



Interior Renovation Committee

Feasibility Study and Congregational Survey Report

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Interior Design Changes Over the Years



1952



1993-Current



1976



Future?



Feasibility Study Results

(Provided by Walsh & Associates)

- Key Findings/Recommendations

- 1) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church has the potential to raise a minimum of \$1.2 Million / Challenge Goal of \$1.5 Million / Ultimate Goal of \$1.8 Million
- 2) There is very strong support (>90%) within the church and local community for a project that includes replacing flooring, repairing plaster walls and ceiling, and repainting the interior of the church.
- 3) There is support (47-58%) to include installation of A/C in the church basement and a more prominent alter backdrop (reredos) as part of the project.
- 4) There is identified volunteer leadership potential to support a capital campaign.
- 5) A 3-Year Capital Campaign should begin shortly after the New Year and conclude by June 2024, followed by a 3-year pledge collection period.



Feasibility Study Results

- Summary of Survey Responses – 5 primary ‘themes’
 - 1) There was a wide variety of contrasting opinions expressed regarding the interior design rendering. The blue ceiling color in the Nave generated the most specific comments.
 - 2) There were differing opinions shared regarding renovation priorities.
 - 3) There were questions and concerns provided regarding the project costs/estimates and ability to raise sufficient funds for the project.
 - 4) There were suggestions for providing additional opportunities for involvement within the Church, particularly for youth and new members.
 - 5) There were questions pertaining to the process for developing the project design, obtaining project approval and funding, as well as the bidding/construction process.



Key Messages

- 1) We value the input and your opinions have been heard! We will continue to review the comments provided by survey respondents and the congregation to determine areas where possible and appropriate adjustments can be made.
- 2) Not every suggestion will be able to be implemented. Obviously we are a community with various opinions and preferences. Our goal is to focus on the areas of agreement, primarily that an interior renovation project is necessary and feasible.
- 3) Our intent is to strive for our ultimate goal of raising \$1.8 Million, using the rendering prepared by our interior design consultant, while concurrently refining project estimates, design options, and priorities.



Next Steps

- 1) The next step is to obtain diocesan approval of the project and authorization to proceed with a capital campaign.

This has some challenges, including the timing of said approvals. There is also a potential requirement to provide handicap accessibility to the Sanctuary area that would require additional project modifications.

- 2) The following step would be to begin a capital campaign.

While it was desired to start this process right away, additional planning and approvals are required that will likely delay the start of a capital campaign until the fall. Typically pledges are taken over a 6-month period of time, with a 3-year timeframe to collect the pledged contributions.

- 3) The final step would be to finalize project details and obtain bids to perform various project elements. 2026 is a target year for completion.



Questions?

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