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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The parish conducted its Preservation for the Next Generation capital campaign in 2004. Why do we need a new campaign now?

The previous capital campaign funded improvements to the structural integrity of our church, rectory and parish offices (roofing, masonry tuck-pointing and sealing, drainage, etc.). The focus of our current project is the cathedral interior, with the goal of creating a worship space of truly timeless beauty.

Why is it necessary to sign a Faith Promise Card?

We need to know how much we can expect to receive from the campaign. We cannot proceed with renovations, if we do not have contributions pledged to cover our costs.

Are Faith Promise contributions tax deductible?

Yes, if you itemize your deductions.

Can I support our Cathedral Restoration and Renewal Campaign in other ways?

Yes, especially with your prayers. You may also wish to consider naming St. Stephen Cathedral in your will or as your life insurance beneficiary. In addition, gifts of property, stocks and bonds, or other investments are welcome.

When will the construction begin and how long will it take?

The Faith Promise portion of our campaign should be completed by the end of November 2007. As soon as practical after this, but probably not before the end of 2008, construction will begin. We will not know how long the construction will take until we know how much of the project will be funded.

Where will we worship during construction?

The Worship Committee is examining alternate locations for worship during construction. You will be advised prior to the beginning of construction.

What will happen if we do not raise enough money to finance the complete project?

We will renovate only what we can pay for based on priorities set by the Cathedral Restoration and Renewal Steering Committee.

I know the diocese is planning a capital campaign next year to support Catholic education, retirement funding for religious, Cathedral renovation and a youth camp. Will I be asked to give twice?

No. You are being asked to make a Faith Promise to Cathedral Restoration and Renewal only. Our goal of \$2.5 million includes a \$437,000 donation to the Diocesan Campaign from St. Stephen Cathedral Parish.

*If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mike Sullivan,
Capital Campaign Chair, at 926-9187*

*or
Mel Windle, Capital Campaign Vice-Chair, at 926-4601
or send your email question to ststephenrestoration@gmail.com*



Cathedral Restoration and Renewal Prayer

God, our loving Father, we thank you for this house of prayer.

It is in this sacred space that your presence is revealed to us through sacramental signs.

*Here you build your temple of living stones and bring
the Church to its full stature as the Body of Christ.*

*It is to your greater glory, as parish and Cathedral, as servants and disciples,
that we strive to restore and renew this holy place.*

*In communion with the saints in heaven and all on earth
may we never cease to bless and praise your greatness.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

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A Message from Father John Vaughan

My Dear Parishioners,

Last month, on Sept. 6th, we celebrated the 1926 dedication of St. Stephen. The anniversary of the dedication of a cathedral is observed as a "solemnity," that is, the highest liturgical feast in the Church. On that day we gathered to thank God for the rich deposit of faith that we have inherited, and also to pray for those generous ancestors who labored and sacrificed for our Catholic faith and for our beautiful Church in which to worship.

During the past 81 years, our worship space has experienced numerous transformations. The stained glass windows were not original to the building. The baptismal font used to be where the priests now vest. The bishop's cathedra (chair) was not added until 1938. Of course, the most memorable alteration occurred in 1970 following the Second Vatican Council. It was at that time that the high altar was removed and the mosaics and current sanctuary furnishings were installed.

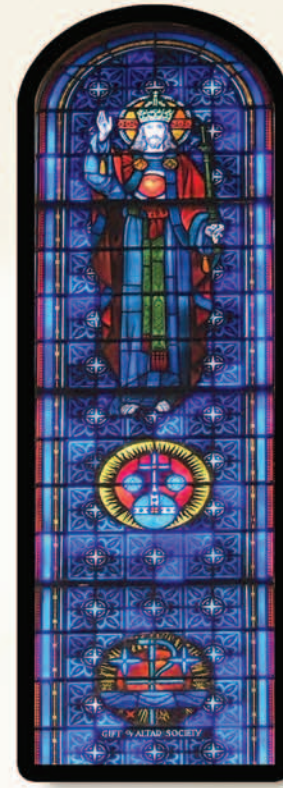
After much prayer, study, and conversation the parish leadership has determined that there is sufficient interest and support to renovate our interior. This was mentioned during our capital campaign in 2004, but our focus at that time was to preserve and improve the structural integrity of the building itself. The focus of our present campaign is "Cathedral Restoration and Renewal."

We want our Cathedral to be a place of spiritual beauty that draws all to the light of life in Christ; beauty that transcends space and time; a center of hospitality and pride for our parishioners and for all the people of the diocese. I am confident that this campaign will help us to meet the ministry needs of our parish family, and better fulfill our role as the Cathedral of the diocese. This brochure outlines what we hope to accomplish. With your prayers and generous support, it can be done.

I know I can count on you, that we can count on one another, to fund this important parish endeavor. The diocese will provide some support, but as parishioners we have a special responsibility. I am asking that each of us make a sacrificial pledge, maximizing the amount we can contribute over the next five years. If we do so, we will have no difficulty reaching our \$2.5 million goal. We cannot be faithful stewards through gifts that are comfortable or convenient. God asks for our whole-hearted commitment. Through the prayers of all in our faith community, and giving that is truly sacrificial, God's plan can, and will, exceed our dreams.

I ask for your prayerful consideration of the material in this brochure. I pray that you share my belief in, and enthusiasm for, our "Cathedral Restoration and Renewal."

