



PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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CLIENT SUMMARY

Mary, Mother of the Church Shrine is a 501(c)(3) Missouri Corporation which manages and maintains the programs, fundraising, operations and facilities for The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church (www.mothersshrine.com). The Shrine was the 16th shrine to receive designation as a National Shrine by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Shrine is owned by the Diocese of Jefferson City Real Estate Corporation. All financial support comes from donors.

Background

Father Fred J. Barnett began construction on the Shrine in the mid-1980s to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus and to handle the overflow crowds for the summer Masses at the adjacent St. Patrick's parish. It was dedicated in 1988 as Mary, Mother of the Church. From those humble beginnings, it has since grown into a National Shrine. Mary, Mother of the Church Shrine was incorporated in 1998. The Board of Directors consists of members who reside throughout the United States overseeing all operations, finances, and long-range planning.

Today our beautiful Shrine, situated on 56 acres, includes an outdoor amphitheater with seating for 2,000, a permanent altar and ambo, beautiful fountains, a 14-foot stainless steel sculpture of Mary by the renowned artist Don Weigand, surrounded by polished black granite panels inscribed with mothers' names from around the world, and all the lighting, pumps, plumbing, speakers, music system and landscaping to enhance our place of pilgrimage.

The Shrine hosts various programs such as outdoor Masses for visitors to the Lake of the Ozarks from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and programs which include pilgrimages, retreats and Marian Conferences. Generally, over 10,000 people attend our summer Masses and over 1,000 people attend our various programs. Tourists of all nationalities and faiths come to this Shrine. In 2016, the Jubilee Year of the Divine Mercy, we were designated a Holy Door for the indulgence offered to pilgrims.

Position: President and Chief Executive Officer

Reports To: Board of Directors

Position Summary

The President and CEO is responsible for the overall management and growth of the Shrine to ensure that it has the facilities, administration, spiritual programs, and financial means to carry out its mission for future generations.

The Shrine seeks a highly motivated, entrepreneurial leader who can lead the growth and operations of the Shrine to become a world class pilgrimage site. The right leader is an experienced and proven executive who can build a team and work with the Board of Directors and staff to establish and execute long-range goals and strategies. This person will be the face of the organization.

This full-time permanent position is for immediate hire at The Lake of the Ozarks, Laurie, Missouri.

Responsibilities

- Hands on entrepreneurial leader who can lead the growth of the Shrine into a world class pilgrimage site.
- Provides leadership in fund-raising activities and cultivation and solicitation of major donors throughout the United States and the world.
- Manage the existing staff and volunteers. Hire additional staff in accordance with strategic growth.
- Manage the organization's infrastructure including planning, events, finances, use of technology, program development, grounds expansion, and human resources.
- Promotes an actively engaged Board of Directors, keeping members informed of the state of the Shrine, and important factors affecting the organization.
- Supervises the preparation and, following Board approval, administration of the annual budget.
- Act as the face of the Shrine to local, national, international, and Church benefactors.
- Develop new and creative plans to broaden support for the Shrine and engage a wide variety of constituents eager to contribute to the vision.

Requirements

- Must be a practicing Roman Catholic who is, and remains, in good standing with the Church and its teachings. Special devotion to Mary.
- Previous experience leading a Catholic not for profit organization which relies on donor funding to underwrite their mission.
- Experience and success in motivating, recruiting, developing, retaining, and mentoring high performing, mission-driven results-oriented teams.
- A strategic leader, builder and entrepreneur with the vision and multidisciplinary project skills to fully develop our National Shrine into a destination for pilgrims.
- Excellent written, oral, and public speaking skills; a persuasive and passionate communicator.
- Ability to maintain and initiate relationships on the parish, diocesan, local, national, and international community level.

Education and Experience

Bachelor or preferably Master's in Business or related field; three to five years of experience in an executive management position. Previous general management experience growing a donor sustained organization.

Travel: Some travel to donors throughout the country.

Salary: Commensurate with background and experience. Comprehensive benefit program provided by the Diocese of Jefferson City (details will be furnished to finalist candidates).

Application Deadline: November 15, 2021
(We reserve the right to shorten the deadline for applications if we have sufficient interest. Please apply early to ensure your background will be considered.)

For consideration, please email resume to:

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Note: Only those selected for an interview with the search committee will be contacted.

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