



- HISTORIC RENEWAL CAMPAIGN -

Dear friends and supporters,

Where are we now?

After many months of intense work, our Building Committee was able to gather as much information as possible about the entire structure of the Church building, first in order to assure your safety, then to assess the much needed repairs the best way possible and to establish the most cost and time effective plan to address these many issues.

Your safety is our first priority. With this in mind, this past year, with the professional services of *WJE, Inc.*, a top engineering and architectural firm, thorough investigations of the steeple, foundations, facades, louvers, staircases and sacristy walls were conducted allowing us to discover new necessary stone repairs, necessary for the safety of our congregation. Drawings and specs were sent out for bids and *Grunwell-Cashero*, expert in building restoration for over 70 years, was awarded with unanimous approval of our Building Committee. Work will begin very soon (*more information is forthcoming*).

At the same time, investigations were also conducted for the roof, and emergency repairs were completed. Thanks to *Schena Roofing*, a leading Detroit roofing expert, an overall roof condition report was submitted to our team as a reference for future projects. Complete assessments of the cooling/heating system, as well as a complete interior and exterior electrical study were also submitted to us by *DiClemente Siegle Inc.*, a Michigan engineering and architecture expert.

Again, your safety is our first priority, and with the help of a generous donor and *Butzel Long*, one of Michigan's top law firms, the city of Detroit approved our petition to vacate Jay street which will allow us to secure the entire perimeter of the north parking lot, with a new fence and new gate in the next few weeks, at the intersection of Jay and Orleans.

What's next?

With the approval of the Archdiocese of Detroit and with the support of our Shrine finance council, we are currently working with *Christman Construction* to establish a Master Plan in order to address each item mentioned above in a cost-effective and timely manner, as well as many other projects such as the expansion of the parking lot, the repainting of the church, the organ restoration etc. Our hope is for this Master Plan to be ready before Spring of 2025, and for some of the work to begin before Christmas.

Stay tuned for more updates. In the meantime, we thank you wholeheartedly for your generous support!

Rev. Canon J.B. Commins, Pastor

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