

Roof Project (“aka” P.L.E.A.S.E. Project) Update



We continue to look forward to the completion of the significant and multi-faceted project to repair the considerable damage that has occurred to the roof and other parts of the chapel and church building over the last 32 years. As we reported to you in previous updates, the COVID-19 pandemic has somewhat delayed our efforts to begin the project. In a spirit of financial responsibility and caution, and in consultation with our staff and Finance Council, we decided to not commit to a large expenditure during a time of extreme financial uncertainty. What makes these times so challenging is that we do not know the future or when the deadly COVID-19 pandemic will end. Nevertheless, we plan to revisit this important, complex, and expensive project after the end of the Christmas season.

As a reminder, the project involves: (1) correcting structural problems caused by the design of the roof; (2) water-proofing, repairing, and painting the structures above the roof as well as the walls of the building itself; (3) replacing the substructure of the roof; (4) repairing the towers, replacing rotted wood and rusted metal, and repairing leaking windows; (5) replacing more than 20,000 square feet (about 1/2 acre) of roof tile, while maintaining the architectural integrity of the building; (6) and other repairs, too numerous to itemize here. The current project cost is estimated at \$1 million dollars and will take around five months or so to complete.

After the end of the Christmas season, we will meet with the members of our project committee: Mr. Huang Pham, executive director of the Diocesan Real Estate and Construction office, who serves as the Bishop’s representative on this project, Mr. Howard Piper of the PBA Design Group who developed the engineering plans and documents needed to complete the project and who will coordinate the project with Mr. Pham, Father Len, Deacon John, Rich Waddick, our Superintendent of Facilities, Justine Mullaney, the parish Director of Finance, and our Building Committee. After confirming a reasonable way of proceeding with this project, we will meet with our Finance Council to seek their consultation and perspectives before finalizing the details and timeframes of the project.

Big projects like this require an extensive amount of collaboration, discussion, discernment, prudence, expertise, money, and prayer. So, in the meantime, we continue to accept donations to the P.L.E.A.S.E project, which go into a restricted account maintained for the parish at the Diocese, the monies of which can only be used for the roof project. We ask for your continued patience, support, and prayers as we work toward completing this complex and important project. Please make every effort to support this necessary and important parish project. Thank you for your cooperation and prayerful generosity.