

MOSS BLUFF – The Saint Charles Center Memorial Courtyard project continues, according to Rev. Whitney Miller, director of Saint Charles Center. Donors may contribute to the project through donations for bricks memorializing or honoring themselves, their families, other loved ones, well-loved priests and religious and others.

The Courtyard will be named in memory of A.J.M. “Bubba” and Lena Mae Oustalet, the patriarch and matriarch of a family whose generous support has been of great importance to Saint Charles Center. The fountain feature of the project will be dedicated to honor the memory of Peggy Chapman Oustalet, the late wife of Rick Oustalet.

The Oustalet family was a major contributor to the original capital campaign that allowed the facility to be built and later gifts made construction of the Marshwalk from the south side of Tabor Retreat House to the West Fork of the Calcasieu River a reality. Other individual donors can join in the prayerful practice of honoring the memory of a loved one by purchasing a brick in this courtyard space, located in the very heart and center of the Tabor Retreat House. Two sizes of bricks are available – 4 inches by 8 inches and 8 inches by 8 inches. Each brick will be engraved with the name of your choice, either your own family’s name or in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend or favored priest or religious. This will be a lasting legacy, showing your support of a project that will provide peace and comfort for many generations.

The 4x8 brick is available for a \$100 donation and provides three lines of type with a maximum of 60 characters, 20 per line including spaces. A donation of \$250 allows the donor an 8x8 brick, with six lines of type and a maximum of 120 characters, 20 per line including spaces. Outright donations for the project will be gladly accepted, according to Father Miller.

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pose. - this is a short “catch phrase” that I have often employed to describe the Memorial Courtyard Project,” Father Miller said. “The idea first began with the “purpose.” Our Advisory Board was researching various options for the ongoing support of the freshly conceived Long Term Maintenance Fund. In the process of doing so, the concept of a brick memorial courtyard surfaced as a viable possibility, one that seemed to address several needs of the Center

simultaneously.

“There was a need to provide funding which would support the maintenance needs of our slightly aging facility while also adding a touch of grace and beauty to the courtyard space of Tabor Retreat House,” he continued. “Thus, along came the completion of the phrase, the “pretty.” “Pretty with a purpose” had been born! We now invite you to be a part of this exciting venture which will be a blessing to our entire Diocese for years to come!

“This garden of quiet and peaceful meditation will help us to continue the efforts of our Mission Statement ‘offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can deepen one’s relationship with God and achieve spiritual renewal and growth– rediscovering life’s meaning in quiet reflection.’

“The success of this unique opportunity will assure the adequate funding for the needs of the Center into the future, as well as enriching the aesthetical appeal of our courtyard for our many guests and retreatants who will benefit from your thoughtfulness and kindness in this generation and into the next,” Father Miller said.

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