

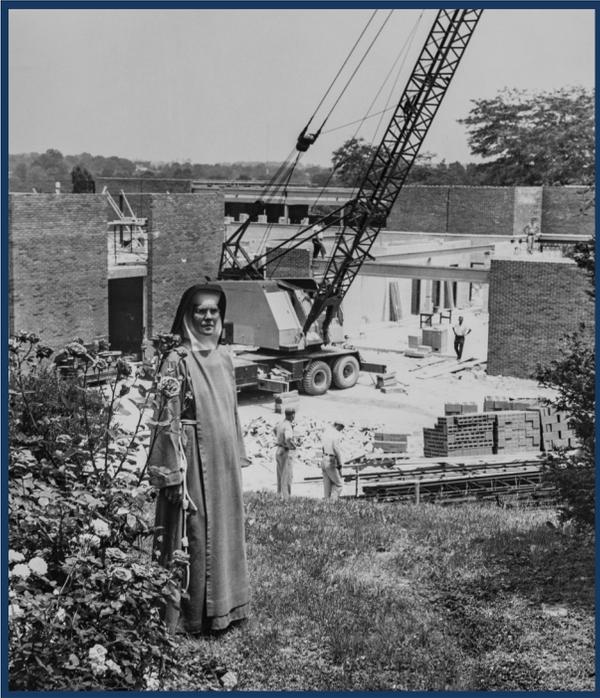


**St. Elizabeth School
Disability-Accessible Building Project
Capital Campaign**





ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL



Sister Sr. Damien Schmitt, St. Elizabeth School's first principal, oversees the construction of the Argonne Drive school building.

OUR HISTORY AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT:

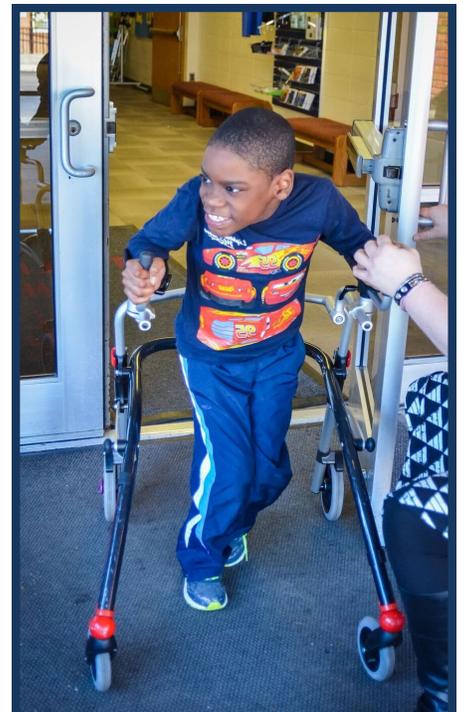
St. Elizabeth School was founded in 1961 by the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore, who also founded the St. Francis School for Special Education in 1953. The latter school was for elementary-aged children who were considered mentally challenged and were not served by the public schools. As the children got older, there was no appropriate school for them to attend. Parents encouraged the Sisters to organize a school for the older children. Thus, St. Elizabeth School was established by the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore, who have since merged with the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi.

In 1967, Cardinal Sheehan inaugurated the new St. Elizabeth School at our current location (801 Argonne Drive, Baltimore). Since that time, our student demographic has changed significantly in terms of disabilities—today, we serve students ages 6 -21 years having intellectual, emotional, and/or physical disabilities

(e.g., Autism, Down Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy). Our students are referred to us from ten Maryland jurisdictions (Baltimore City and the counties of Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Calvert, Harford, Howard, Frederick, Montgomery, and Queen Anne's).

Over the last five years, St. Elizabeth School has enrolled an increased number of students coming to us with physical disabilities. Thirty-five of our 133 students – almost a third of the students – use wheelchairs or have difficulty with mobility. The school, which was built in 1967, was not designed to accommodate the mobility challenges facing these students, so we've had to piecemeal our building renovations to accommodate our students' changing needs.

But now it has become abundantly clear—a major overhaul is needed in order to make our school fully handicap-accessible and ADA compliant so that we can provide our deserving students **Independence, Safety, and Accessibility**.



The Disability-Accessible Building Project

Share the gift of Independence, Safety, and Accessibility by giving to the St. Elizabeth School multi-year disability-accessible building project. This capital building project will include the renovation of the school's vestibule, entrance doors, lobby, and construction of 24 single-stall restrooms—an estimated **\$1.6 million project**.



INDEPENDENCE:

The new main entrance will contain wider, handicap-accessible doors that can be independently opened by those in wheelchairs.

Many of the restrooms will be outfitted with Rifton Toileting systems, so that those with special needs can use the toilet easily and hygienically.

SAFETY:

The new vestibule will add an extra layer of security to our school (a new heated vestibule will allow guests to be properly vetted prior to entering the building).

In emergency evacuations, the new handicap-accessible main entrance will allow those in wheel chairs to easily and independently exit the building.

ACCESSIBILITY:

The newly-designed reception area will include an accessible front desk to allow those in wheelchairs to visibly communicate with the receptionist directly.

Twenty-four single stall restrooms (equipped with emergency pull cords) will be constructed to eliminate the wait for a restroom.

**Phase I and II:
An estimated \$839,000**

Project Timeline

Phase	Project Description	Anticipated Timeline*
I	Renovation of restrooms adjacent to cafeteria, physical education storage area, Development Office storage area and corresponding HVAC work	April - May 2019
II	Demolition of lobby vestibule; construction of new lobby vestibule; renovation of lobby interior	June - August 2019
III	Renovation of restrooms on the main and second floors at the east end of the building; renovation of restroom in room 200	June - August 2020
IV	Renovation of restrooms on the main and second floors at the west end of the building	June - August 2021



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