

St. Mary's Parish

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The Charles Carroll House, the home of the only Catholic Signer of the Declaration of Independence, is entering the next chapter of its history this month. The property is owned by the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) and is situated on the campus of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in the heart of Annapolis. The Redemptorists recently transitioned the management team from the Charles Carroll House Board of Trustees to the St. Mary's Parish in support of the growing ministries of St. Mary's Church and School. The Parish will use the building as Administrative Offices and meeting spaces. As an important site for local cultural heritage, St. Mary's will also continue to offer public access to the house through tours and rentals.

Father Tizio, the St. Mary's Parish Pastor, stated, "St. Mary's is very much aware of the history and legacy of the Carroll family, and we will continue the legacy that has been left to us. We are grateful to the Board for all they have done over the years. The Redemptorists and St. Mary's Parish and school are excited and happy to have the Carroll house in our care."

Sara Phillips, the Chair of the Carroll House Board of Trustees, stated, "The new management team understands and values the cultural heritage of this property and will work with our partners at the Maryland Historic Trust and the Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission to sustain the property in this next chapter of its history. I am extremely grateful for the members of the Board and our volunteers whose passion for this property is exemplified in their dedicated service to the house and grounds. In particular, I want to recognize Eileen Leahy's significant personal contribution to the management of the property over the past decade."

The St. Mary's Parish is a vibrant faith filled Catholic community, currently serving over 5,000 families in the Annapolis area. The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is administered by the Redemptorist Priests of the Baltimore Province. St. Mary's Parish was established in 1853 with the arrival in Annapolis of members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer ([Congregations Sanctissimi Redemptorist—C.Ss.R.—Redemptorists](#)). Before then the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), who had been coming to Annapolis since 1704 or earlier administered St. Mary's as a mission station. The property on which St. Mary's Church and Rectory are located was given to the Redemptorists in 1852 by four granddaughters of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Conditions of the gift were that ***"The House, garden, and enclosure back and front, to be***

always consecrated to Religion” and that Mass be offered once a month for the four donors, their parents, and their grandfather. The original mission church (built in 1822) and its property—where the schools are now located—was given to the Redemptorists in 1853.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,

Sister Terri Jordan, IHM
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