



Villa Maria  
Education & Spirituality Center  
A Ministry of the Sisters  
of the Humility of Mary

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center provides and promotes educational and spiritual experiences in a unique setting for people of all ages, faiths, and economic status.

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**2025 Spring Programs**

- First Sunday of the Month Core Training with Dan Rotnem
- March 1 Introduction to Gray Zentangle® Tiles with Sr. Paulette Kirschensteiner, HM
- March 7-9 Weekend Individually Directed Retreat
- March 25 Taizé Prayer
- April 11-13 Exploring Inner Realms: Mastering Self-guidance in Stressful Moments with Dena DeLuco & Leann Ann Heltzel
- May 2-4 Yoga and Meditation with Anne Kertz Kernion
- May 6 Taizé Prayer
- May 17 Living Musically with Michelle Muth, MT-BC
- May 22 Shroud Encounter with Russ Breault
- June 7 Annual Villa Maria-thon**
- June 22-29 Weeklong Individually Directed Retreat

**Conference Retreats**

- June 8-13 Becoming All Flame...The Transformative Power of Contemplation with Nancy Sylvester, IHM
- July 6-10 Praying with the Right Side of the Brain with Sr. Paulette Kirschensteiner, HM
- July 27-31 In Search of Jesus: The Path Less Traveled with Sr. Cheryl Rose, HM
- October 3-5 Ecological Spirituality: Faith in our Earthly Becoming with Diarmuid O'Murchu

Check our website for more details and additional programs: [www.vmesec.org](http://www.vmesec.org)



VILLA MARIA EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTER  
2023-2024 Annual Report



Dear Friend,

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the VMESC staff focused on enhancing the hospitality we offer to our guests. The question we asked was: "How can we insure that all of our guests feel welcome at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center?" Given these chaotic times, filled with uncertainty and anxiety for so many people, our efforts to welcome all is more important than ever.

Guided by the Business Plan that was approved in 2022, the VMESC Board of Directors worked diligently during this past year implementing the plan's action steps. Their work focused on strategic marketing, technology, programs and financial policies, all aimed at improving the environment offered to our guests.

We are excited to share with you a significant decision made by our Board of Directors—a decision to build two hermitages at Villa Maria. This decision was based on requests we have received over the years and a feasibility study that was conducted as part of our Business Plan which indicated strong support for such a project. When VMESC received an unexpected bequest from the William and Jeanne Kalt Trust in December of 2023, the directors voted to use a portion of the bequest to build the hermitages and to move forward immediately. We are so grateful for this wonderful gift that will enable us to offer a special place for those who seek solitude and a prayerful environment. A site has been chosen and it is hoped that work will begin this spring.

Through the efforts of so many, Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center continues to explore new ways to live its mission. Thank you, our donors and volunteers, our guests, and especially the Sisters of the Humility of Mary for partnering with us in this very special ministry. Because of your support, VMESC remains a welcoming place where God's grace is nurtured and abundant life unfolds.

Gratefully,

*Sister Jane Marie Kudlacz HM*

Sister Jane Marie Kudlacz, HM  
President / CEO

"We love coming "HOME" to the Villa!"  
Hosted Group Participant

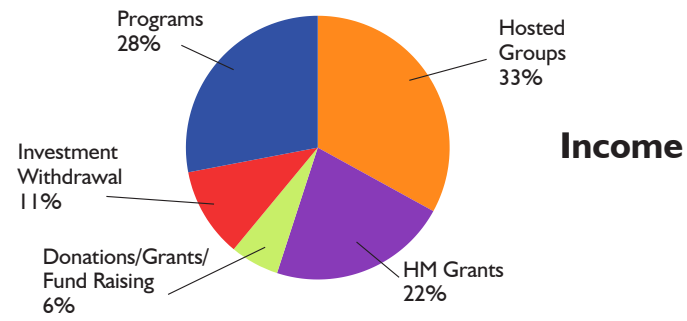
"The Villa campus is a piece of heaven. This truly is a place filled with God's peace."  
Hosted Group Coordinator



# VMESC Operating Budget 2023-2024

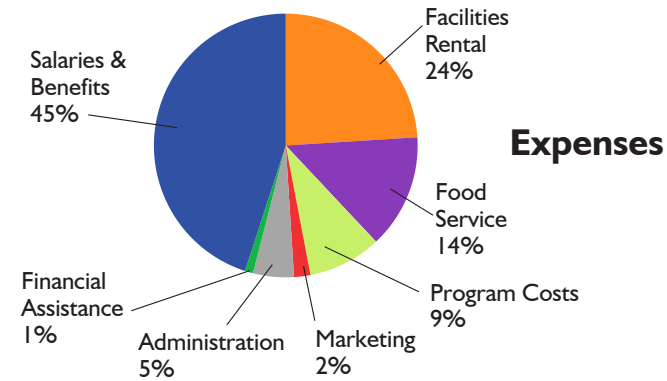
## Income

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Programs                           | \$182,205        |
| Hosted Groups                      | \$218,749        |
| HM Ministry Grants                 | \$145,000        |
| Donations, Grants,<br>Fund Raising | \$ 42,453        |
| Investment Withdrawal              | \$ 70,000        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                | <b>\$658,407</b> |



