

# ST. FRANCIS *of* ASSISI CHAPEL



*Dedicated in loving memory of Carmen J. and Theresa R. Deyesu*

OUR FUTURE. OUR FAITH.

*The Campaign to Support Renovations to the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel*



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND  
ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER  
FOUNDATION

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The Franciscan tradition inspires and guides the work of University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center, founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in 1864. The spiritual heart of UM St. Joseph is our St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, dedicated in loving memory of Carmen J. and Theresa R. Deyesu. Since 1965, the Chapel has remained a powerful symbol not only of the Catholic tradition of our hospital, but also of the distinctive commitment to spiritual wholeness as an important component of healing.

While significant renovations have occurred in other areas of the hospital, the Chapel has remained largely as originally designed, with the most recent renovations taking place more than a decade ago. As the rest of the medical center continues to develop and grow, it is vitally important that we conserve the beauty, comfort and sacredness of the Chapel. In this spirit of renewal we are initiating structural and aesthetic upgrades to the chapel. Renovations will begin in January 2020, with an estimated completion date of early April 2020.

### YOUR GIFTS WILL SUPPORT THESE NECESSARY RENOVATIONS:

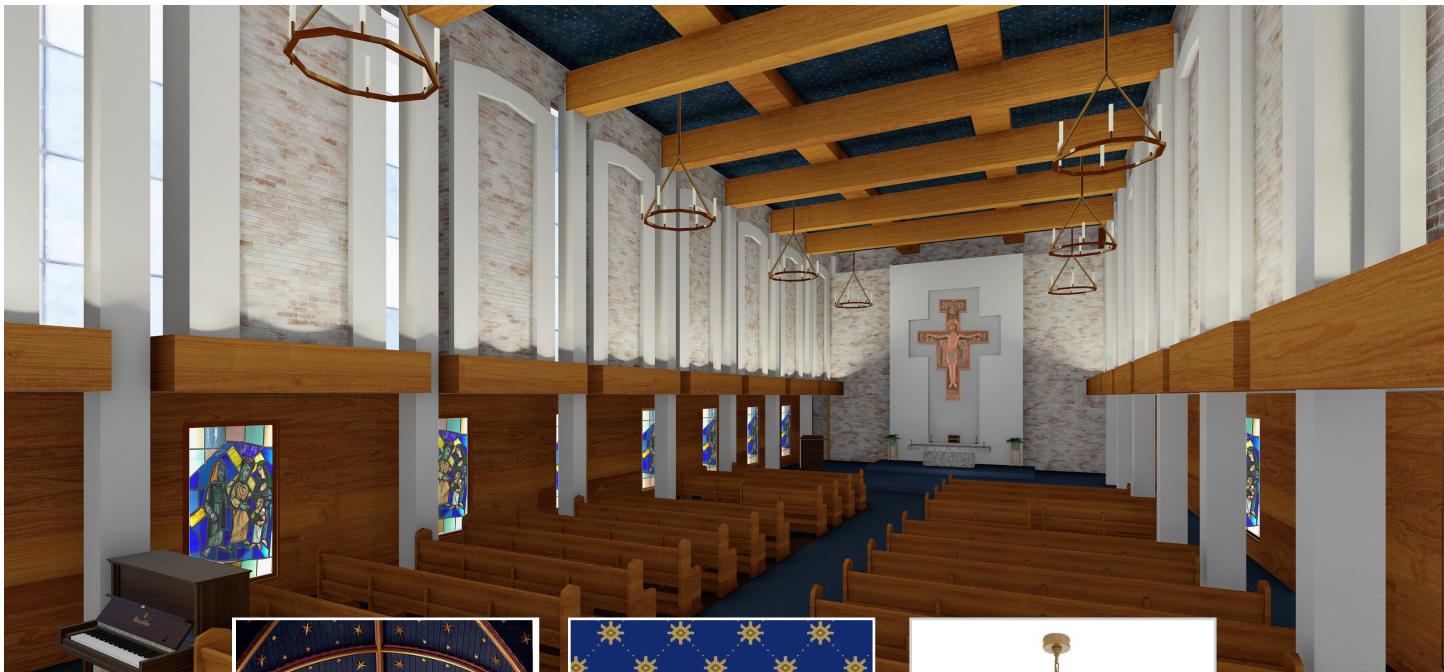
- Purchase of all new pews, ensuring more comfortable seating and soft-drop kneelers;
- Replacement of all of the Chapel's existing carpeting and upgrading it to a more robust and vibrant color, complemented with wood-like plank flooring beneath the pews that absorb sound;
- Replacement of the lighting fixtures throughout that add enhanced warmth and depth to the space and are more environmentally conscious and easy to maintain on a regular basis;
- Modernization of the existing brickwork and wall paint;
- Re-staining of all existing wood paneling to match the new pews;
- Enhancement of the original stained glass windows and inlaid cross at the back of the Chapel; and,
- Replacement of the Chapel's main air handling unit, which is now end-of-life and unable to support the heating and cooling needs of the Chapel.

In a tangible way, services in the Chapel bring staff, patients, and family members of UM St. Joseph Medical Center and our surrounding community together to reflect, worship and seek comfort within its sacred space. Your presence supports the work of the hospital and serves as a significant link between the medical center and our neighbors. That crucial connection between a hospital and the community it serves cannot be fabricated, and it must be indelible to assure continued vitality for the hospital.

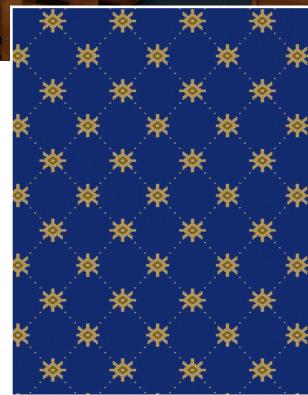
The St. Francis of Assisi Chapel is a sacred space where many come for the healing comfort of the presence of God. No matter what your religious background or faith tradition, you experience a sense of reverence and spiritual strength in the Chapel and in the adjacent meditation garden. The Chapel is available to all in need of time and space for reflection, prayer and peace.

We invite patients, staff, physicians and visitors to support this significant project that will be fully funded through philanthropy. With a generous and thoughtful gift, many areas and fixtures of the Chapel can be named in honor or in memory of a family member, caregiver or spiritual mentor.

## ST. FRANCIS *of ASSISI* CHAPEL Renovation & Inspiration



Ceiling Inspiration



Carpet Inspiration



Lighting Inspiration



Rear Chapel

To learn more about ways to support the **Our Future. Our Faith.** campaign, please see the enclosed envelope or contact the Foundation Office at 410-337-1397.

## DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Daily Mass will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Interfaith Room
- Saturday Mass will be held at 4 p.m. in Noppenberger Auditorium
- Sunday Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Noppenberger Auditorium

*May the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord show you  
His kindness and have mercy on you. May the Lord watch over you and give you peace.*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

