the beginning of what we envision. I ask for your prayers for God to guide us for His ministry.”

We are excited to announce that we have agreed to make \$1 million in much-needed repairs and improvements, funded through proceeds from the sale of vacant church properties, gifts from individual donors, and a grant we hope to receive from a local foundation.

These repairs are the first phase of a long-term revitalization aimed at solidifying Camp Crucis as the gem of the Diocese. This work will reduce the Camp’s overall operating costs, reduce the amount of time spent making repairs, greatly improve the comfort of our campers and retreat attendees, and enable the Diocese to spend more time ministering to the youth and families who come through our gates.

There is much to do, and we have already embarked on a very aggressive schedule. Items we are targeting for completion before the first session of Summer Camp 2022 include:

1. Upgrading the Camp's water system
2. Completing \$150,000 in air conditioning replacements in the lodges and cabins
3. Paving all parking areas and roadways
4. Complete renovation of the bathrooms in the boys' and girls' cabin circles
5. Painting, replacing lighting, and general repairs in the boys' and girls' cabins
6. Pool repairs

Later in this 75th anniversary year, we will also be working on extensive repairs on the upper end of Camp, known as The Village: St. John's Chapel, Bishop Iker Hall, Bishop Mason Hall, and Bishop Davies Hall.

These repairs are just the first step on our way to building a better Camp Crucis, one that has more facilities and resources to spread the Gospel of Christ to unbelievers and help deepen the faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ through worship, nature, and community.