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LEO C. BYRNE RESIDENCE RENOVATION FUND



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Rev. George Welzbacher, resident

Constructed in 1995, the Leo C. Byrne Residence is located near the University of St. Thomas adjacent to the Saint Paul Seminary & School of Divinity along the scenic Mississippi River. The residence is named in honor of Archbishop Leo C. Byrne who served the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis from 1967-1974 and cared for the needs of priests. The residence includes 29 individual apartments along with a dining room, chapel, community room, library, and exercise room.





A Community that Takes Care

The Gratitude Campaign

The Leo C. Byrne Residence offers a unique living opportunity for retired priests. The residence allows senior priests to live in community and continue to serve the needs of parishes and organizations. It offers 29 individual apartments at an affordable price. The building, however, is deteriorating and badly needs repairs, remodeling, and updating. The Gratitude Campaign recently launched to raise \$6.5 million to fund the renovation. These upgrades will make the residence a suitable home for the archdiocesan priests who have given so much to our Catholic community.

Renovations

Renovations will fix deteriorating conditions and create an attractive, comfortable, safe environment for current and future residents. They include:

- Updating security, internet access, phone systems, and elevator.
- Repairing the building exterior, windows, and electrical and lighting systems.
- Remodeling and painting individual and common rooms.
- Updating roofing, flooring, and landscaping.





of Each Other

"My heart is filled with gratitude to live here. The services are remarkable. The chapel, just outside my room, is one of the special delights. **We residents help each other emotionally, spiritually, and physically.**" — Fr. Harry

"I like the camaraderie. Every morning, we gather to concelebrate Mass in the chapel. We look after one another. The younger ones take care of those who are more aging.

It's a great place to prepare to meet the Lord. Many dioceses don't have a place like this for retired priests. We're thankful to the archdiocese and to the donors." — Fr. George

"I enjoy being with the priests. **We have similar experiences and can talk the same language.** The food is very nourishing, and the cooks put a lot of thought into the meals. Plus, the cost to live here is reasonable." — Fr. Frank



"When I came here in 2006, it was great. I'm thankful that the building will be renovated because how things look matter. When your home is falling apart, it gives the impression that you're not that important and not worth investing in. New paint, lighting, and upgrades makes a place livable and pleasant. **Knowing that people are willing to support this renovation makes me feel better because it's saying something about my value and my worth.**

I'm so thankful."

— Fr. Michael

"This residence was built to ensure that priests, regardless of their financial situation, would be cared for. We're carrying out Bishop Byrne's legacy. **As young seminarians, these**

priests lived in community, then went out into the world, and now they're back together again to share what they've learned." — Deacon Phil

TOP PHOTO: Deacon Phil Stewart, administrator of Leo C. Byrne Residence, left, with residents Fathers George Welzbacher, Harry Bury, Mike Erlander, and Frank Fried. The triptych behind them is from the now-closed Nazareth Hall Preparatory Seminary, where many retired priests were educated.

Our Stewardship Partners

Fundraising for this renovation project is done in partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF), a faith-aligned steward of charitable funds. A trusted partner in the Minnesota community for nearly 30 years, CCF manages funds for individual donors, parishes, and Catholic schools.

How to Give

There are many ways to contribute to the Byrne Residence Renovation Fund.

CASH

Checks should be made payable to
CCF/Byrne Residence and mailed to:
CCF/Byrne Residence Renovation Fund
Court West Suite 500
2610 University Ave West
St. Paul, MN 55114

Or donate online at ccf-mn.org/ByrneResidence

STOCK

Avoid capital gains taxes by donating appreciated stock. For more information, contact CCF at 651.389.0300.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) FROM YOUR IRA

Direct a distribution from your traditional IRA to the Byrne Residence Renovation Fund. If you're age 70 ½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 of tax-free income to eligible charities.

DONOR ADVISED FUND

Donor advised funds are simple, flexible accounts for tax-efficient charitable giving. Contact CCF at 651.389.0300 to learn more.

Sponsorship Levels

Major Benefactor	\$500,000+
Benefactor	\$100,000 – \$499,999
Byrne Residence Sponsor	\$50,000 – \$99,999
Special Gift	\$25,000 – \$49,999
Leo C. Byrne	\$10,000 – \$24,999
Gratitude	\$1,000 – \$9,999

Questions

If you have questions about your charitable gift, contact CCF at 651.389.0300 or info@ccf-mn.org. For questions about the renovation project, contact Gratitude Campaign chairs Patrick and Michelle Fox at 612.867.8357 or msfox1360@gmail.com.



We all owe a debt of gratitude to the retired priests of this archdiocese for their incredibly generous service, both in the past and the present. With that in mind, I am asking for your support for a project that would express that appreciation.

— Most Reverend Bernard Hebda,
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis



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How good and how pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell together as one!

PSALM 133:1



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