

ANNOUNCEMENT – Easter Mass March 31, 2024

Good morning to all of you on this special and most holy Sunday of the year.

We want to take this opportunity to provide all of you with a brief update on what has been happening with the renovation to the ceiling in our Nave.

Many of you have been following this situation very closely since last February 26/23; but for some of you, this may be new news. We met with the Archdiocese Finance Committee on February 15/24 and received approval to proceed with the initial drawings for the renovation of the Nave ceiling & the two other projects that will be completed at the same time. We anticipate that we will receive these drawings in a couple of weeks. In addition, we have prepared and sent the necessary financial information to the archdiocese to support our request for a loan of \$900,000. When approved, this will allow us to proceed to detailed drawings and tendering of contracts to complete the work of renovating the ceiling, refurbishing the rest of the nave c/w new carpets and an expanded altar. We will also be renovating the foyer area and replacing the existing carpet there as well. The outside project to replace the front entrance and existing patio bricks is dependent on what we receive from our insurance claim. This project is completely separate from the interior projects; so can be completed now or later as money is available.

One other project that was completed by a volunteer team led by Mike Nijman, was the sanding, staining, and lacquering of the pews that were damaged during COVID. This project has made our pews look new again and saved us approximately \$30,000 if we had gone to an outside contractor. Thank You Mike and your team of volunteers.

Our capital campaign team has been working very diligently to contact parishioners asking them to contribute to this project. We have raised nearly \$340,000 in cash donations and cash pledges, plus an additional \$550,000 in pledges over the next 5 years. This has us well on the way to our \$1.3M goal to complete all the renovations. For those who have contributed to this campaign, a

very heart felt thank you! For those who have not donated to date, we ask that you prayerfully think about the future of our parish; and how you can contribute to its future. Any contribution is gratefully accepted. It can be a one-time cash donation, or a pledge over the coming years. You may also want to consider whether a beneficial pledge through your will to the HFP building fund might be an option. These heritage pledges have been a significant part of many other capital campaigns for other parishes and charities. All donations will receive a tax receipt each year.

We are also doing a series of fund raisers, and the recent gala night was a huge success due to the leadership of the KofC with the assistance of the CWL and many other volunteers. They raised over \$15K at this event. Thank You!

Our next event is an offer from the Filipino group touring the country. The Madrigal Concert Singers will hold an additional concert for HFP's renovation project, May 2/24 @ Westminster United Church on 13th Ave. Tickets will be available starting next week by contacting either the office or Murray Knoll and Melinda Toth. Details will be on the website and the bulletin. We urge the whole parish to think about this wonderful opportunity to support our renovation; but also support this world famous and talented group of singers who are in Regina for over a week. They have already SOLD OUT one concert @ Darke Hall and will be providing seminars and clinics throughout the city as well.

Please join us May 2/24.

We urge all parishioners to keep informed as to what is happening in our parish, and the expected dates for return to masses in our new Nave. We update the parish on a regular basis both in the news bulletin that is published each week, and on the website. We urge all our parishioners to keep our faith at the forefront of their lives; Fr. Wilfred has been pushing us to fill the church to capacity every week, not just on special occasions. Let's get our children involved in the many events and activities that our Youth Coordinator and her volunteers have organized.

Thank you for your time this morning and enjoy a lovely Easter.