## Expenses

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits   | \$297,369        |
| Facilities Rental     | \$160,139        |
| Food Service          | \$ 89,207        |
| Program Costs         | \$ 56,981        |
| Marketing             | \$ 10,448        |
| Administration        | \$ 30,578        |
| Financial Assistance  | \$ 8,564         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$653,286</b> |



## Numbers Served

### Adults

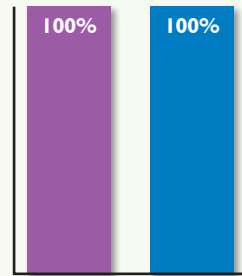
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| Number of Programs         | 405          |
| Number of Participants     | 1,484        |
| Number of Hosted Groups    | 73           |
| Number of Participants     | 1,743        |
| <b>Total Adults Served</b> | <b>3,227</b> |

### Youth

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Number of Programs        | 15           |
| Number of Participants    | 1,133        |
| Number of Hosted Groups   | 11           |
| Number of Participants    | 577          |
| <b>Total Youth Served</b> | <b>1,710</b> |

## HOSTED GROUP SATISFACTION SURVEY

(Percentage in Agreement with Each Statement)



The overall atmosphere was welcoming and friendly.

## VMESC STAFF

Sr. Jane Marie Kudlacz, HM  
Sr. Ardath Blake, HM  
Dorothy Bryer  
Sr. Janet Burkhart, HM  
Dominick Commisso  
Diana Geese  
Nancy Hoffman  
Rebecca Mickler  
Dana Stiger  
Barbara Torok-Crissman

*The staff was so helpful at all times and always available.*  
A Hosted Group Participant

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James Bird  
Sr. Carolyn Capuano, HM  
Nickola Ceglia  
Shirley Christian  
James Conlon  
Dena DeLuco  
Benny Esparra  
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Sylvia Imler  
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# Thank You to Our Donors

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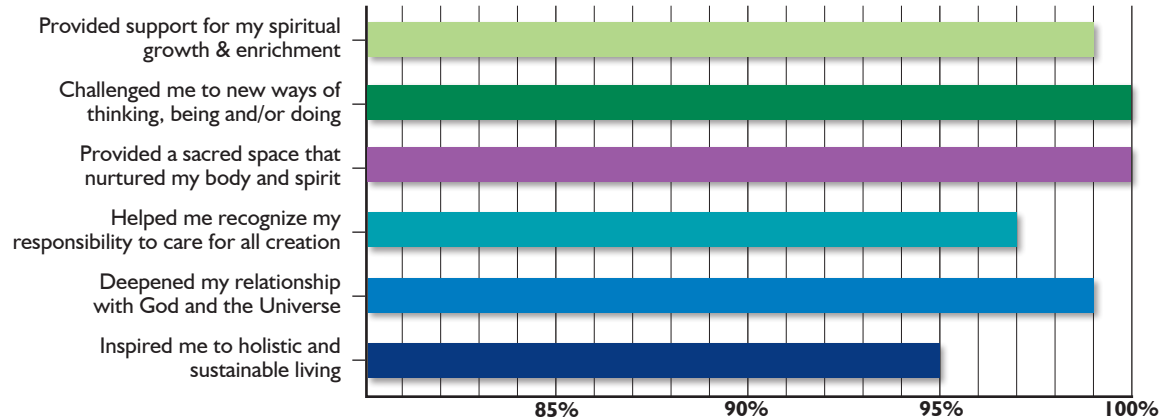
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Sisters of the Humility of Mary  
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Zoe Ann Reiter, HM

## ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATIONS (Percentage in Agreement with Each Statement)



## VISION STATEMENT

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center is a sacred setting where God's grace is nurtured and abundant life unfolds. We seek to inspire lifelong learning and growth through relationships with God, others, self and Earth.



*"GROW Camp was the highlight of our boys' summers. They learned new skills, experienced the outdoors, swam in the pool, and had so much fun in a safe and welcoming environment. It was amazing to see them so happy and engaged each day."*

Parent of a GROW Camper

