

## Visit the House Of Mary Shrine

On the crest of a hill overlooking Lewis and Clark Lake, three giant crosses stand as sentinel reminders of the life and death of Jesus Christ. Down the slope of the hill, a bell tower, statues, shrinettes, the Way of the Cross, the Living Waters, the Rosary Way and St. Joseph's Chapel are tucked amongst the trees. Here is found the House of Mary Shrine.

The Shrine began when a young Catholic couple bought a piece of property bordering the park on Lewis and Clark Lake in 1957.

The couple took a chaplain from Mount Marty College in Yankton on a tour of their purchase. He advised them not to sell all of the land for home sites and suggested they save some of it for "an edifice to God."

About that same time, a prominent businessman, formerly of Utica, was looking for an appropriate retreat site for Carmelite monks. The man met with the owners and a plan soon evolved for a "Chapel on the Hill." However, just as the blueprints were completed, ill health forced the man to abandon his plans.

A small group called the Rosary Makers met once a month in a cottage on the property (now the House of Mary). Members proclaimed their strong faith in the rosary by making rosaries for distribution throughout the world. As they strung their beads and prayed, the mem-



bers often discussed the idea of a replacement plan for the ill-fated "Chapel on the Hill." Their thoughts turned in the direction of a shrine to honor not only God but his Blessed Mother also.

A committee approached Bishop Lambert Hoch DD, Bishop of Sioux Falls, in 1970 and gained his permission to move forward with their plan.

Today the Shrine continues to be a refuge to thousands of visitors. The Marian Visitor's Center is open weekends in summer, and upon request. The Chapel is open all day, and into the evening, for praying. The gift shop is open 1-4 p.m. daily.

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