

HERE WE GO ! –PHASE 1 OF THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN !



As you've probably noticed, the first phase of construction began at the end of May under the direction of Bockstael. This phase includes the replacement of the roof and the large glass window of the sanctuary, repairs of all other windows, as well as restoration of the Cathedral ruins.

The bids received were very competitive and we are pleased to announce that Phase 1 of the budget was tendered at 2.6 Million, or \$ 400 000 under the estimated cost, includes a copper roof.

The building committee consists of the following members : Richard Frechette (Chair), Father Marcel Damphousse, Gerald Labossière, Pascale Dalcq, Julie Turenne-Maynard, Nick Bockstael and Gerald Simard (Bockstael), Nestor Martinez (Tower Engineering).

We anticipate that this first phase will end in late November 2012.



Capital Campaign

So far, much effort has been put into writing funding applications to various foundations, and several discussions and meetings have taken place with two levels of government. To date we are receiving positive feedback and some good news will be announced at the official launch of the pastoral campaign in mid September 2012.

The executive committee and a few staff members have spent considerable time to organize the campaign, to determine the work required to manage it well, and meet with several individuals and parishioners to assist in the organization of the pastoral campaign.

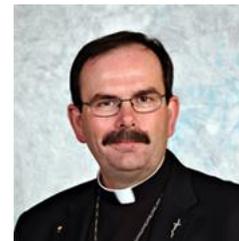
Although summer has arrived, campaign committee members continue to organize meetings with members of the business community and potential donors.

Donor Recognition

The recognition of donors and those who play a key role in the project is a priority for the Capital Campaign team. Last fall an Expression of Interest was sent out to several artists. Subsequently, the executive committee approached the artists who responded and requested them to provide design concepts for a donor recognition project. They were also asked to take into account the Cathedral site's history, the Church and the new vision for the future. Selection of the design will be completed before the end of summer.

"A GREAT VISION FOR THE FUTURE"

Let's create a place where events and experiences will lead us initially to people of all languages and cultures of our diocese, and then meet people of various Christian denominations and of the great religions, including the Aboriginal people with their spirituality and traditions.



Mgr Albert LeGatt



This grand vision for the future is drawing the attention of many people who are curious and anxious to see the evolution of this new path, and to see how they can play a role or participate in programming and activities that will be developed at the Cathedral site. This will require much work from us and the participation of parishioners and friends of the cathedral to ensure that we achieve our goals.

Committed Knights of Columbus

A big Thank You to the St. Boniface Cathedral Parish Knights of Columbus who have expressed that they want to play an important role in the parish and throughout the diocese during this fundraising campaign. We are pleased to partner with them in the coming months in the planning of several events.



Volunteer recruitment



For the past 18 months, over thirty members of the parish and community have been dedicating time to the renewal project and we are sincerely grateful.

As this campaign takes on more momentum, a number of subcommittees have been established to address different needs. If you are interested in volunteering to help in various areas during the campaign (taking photos, videos, help at events, administration, etc. .) we would be happy to hear from you and get you involved in an area that is of interest to you. Please contact the parish office to notify us, or send an email to Julie Turenne-Maynard.

A TEAM LEADER WELL APPRECIATED: Mr. Gerald Labossiere, co-chair of the Capital Campaign and Renewal Project, has been an extremely devoted and dedicated volunteer to date, and regardless of the challenges that arise he embraces them and works with the project team to overcome them and find opportunities to go further. Give a hand the next time you meet him and say THANK YOU!

A lot on our plate

The Cathedral Parish realizes that there is much work to do and needs to hire some individuals on a contract basis to perform specific tasks during the Campaign and Renewal Project, so you will see some new faces at the Parish office. As of July 3, 2012, Julie Turenne-Maynard, Project Manager, will be at the rectory every Tuesday. If you would like to meet with her, make an appointment, or share your ideas feel free to contact her by phone at 925-2321, cell 771-5585 or via email at consultjtm@mymts.net.

