



Adaptive Reuse

The following are examples of projects that reused an old site or building for a purpose other than what it was originally built or designed for:

Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore (now the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi), Baltimore, Maryland

The Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore worked with the nonprofit housing developer, Homes for America (HFA), to create 30 affordable rental units for income-qualified residents, plus additional space to care for its frail and elderly sisters in the 50,000-square-foot St. Elizabeth Convent.

Clare Court was completed in 2005 and is an intergenerational living community. The assisted living facility is in a wing of the former motherhouse, while the rest of the building underwent reconstruction to create the apartments and townhouses for families, seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities. The sisters retained ownership of most of the property, including the cemetery and the Stone House, a historic building attached to the original convent. The congregation now leases the smaller building to HFA as a community center.

To read more: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2006/03/10/AR2006031000856.html>

Ursuline Sisters of the Bedford Park Convent of Mount St. Ursula, Bronx, New York

With three distinct projects, the Ursuline Sisters of the Bedford Park Convent of Mount St. Ursula are supporting much needed affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income seniors on its Academy of Mount St. Ursula campus in the Bronx, New York.

The first two projects, Serviam Gardens and Serviam Towers, were completed in 2009 and 2010. The nonprofit Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation developed the 243 units on nine undeveloped acres on the school site. The project incorporated several energy efficient features, including a 'green' roof to recycle collected rainwater.

Serviam Heights is the site's third project and is also being developed by Fordham Bedford. An existing four-story convent will be converted into 57 residential units, with construction of a new, nine-story building for

140 units. Serviam Heights will also include energy efficient features similar to the first two projects, and will serve low-income and formerly homeless seniors. The project's completion is expected by year-end 2017.

To read more: <http://www.cny.org/stories/Ursulines-Convent-Reopens-as-Green-Housing-for-Seniors,5538>
<http://www.bxtimes.com/stories/2016/24/24-serviam-2016-06-10-bx.html>

Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining, New York

The Dominican Sisters of Hope sold its former motherhouse in Newburgh, New York, which had most recently served as an elder care facility for infirmed sisters and congregation offices, to Mount St. Mary College in 2011.

The college's existing campus adjoins the Dominican Sisters' 13.1 acre property, and the two institutions have more in common than just being neighbors. Mount Saint Mary College was recognized as a four-year liberal arts college in 1959, but its educational roots extend even further to 1883. At that time the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, now part of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, founded the Mount Saint Mary Academy.

The building and land purchase allowed the college to create the Kaplan Family Library and Learning Center on two floors of the former Dominican Center, plus add parking and green space for the growing student population. The Dominican Sisters retain an easement to access a private cemetery on the property.

To read more: http://www.msmc.edu/News/college_purchases_dominican_center_property_in_new.be

The Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province, Annapolis, Maryland

The Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province sold the 144-acre Mount St. Alphonsus Retreat Center in Esopus, New York to the international network of Christian communities of Church Communities Foundation (also known as Bruderhof) in 2012. The site served as a seminary for the Redemptorists for over 100 years and is now known as the Mount Academy, a New York State-registered private high school for about 200 students from other Bruderhof communities and the local area.

In preparation for the new school, major renovations were completed in the building, including a new roof, flooring and a heating system. The Bruderhof is an intentional Christian community of over 2,700 people that live in 23 settlements around the world. There are nine Bruderhof settlements in New York State, including the Mount Academy. A perpetual easement maintains access by the Redemptorists to the community's cemetery.

To read more: <http://www.dailyfreeman.com/article/DF/20120620/NEWS/306209960>

