

# The G.R.A.C.E. Center

Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education



## THE INSPIRATION OF GRACE

Seeking grace.  
Seeking God's gift of the Spirit — this is our eternal vocation as Catholics.  
As educators.  
As parents.  
As students.



We know grace through faith. Grace inspires us to persevere, instills in us blessed hope. Grace encourages us. So we, in turn, can encourage others.

On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, Grace Mason Rett, OLV Class of 2014, died when her team's van was in a tragic accident while on a training trip with the College of the Holy Cross women's rowing team — one day after celebrating her 20th birthday.

For over five decades, OLV has been educating and encouraging generations of youth like Grace. We've been providing foundations in math, science, language arts, social studies, foreign language and religion. We've been ensuring our students develop vital skills. We've been mentoring, forming bonds and building faith. Within our walls and beyond, we've been a source of support and strength.

## THE TRANSFORMATION OF GRACE

Grace enables us to collaborate. To raise each other up. To grow. We recognize grace through each other's fruits. Grace is a gift that benefits us all — a service of charity that builds up our community.

OLV is committed to ensuring our students develop skills essential for today's world: critical thinking and problem-solving skills; effective communication skills; and a dedication to an accepting community.

To retain our level of excellence, we seek to raise the final amount needed to transform our physical footprint. Any new gifts to the project — up to \$1 million — will be matched by a generous donor.

Though committed to educating the full student — in mind, body and spirit — we do not have a gymnasium or any dedicated indoor recreational space. Each week our students are bussed, at great expense, to a local recreational facility for physical education classes. In inclement weather, our youngest

students use our reduced size cafeteria for limited indoor activity. Our older students who compete in interscholastic basketball leagues practice in borrowed gyms and rented community centers.

With your help, we will build the GRACE Center — named in memory of Grace Rett — a new building to house OLV physical education classes, basketball practice, skills clinics and competition. The center will also provide classrooms for the Middle School Academy, as well as space for chorus and band, religious retreats, science fair and various all-school activities. In addition, the center can be used for parish events and bring income to OLV if rented to town athletic teams.

St. Mary's Parish and OLV are very generous communities of faith. We need your help to raise the final \$800,000 to begin construction. Your gift, up to \$1 million, will be matched by a generous donor!

► To support this project, please visit [www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com](http://www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com) and click on the GRACE Center.

**LOCATION:** Adjacent to OLV's main building and St. Mary's Parish Hall, Uxbridge, MA

**DESIGN FIRM:** Rubicon Builders & Austin Architects

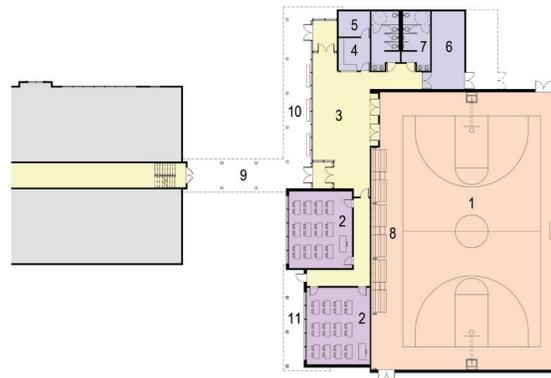
**GROUND BREAKING:** Late Winter/ Early Spring 2021

**ANTICIPATED OPENING:** 9–12 months after construction begins

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$3 million

**FEATURES OF THE GRACE CENTER INCLUDE:**

- ▶ 7,500 sq. ft. gymnasium
- ▶ High school-sized basketball court
- ▶ Up to 100 bleacher seats
- ▶ Two 644 sq. ft. classrooms
- ▶ 1,230 sq. ft. lobby
- ▶ 130 sq. ft. concessions area
- ▶ 340 sq. ft. of storage space
- ▶ 400 sq. ft. of bathroom facilities
- ▶ Two outdoor green spaces for classes
- ▶ New parking lot and signage
- ▶ Covered breezeway connecting GRACE Center to OLV's main building



**KEY**

- 1 Gym 84' x 50' court
- 2 Classroom
- 3 Lobby
- 4 Concessions
- 5 Mechanical
- 6 Storage
- 7 Bathrooms
- 8 Bleachers
- 9 Connector
- 10 Entry porch
- 11 Garden porch

## THE PRESENCE OF GRACE

Grace Rett was an exemplary, dedicated student-athlete at OLV, Marianapolis Preparatory School and the College of the Holy Cross.

Strong in the Catholic faith, Grace lived her life embodying the belief that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. Grace, who never forgot her roots as an OLV Angel, Class of 2014, used to say "If I ever have enough money, one day I would like to build a gym for OLV."



Located in the peaceful residential community of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, OLV is a Catholic school serving students from Pre-K through grade 8 since 1964.

At OLV we create an atmosphere of 21st Century academic excellence, firmly rooted in Catholic tradition and aspiring to peace, love and justice. We foster a safe, structured learning environment anchored in faith, where

students are encouraged to develop their God-given talents. Together, we forge a learning community that embraces the Kingdom of God through service to others in imitation of Christ.

OLV is a growing, flourishing community that needs more space. With your support, we can fulfill the academic, athletic and social needs of our community.

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