Sincerely yours in Christ,



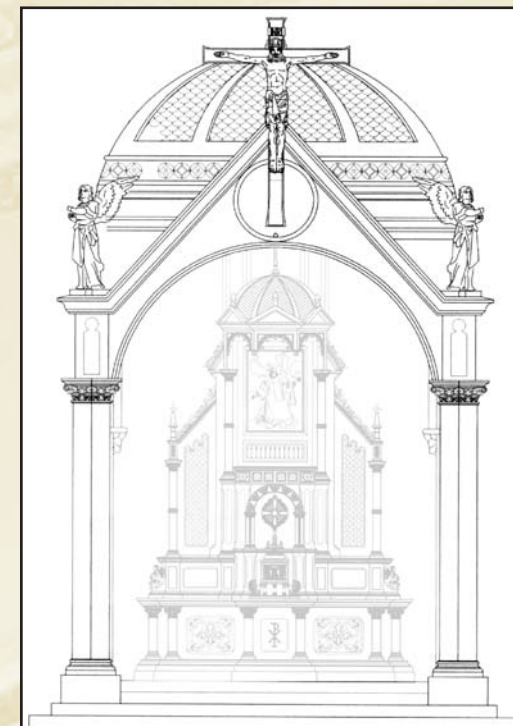
The sketches on this page are a sample of the concepts proposed for St. Stephen Cathedral by Granda Liturgical Arts, Inc. They were presented at a parish gathering on September 6, 2007.



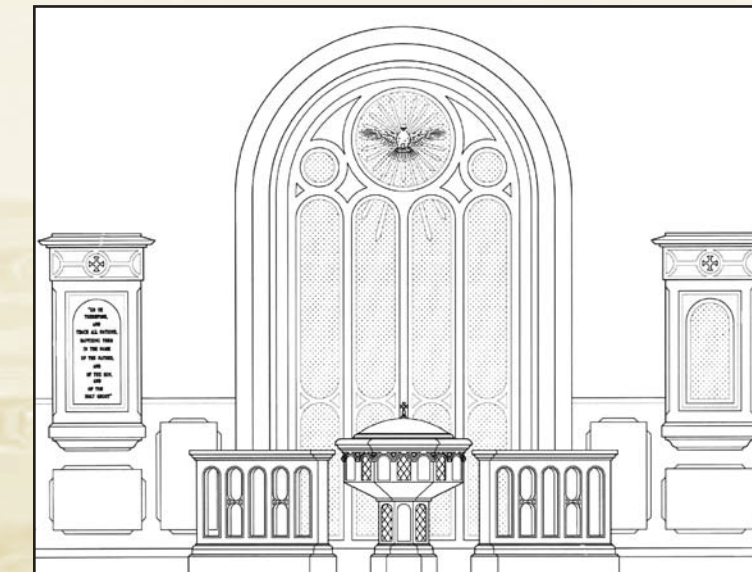
SANCTUARY PROPOSAL - Front Elevation



EUCCHARISTIC ALTAR PROPOSAL



SANCTUARY with BALDACHINO PROPOSAL



BAPTISMAL FONT PROPOSAL
Rear Center Aisle

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION AND RENEWAL CAMPAIGN GOAL - \$2.5 MILLION

Estimated Cost of Proposed Renovation:

Construction and Repair - \$1 million

Sacred Art and New Furnishings - \$1 million

Parish Contribution to Diocesan Campaign - \$437,000

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?

Psalms 116:12



"The Martyrdom of St. Stephen" (artist unknown)
Part of a collection given to Fr. Benedict Joseph Flaget by Louis Philippe of France. Appointed our first bishop in 1808, Bishop Flaget gave it and two others to the young parish on the Yellowbanks - St. Stephen. It currently hangs in the rectory.

God has a plan. Part of that plan is for us to use His gifts as he wants - not as we want . . . No matter how often we say "This is mine," our gifts are never ours alone — everything we have is always God's.

Excerpted from Bishop John McRaith's Chrism Mass Homily - April 2007

HOW CAN I HELP?

- All parishioners will be asked to make a Faith Promise, a financial commitment to support the Cathedral Restoration and Renewal project that is both prayerfully considered and sacrificial. If you would like to receive your Faith Promise card before you are contacted, please call Mel Windle at 926-4601.
- Your Faith Promise is in addition to your regular parish offering, and can be given over a period of five years.
- Several different giving plans are shown below for your consideration. Please choose the Faith Promise that best fits your family's ability to contribute.
- Faith Promise contributions will begin in January 2008. You will receive specially marked envelopes to use for your gift, or you may choose to have your pledge deducted directly from your account.

SUGGESTED GIVING PLANS

Plan A

\$96/wk. or \$4,800/yr. =	\$24,000 5 years
\$64/wk. or \$3,200/yr. =	\$16,000 5 years
\$48/wk. or \$2,400/yr. =	\$12,000 5 years
\$32/wk. or \$1,600/yr. =	\$ 8,000 5 years
\$24/wk. or \$1,200/yr. =	\$ 6,000 5 years
\$16/wk. or \$ 800/yr. =	\$ 4,000 5 years
\$ 8/wk. or \$ 400/yr. =	\$ 2,000 5 years

Plan B

Five annual gifts of	\$ _____
Ten semi-annual gifts of	\$ _____
Twenty quarterly gifts of	\$ _____
Sixty monthly gifts of	\$ _____
_____ weekly gifts of	\$ _____
One gift of	\$ _____

HOME VISITATIONS

Following the Kick-off event, those households who have not yet made a commitment to the campaign will be visited by a representative from Kirby-Smith Associates, Inc. The Kirby-Smith representative will assist church members in completing their Faith Promise.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

KICK-OFF - November 3, 2007

Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish Hall

514 East Fourth Street

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

KIRBY-SMITH VISITS - November 5 - 21, 2007