

Parish Renovation Program Update:

I give Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ because of YOUR generosity and God's abundant provision.

As we mentioned last week, from the pulpit, in January of this year, letters were sent out and shared the need for \$165,000 for the Top Ten items on the Parish Building Repair and Restoration Plan. Because of your love and dedication to Mother of Sorrows, to date, we have received three-year pledges totaling over \$273,000 and have collected \$176,000 to date. This is unheard of. It demonstrates your love for our parish and God's divine providence.

Here is a status on our now, Top 12 projects. I say 12 because we needed to separate the roof from the foundation projects and had to add the Church Hall Restoration project because of the flood.

Our **Roof** was COMPLETED in March and the **Gutters** were COMPLETED in May of this year.

The **Foundation** is going to be a massive undertaking. It is IN PROCESS, as we are currently soliciting quotes and working with the diocese. We hoped that doing some grading and installing larger industrial size gutters would address the issue. It did not, so we will probably have to undertake an extensive foundation sealing.

The long-term **Sewer Connection Project** is now On Hold, because of funding issues. The last word is that it will happen in the next two years.

While working on and gathering information on the sewer connection we discovered that there are significant issues with our **Current Sewer System**. This project is IN PROCESS, and we are working hard to be good stewards and balance, keeping our system operating against spending money on a system that will not be used when we connect to the new sewer lines.

The **Painting of the Church Exterior** and the **Renovation of the Church Interior** are currently On Hold because of the need to focus on the foundation, current sewer issues, the demolition, mitigation and rebuilding of the Church Hall, as well as the uncertainty of the cost for these costly projects.

The next project is **Exterior Steps Repair/ Replacement**. The PLC Rear Steps repair has been COMPLETED. **The Breezeway and PLC Front Doorsteps** are On Hold and will be replaced once the foundation repair project has been completed. The KofC council may do this for us.

The **Installation of Windows in all Doors in PLC** has been COMPLETED. I want to acknowledge and thank Rick Slenn for doing an amazing job on the doors.

The installation of a **Security System** is IN PROCESS as we are waiting for a grant from the Homeland Security Department.

Our next priority was the **Installation of Flooring in PLC** which was COMPLETED in August. I want to thank our Project Lead, Terry Lahoski and the many volunteers who moved office equipment and installed flooring. Especially Rick Slenn and Jim Lindway for doing so much.

Our plan for the **Driveway Replacement** is currently On Hold, till the Sewer Connection Project is completed.

And our last project on our original Top Ten list of projects was the **Rehab-Kitchenette in PLC** and it is IN PROCESS. Initially this was a lower priority but because the kitchen in the Church Hall is out of commission for the foreseeable future, we have moved it up on the project priorities. We hope to have it completed by the end of 2025.

And lastly, because the **Church Hall** flooded, the entire area had to be demolished, sanitized and will need to be reconstructed. This project is IN PROCESS.

Once again, I thank God for this great privilege of shepherding this gifted, wonderful, generous parish and am so very appreciative and proud of all that you have done in the past, continue to do and will do in the future.

May God Bless you Abundantly
Deacon Will Yoho
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