A PROPERTY LIKE NO OTHER
More than just a beautiful place - a sanctuary for the spirit.
WAY DOWN IN SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI IS AN UNCONVENTIONAL PROPERTY WITH A VERY RICH HISTORY IN A SERENE SETTING.

In 1868, the Redemptorist Fathers of New Orleans were looking for a rural retreat; upon chance (or divine intervention) their train broke down in the small community of Chatawa, Mississippi with unmeasurable natural beauty. The priests thought this to be an ideal location and upon much prayer, they made this the site of their retreat. In 1879, the Fathers sold the property to The School Sisters of Notre Dame, and it flourished as a school and more recently as a home for retiring sisters. Though the structures on the site have changed over the years (with many still standing or renovated), the charm and allure of the property remains unchanged.

- 406 Acres of wooded area in Chatawa, MS
- A peaceful campus in a natural setting
- A large outdoor swimming pool, built in 1929, well-maintained and still in use
- A beautiful lake with overlook viewing areas
- Approximately 1/4 mile of river frontage
- Approximately 90 miles from three major cities: Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA
- Well known historic location in the area

Timeline:

1868 - 80 acres &Idlewild Cottage purchased by Redemptorist Fathers
1869 - Frame chapel was built
1873 - Three story brick convent was erected
1874 - Sisters arrived at St. Mary of the Pines
1875 - School for boarders and day students opened
1879 - Redemptorists sold land and buildings to the Sisters of Notre Dame
1884 - The Institute was built (demolished in 1975)
1908 - Newman Hall & Ryan Hall were constructed
1924 - The school discontinued taking boys and elementary students
1965 - Dormitory and new dining areas were built
1969 - All purpose recreation room was built
1972 - Art and science buildings were added
1974 - St. Mary of the Pines celebrated its 100th birthday
1975 - School closes
1975 - Property becomes a retirement home for sisters
1979 - New church was built on the property
2019 - Sisters move to new location in Covington, LA
IMMACULATE AMENITIES & ACCOMMODATIONS

- Retreat Center*
- St. Theresa of Avila Church
- Living Quarters with Dormitories
- Food Service Building with Commercial Kitchen
- Conference Centers with Meeting Rooms
- Classrooms & Gathering Rooms
- Art Room
- Library
- Science Lab
- Archives Room
- 5 Bedroom Cottage
- 3 Bedroom Guest House
- Hermitages
- Connections & Walkways
- Sensory Garden & Labyrinth
- Gym, Pool & Tennis Court
- Storage, Maintenance & Laundry Buildings
- Gift Shop

*Includes 33 guest rooms, small chapel, kitchenette, office, library, computer area, laundry room, exercise room, elevator service, large porches, and a private apartment for member-staff with amenities.
FOR OVER 145 YEARS, ST. MARY OF THE PINES HAS SERVICED OTHERS. THE LEGACY OF THE SISTERS IS A STRONG ONE AND WILL CONTINUE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

St. Mary of the Pines was the first location in Pike County, MS to have water utilities
The property is located almost as far south as you can go in Mississippi before crossing into Louisiana
Chatawa derives its name from the Choctaw language, purported to mean either “to be swollen” or “hunting ground”
A natural artesian well is located just off St. Mary of the Pines property in Chatawa
Many students at the school came from larger cities like New Orleans
The school was a prime location for Latin American girls in the 50’s-70’s with instruction in English as a second language

PROPERTY OVERVIEW
01 - Lake
02 - Sensory Garden & Labyrinth
03 - Pool and Bath House
04 - Notre Dame Court
05 - Conference Hall
06 - Retreat Center
07 - Parking Lot
08 - Water Tank and Pump House
09 - 1 Bedroom Cottage
10 - Priest Home
11 - Maintenance & Laundry
12 - Gym / Auditorium
13 - Cafeteria
14 - Convent / Retirement Home
15 - Arts, Crafts, Recreation, Archives
16 - Chapel
17 - Chapel Parking
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