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2022 OUR LADY OF LOURDES - RENOVATION PROJECT

Finance Council Update

June 2022

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The Finance Council would like to provide you with an update regarding the Renovation Project.

REPLACEMENT OF THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

The new air conditioning system (condenser, air handler and controls) has been installed and will provide more efficient cooling than the 25 year old air conditioning system that was replaced. This system will also be much quieter than the previous system.

SOUND SYSTEM ADJUSTMENTS/HEARING ASSISTANCE

It has taken us some time to fine tune the sound system. We seem to have worked through a few issues related to learning how to use the system as well as issues related to sorting out an old wiring issue in the church. Hopefully these issues have been resolved and we can enjoy the enhanced quality of the new sound system. As a reminder, this system has capabilities to help those who need additional hearing assistance. Let the office know if you would like to either (1) like to wear a sound amplifying device at Mass, or (2) if you have a wif capable hearing aide, you can download an app that connects to the sound system to control hearing aide volume.

STATUS OF WINDOW PRESERVATION

Cathedral Crafts plans to begin the window preservation project after Labor Day and have the project completed before Christmas. Julie Rutherford will be designing and fabricating two new stained glass windows for the Vestment Room that previously were frosted glass windows. The two old stained glass windows that were in the Vestment Room and Gift Shop will need preservation. When they were removed it became obvious that their age and prior damage warranted additional work to preserve them.

STATUS OF WINDOW CONTRIBUTIONS

Over \$127,000 of the estimated \$140,000 cost of the window preservation project has been received through your generous contributions! Your support is greatly appreciated! The addition of a balcony window, once a final decision has been made, will cost an additional \$15,000 - \$20,000.

STATUS OF BALCONY WINDOW

On the back page of this letter is a request for your input. We would like to know your preference for a balcony window design. There are many possible designs for this window. We have chosen two - either (1) Our Lady of Lourdes with Bernadette or (2) a depiction of the Holy Spirit. Please make your preference know to us. If there is more than one person in your household that wishes to provide input, please mark a preference for each person. The forms can be placed in a box in the entry of the church marked "Window Preference Forms" or mailed to the cluster office at 111 W. Marshall Street.

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Holy Spirit



Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette

INTERIOR DESIGN

Now that we have completed the audiovisual system, air conditioning system and much of the window preservation planning, we are ready to start the interior design phase. While we have had some parishioners express interest in being involved in the phase, we certainly would welcome more parishioners help us sort through the list of items to consider.

Your Preference:

- _____ Strongly prefer Holy Spirit
- _____ Somewhat prefer Holy Spirit
- _____ No preference
- _____ Somewhat prefer Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette
- _____ Strongly prefer Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette

THANK YOU!!

The Finance Council
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