Thank you for considering a donation to the Shrine!

**Shrine Mission:** Located in an area of exceptional beauty and solitude, the Shrine will be a place of spiritual refuge and retreat for the Diocese of Juneau, other religious groups, and when possible, for other groups using it with reverence and care.

The National Shrine of St. Therese, in Juneau, Alaska, Donation Program allows individuals and groups to donate items to:

- Further the Mission and Vision of the Shrine
- Support capital improvement projects
- Memorialize loved ones
- Celebrate a milestone event (wedding, 50th anniversary, or other special occasion)

Options for donations or adoption include, but are not limited to: trees, flower beds, benches, cabins or shelters, historical items or religious art. The Shrine Executive Director will work with donors to ensure the donated item is appropriate and beneficial to the overall mission and vision of the National Shrine.

This document provides basic information to get started. Individuals or groups wishing to donate to the Shrine should review this document, then contact the Executive Director about a potential donation.

All outdoor donations will be maintained by the Shrine of St. Therese staff and volunteers for an agreed upon period. All donations toward the purchase of a memorial item must include funding to cover shipping and handling (as needed), plus ongoing maintenance costs throughout the donation period. A donation can be renewed by the donor by paying for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the item after the initial period has elapsed. Ongoing maintenance is estimated as 25% of the market value of the item. The National Shrine of St. Therese also will purchase applicable equipment and arrange delivery and installation of donated items using this funding.

A ceremony or gathering at the time of a planting or bench placement is permitted but must be arranged in advance with the Shrine staff. Shrine staff will inform the donor of the scheduled installation time and location to offer an opportunity for the donor to be present.

Any donation may later be relocated or altered if the Board determines it is in the Shrine’s best interest to do so. In this event, the Director will attempt to notify the Donor at his or her last known address.

**Memorial Trees or Flowering Shrubs**
Memorial trees allow for a special tree (or shrub) planting in honor of an individual or to celebrate a special occasion. Trees or shrubs purchased through the program will only be planted in designated garden areas around the Shrine property. The donor is responsible for the cost of a small 5” x 7” weather appropriate plaque, please refer to the section on Plaque wording and Size.

Cost of a new tree or flowering shrub can range from $200 to $900 dollars, depending on the selected species and size (caliper) selected for planting. Cost for the donated tree or shrub must include a maintenance fee to cover labor, fertilizer, and mulch. The National Shrine of St. Therese staff will only replace a living memorial lost due to inclement weather, acts of nature or other unforeseen damage one time.

The following species are recommended for memorial plantings, as they have proven to survive well in the Southeast Alaska coastal climate: Assorted Maples, Beech, Crabapple, Crimson Cloud Hawthorne, Katsura or Ornamental Cherries. Flowering shrubs could include: Hardy Hydrangea, Lilacs, or Witchazel. Other tree or flowering shrub species may also be considered, upon approval of the Shrine gardener.

**Flower Garden Adoption**
The Shrine has an extensive array of flower garden areas in varying sizes. Any of the Shrine gardens could be adopted to memorialize a loved one. The cost to adopt a flower garden will be based on size of the garden and must include funds for ongoing maintenance and/or plant replacement.
Memorial Benches
Groups or individuals can purchase a bench to be placed at an agreed upon location. The benches must be made of environmentally friendly materials that will withstand the Southeast Alaska marine environment. Once a bench and site are agreed upon, the Shrine of St. Therese staff will order and install the bench. The program cost to install a new bench will be at market value, plus shipping and handling and a maintenance fee equal to 25% of purchase cost. The National Shrine of St. Therese staff or volunteers will attend to the maintenance.

Cabins or Shelters
Opportunities for the donation of cabins or shelters to the National Shrine of St. Therese are limited in nature and will be considered on a case by case basis. Property donations greater than $5,000 are subject to pre-approval by Executive Director and the Bishop (in consultation with the Board of Directors). Cabins or shelters should be named after a person or place mentioned in scripture; a Saint (or from the life of a saint); or an Angel. In no case will the shelter or cabin be named after the donor(s) or their loved one.

Religious Art or Statue
There are various locations inside the Shrine Chapel and other facilities where donations of appropriate religious art would be welcome. In addition, outdoor statues to enhance the garden areas are open for consideration. Donations of a religious art or statues will be considered on a case by case basis.

Other types of Donations
The National Shrine of St. Therese welcomes donations to support our capital projects, or other ongoing efforts to evangelize.

Plaque Wording and Size
All plaques must be approved by the Shrine Director. Wording on plaques should be as brief as possible; limited to phrases such as: “In Loving Memory of”, In Honor of, “Dedicated to”, or “In Celebration of”. Outdoor plaques are 6” by 2 5/8” and made of brass. They cost approximately $300 but will be market priced at the time of purchase. The Donor will be requested to pay for the plaque up front – as is required by the foundry. Indoor signs will be smaller and of suitable material for their location on artwork, religious items, windows etc.

Timeline
All items considered for donation or adoption will be added to the Shrine Board of Directors agenda, after review by the Executive Director. The Shrine board usually meets monthly.

The Board has the option to approve the donated item, locations and plaque once it has been vetted by the Executive Director. Upon approval, and receipt of donated money, agreed upon items will be ordered.

Contact Information
If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Executive Director for the National Shrine of St. Therese. He can be reached at 415 6th Street, Suite 300, Juneau, Alaska 99801 Phone: 907-586-2227 ex 24 Email: shrinedirector@shrineofsainttherese.org

Thank You for considering a gift to support the National Shrine of St. Therese!
Donation Program Application

Donor Contact Information:

Donor Name:

Donor Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

Phone Number(s): Email:

Type of Proposed Donation:

☐ Artwork ☐ Religious or Historical Item
☐ Bench ☐ Statue
☐ Cabin or Shelter ☐ Tree or Flowering shrub
☐ Flower Bed ☐ Other:

Desired Location for donated item: ________________________________

Briefly tell us about your proposed donation: (who, what, when, where, why at the Shrine)

Wording for Plaque if desired: Examples of acceptable phrases include “In Loving Memory”, “In Honor of”, “Dedicated to” or “In Remembrance of”

Row 1:

Row 2:

Row 3:

I have read the National Shrine of St. Therese donation program brochure and agree to abide by the policies as outlined.

Donor Signature:

Donation Tracking:

Application Received: Reviewed by Director:

Board Recommendation: Reply to the Donor:

Funds needed to proceed: $ Funds Received on:

Donation Installed: Attach picture:

Location on map (if appropriate):

Submit application (with photo and/or map) to:

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