MERCY HEALTH — WEST HOSPITAL

spiritual works of art

MERCY HEALTH Foundation
Members of the West Side community came to us with the idea of increasing visible expressions of faith and warmth at Mercy Health — West Hospital.

We embraced this concept. An exploration of many possibilities resulted in the beautiful, inspiring images presented here.

These images are renderings, not finished works. We invite you, our community, to give generously to make this vision of beauty and faith a reality. You can also direct your donations to redesign of the chapel and to other specific works in the name of anyone you choose.
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Above the reception desk, bathed in natural light, the Mobile of the Holy Spirit will hover. This shimmering reminder of God’s presence will be fashioned of polished metal and transparent materials. The first thing many visitors will see as they enter the lobby, the mobile will be a sign that our healing work is rooted in faith.
This joyful message from Isaiah will greet visitors from high on the wall facing our entrance. It’s a reminder to lift up your eyes in faith. This quotation will also offer assurance to those who feel pain in mind, body or spirit that they are not alone. The Lord remains with them even in their darkest times.

This large painting will also be the first part of a visual sequence leading from the main lobby to the chapel on the second floor. Suspended from the wall housing the elevators, it invites visitors to follow the succession of spiritual artworks to a place of prayer and consolation.

At the rear of the lobby, directly across from the entrance will stand this large stained glass screen. It depicts the journey of healing in four stages:
1. Receiving care here in the hospital
2. Beginning to heal or overcome illness
3. Taking first steps toward full recovery
4. Arriving home amid love and welcome

This large panel will also serve an important practical function. People in transport from the emergency department to other areas of the hospital pass through the corridor behind this panel. With this screen in place, they will have greater privacy on their journey to healing.

Along the hallway directly above the panel of healing, this bright stained glass panel is the second in the visual sequence leading from the lobby to the second-floor chapel. Its colors evoke the jewel-like green of the earth beneath the golden blaze of God’s presence.

The window is also visible from the emergency department parking lot, a beacon in that direction announcing the presence of the chapel to those who may have a loved one receiving emergency care.

A COMFORTING WELCOME

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14 ft. 3 in. (h) x 9 ft. (w)

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Third in the visual sequence from the lobby to the chapel, this large oil painting will hang on the long wooden façade above the lobby, near the chapel entrance. Its quotation from Psalms will be another reminder to visitors that the God’s healing love is available to all. This quotation, and those on other artworks presented here, have a dual purpose. They connect to our Catholic heritage, and they speak universal truths of faith, offering welcome and compassion to people of all beliefs who come to us for care.

Embrace
Oil painting, 2 ft. 10 in. (h) x 3 ft. 8 in. (w)

When people who entered the hospital through the emergency department no longer need that level of care, they pass through a hallway leading from the ED to the main hospital. At this time in their lives, people often feel great need for the support and reassurance of faith.

This stained glass mural will offer a message that resonates with people at an early stage of their healing journey.

This window is also a screen, providing privacy for those passing through the hallway. Beautiful, translucent glass will shield them from view by people in the parking lot outside. This protection is an important fulfillment of our mission of compassion.
Embracing all visitors to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit will be the crucifix and the risen Christ, symbols of how our Lord shared our suffering and triumphed over it. The crucifix is flanked by panels that change in color and message to reflect the seasons of the liturgical year. This image shows panels for Ordinary Time.

The liturgical function of the chapel will be re-oriented to create a more inclusive worship experience. This change will also allow more flexibility for individual prayer and reflection in an area facing the beautiful outdoor meditation garden.

On the wall behind the reoriented altar will hang a crucifix with the resurrected Christ. The wall facing the crucifix will display a large cherry wood plaque with the word “mercy” engraved in many languages. Together, these artworks point to God’s constant presence and divine mercy.

To the right in the rendering is the wooden screen that creates privacy for a reservation chapel, a place for private prayer. This side chapel will also contain the tabernacle and lamp, visible signs of God’s presence among us.

The chapel will be a centerpiece of the sacred-art project. We welcome generous donations for this redesign and offer naming opportunities for donors.

The Chapel of the Holy Spirit is one of the most beautiful and comforting spaces in the hospital. New glass doors will invite people inside to pray and feel God’s presence, each in his or her own way. The chapel provides a unique opportunity to emphasize the promise of God’s love and support through a variety of enhancements.
This beautiful and powerful artwork conveys the message that Mercy Health — West Hospital is a Catholic institution, dedicated in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing side panels offer scriptural reminders of God’s promise to support and guide us always, assurances that speak to people of all faiths.

Panels for Christmas
Panels for Lent
Panels for Easter
Panels for Pentecost
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On the wall facing the crucifix and risen Christ, will hang this cherry wood plaque celebrating mercy, a divine quality is recognized and revered by all religions. By including the word “mercy” in more than a dozen languages, the plaque offers welcome and comfort to all.

The plaque emphasizes the comfort of God’s mercy across the darkest moments of each person’s life, regardless of his or her nationality or faith. At the center, a dove represents the Holy Spirit, God’s presence everywhere in the world.

Mercy Health has a long, compassionate heritage rooted in the Catholic tradition. These stained glass medallions honor the founders of the religious organizations that combined to form Mercy Health today.

Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy, a ministry continued by Mercy Health and reflected in our name. Frances Schervier founded the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, which joined Mercy Health in 1999.

The medallions will remind us always of our history and how we must continue to live and work in the spirit of these two compassionate visionaries. The location of the medallions has yet to be decided. A sponsoring donor will have input into their placement.
Mercy Health — West Hospital is part of our commitment to excellent, compassionate care for the Cincinnati community, particularly for our neighbors on the West Side. We are grateful for the helpful commentary that resulted in development of this program to enhance the Catholic heritage and human warmth of our hospital.

To fulfill our mission of caring for all who come to us, we must direct current funding to care services. However, we want very much to bring these beautiful, spiritual enhancements to life in our facility.

Please consider the importance of this project and give generously to make it a reality. Sponsorships of the redesign of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit and other specific artworks are available.

Please call Susan L. Dorward, Director of Development, at 513-981-6315 to make your donation.