SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

Bishop Thomas Chapel at Sheldon Calvary Camp sits on a bluff overlooking Lake Erie, with a view of water and sky and spectacular sunsets through a stained glass cross that rises to the full height of the chapel. Panes of glass of many different sizes and varying shades of blue make up this cross. In the same way, the lives of a wide variety of people are joined together each summer to form the Christian community we know as Calvary Camp. In a time when divisions are acutely felt, and common ground is difficult to find, we draw people together in the love of Christ. Calvary Camp is a sacred place for conversation, relationship, and transformation. We intentionally work to develop children and young adults who have faith, hope, and a deep appreciation of our common humanity.



Well over 1,000 campers experienced Calvary Camp in the summer of 2018, many for more than one camping session. Those campers were cared for by a staff of 70 young adults, plus maintenance, kitchen, and health care staff. The camping program includes seven different sessions of overnight camping for children ages 8 to 16, and a week of day camp for local campers ages 6 to 12.

Bishop McConnell's visit this summer was particularly memorable, as he brought along his faithful canine companion Charlie to be part of his chapel talk to the campers. Singing together, praying Compline, and celebrating the Eucharist are at the heart of our life as we gather in the chapel.

Through the generosity of donors to our capital campaign and annual appeals, we are continually at work on facility improvements to support our ministry. The Dining Hall project is nearing completion. We look forward to meals in this simple, fresh space built to accommodate the 270 people who make up the summer camp community. We will live into the possibilities of a building that can be used year round. This fall, as soon as our Labor Day weekend camp ends, we will begin construction of a year-round office building to replace the Director's Cottage. The infrastructure for this new construction will also allow for the development of other all-season buildings in the future, as we continue to look for opportunities to serve.

We are grateful for the resources which are entrusted to us – solid finances, beautiful land, and, above all, the gift of human lives. In all that we do, our hope is to send into the world people who will become, as Pope Francis has called them, "artisans of the common good."

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