



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Dear friends,

2020, what a rollercoaster! Can we get off now??

On February 29, 2020, my wife and I toured Eucharistic adoration chapels around the Twin Cities during a quiet day of retreat together. At every chapel, I heard the Lord's personal word, "Trust Me." Little did I know its significance. Shortly after that Leap Day retreat, the essence of Dunrovin was severely tested. Nearly all our guest groups during the year cancelled, as the hospitality industry suffered. Sitting empty feels lonely. Lost. Alarmed.

Never would I have dreamt that Dunrovin could survive without rental income. What a me-centered attitude! God just laughed. Dunrovin thrived because of the incredible generosity of you, our friends. You showed us God's provision. Words falter in describing our gratitude. We were astounded and humbled by the goodness showered on Dunrovin, by people making an investment in the mission of Dunrovin.

Jehovah Jireh – The Lord will provide.

Our mission adapted. Staff and the Board of Directors offered light in the darkness by keeping guests safe with heartfelt intensity. By offering mini-retreats through a monthly email newsletter. By praying and laughing together during distanced staff meetings with more joy than ever before. I am grateful for a staff who stuck together in the midst of on-again-off-again retreats and changing COVID guidelines. Please accept this annual report as a means of accountability to you, along with our gratitude for the tremendous support you gave. While 2020 pandemonium caused disruption, fatigue, and deep sorrow, it also offered opportunities for grace and trust. Thank you for keeping us steady. Please let me know how we can pray for you.

In Christ,

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St. John Baptist De Lasalle, pray for us.





*The March count includes 15 SJV guests who are not recounted in April and May.

Total guests in 2020: 987 (down 68% on average from the last 5 years)

Opportunity Time!

A quiet retreat center opened up space for working together on projects throughout the property. The Paycheck Protection Program loan (forgiven in 2021) allowed staff members to continue working without wage cuts. Inside and out, staff worked to make little changes that added up to big impact. Thanks to the generosity of many benefactors, plus a Washington County grant and a Biz Recycling grant, we had funds for electric upgrades, new drinking fountains, painting projects, sidewalk and driveway resurfacing, a new split rail fence, erosion control, deep cleaning, and much more.

Words of reflection from the Dunrovin staff

“Many people have said, ‘I feel I have come home’ when they come to Dunrovin.”



“Dunrovin was built to hold people. It feels empty without people here. We see how important it is to others.”



“Daily life stops us from seeing what might be right before us. COVID taught us to listen more – watching, waiting, listening.”

“We need to unify as we see the needs of our guests. We don’t know what they receive when they are here but all different groups are welcome.”

Jehovah Jireh *“The Lord will provide”*

THANK YOU!

Thank you for making an investment in the mission of Dunrovin. We are gratefully humbled for your belief in the past work of Dunrovin, your present love for our staff’s daily needs, and your hope for the future of the mission.

Your gift changes lives.

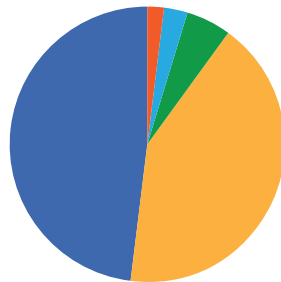
**15 Christian Brothers • 3 Foundation Grants • 2 Government Grants • 1 Matching Grant
6 Clergy/Non-Profit Gifts • 9 Corporate Gifts • 9 In-Kind Gifts • 94 Individual Donors**

Special thanks for extraordinary financial assistance of individual Christian Brothers, La Salle Christian Brothers of the Midwest District, and La Salle RELAN

God is trustworthy! Dunrovin remained in the black through 2020. Thank you for keeping us steady.

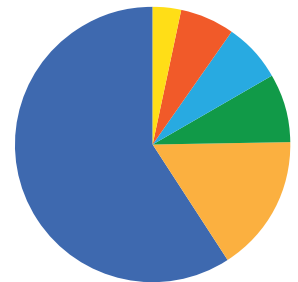
2020 INCOME

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| ■ Programs (2%) | \$7,575 |
| ■ Interest & Other (3%) | \$10,288 |
| ■ Designated Funds Used (5%) | \$19,967 |
| ■ Contributions & Grants (42%) | \$158,476 |
| ■ Rentals & Retreats (48%) | \$179,722 |



2020 EXPENSES

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| ■ Administration (4%) | \$13,526 |
| ■ Utilities (6%) | \$23,563 |
| ■ Food, Kitchen & Laundry (7%) | \$26,491 |
| ■ Insurance (8%) | \$30,370 |
| ■ Buildings & Ground (16%) | \$59,679 |
| ■ Salaries, Wages & Related Costs (59%) | \$222,399 |



Total Income: \$376,028

Total Expenses: \$376,028

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Dunrovin Board of Directors met regularly during the year to assess our operations and keep finances in order. They offered immeasurable support and encouragement. Thank you for your selfless service.

Retreat Highlights

Springtime Cloister

Thirteen SJV seminarians and two priests stayed in cloister at Dunrovin during the MN Stay At Home order. They arrived before the order began and lived a communal life of prayer, schoolwork, and recreation. What a sweet time! Something far more important than rental fees was happening at Dunrovin during those weeks. Our future priests were in training. Jehovah Jireh! The rest of this story can be found on Dunrovin's website at www.dunrovin.org/meet-the-seminarians/



"This exceeded my expectations. I was in Rome this semester and coming home was hard, but I have been saying that the only thing better than Rome was the cloister 2020 at Dunrovin." -SJV Seminarian

Walk Alongside Conference

Dunrovin youth programs may have been at a standstill during 2020, but a new program for adult leaders of Latino youth took shape. The inaugural Walk Alongside Conference kicked off in November with eight women from local Latino ministries, along with Deacon Ramon and Suzanne Garcia. The purpose of this new retreat is to offer inspiration, leadership training, refreshment, and community for Latino youth ministers. Consider it a LEAD retreat for adults!



**"This experience will help me fight the battle, which is hard, with a 'Yes!'"
-Youth minister working with a marginalized population of youth and families**

Moving Forward

As a staff, we learned a lot in 2020 about caring for guest groups and individuals. Hoping to capture the positive and with a value of continual improvement, these are our hopes for 2021.

- Discussions about the return of summer students are progressing; please pray!
- Ongoing facilities projects continue to prepare for the safety and comfort of guests.
- Small cabins are open for private retreats, and the woodland paths welcome walkers in need of peace.
- Initial plans for a 2021 Sunset Benefit Cruise in summer are taking shape. Stay tuned.
- Many guest groups are reserving space for their retreat needs during the latter half of 2021.

**As we enter 2021, we pray God will soothe your spirit with a knowledge of His holy presence.
May you encounter the immeasurable love of Christ.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.

Dunrovin's mission is to offer an encounter with Christ for every person, particularly for underserved youth, through exceptional hospitality in the Catholic Lasallian tradition.

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