

Chaminade-Julienne buys Taj Ma Garaj building in downtown Dayton

Hi Gruppe,

Please see the below info. A very sad day for all that knew John Dixon and attended wonderful events there.

Vintage Porsche Regards,

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The Taj Ma Garaj building at 300 S. Perry St. in downtown Dayton has been sold.

One of the Dayton area's largest private schools has purchased a nearby building that was once a unique event center.

Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School recently bought the Taj Ma Garaj facility at 300 S. Perry St. and adjacent parcels at 90, 88 and 82 Eaker St. across from its campus in downtown Dayton, Montgomery County property records show. The school purchased the properties for \$710,000 from the John R. Dixon Jr. Family Limited Partnership.

For years, the Perry Street property housed Taj Ma Garaj — an event venue that was part car museum, part arcade. [In October 2019](#), the contents of the facility grossed

\$5.7 million at an auction hosted by RM Sotheby's. The auction featured 32 rare and eclectic Porsche and Volkswagen motor vehicles, as well as 356 lots of memorabilia from late prominent collector, [John Dixon](#).

Dixon passed away several years ago. After his passing, the Dixon family had been running Taj Ma Garaj. At the time of the auction, the venue's future was in doubt. The sale of the building may officially mark the final chapter in the facility's history.

"Dad will have been gone 6 years this summer," a Facebook post stated around the time of the auction. "It is with much sadness and heavy hearts that we take this step. Please know that this decision was not easy ... the Taj is Dad ... but Dad was so much more than the Taj. Please keep thoughts kind and hearts compassionate as we move down this very difficult path."

What Chaminade-Julienne plans to do with the building and adjacent parcels is unclear. The Dayton Business Journal has reached out to the school and is awaiting a response.