

Protecting our Church ... becoming part of its History

Our Roof Campaign is about more than water, wood and leak repairs. It is about sustaining and protecting a piece of history in our community. When we celebrated 100 Years in 1986, our former Bishop, Marcel Gervais, said:

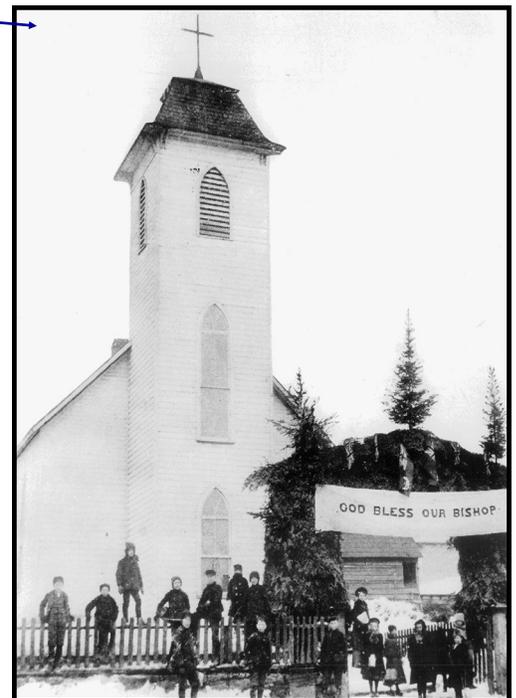
*"Many thousands of people have lived in the parish and been influenced by the beautiful things that our parish has done for them. We have experienced His touch, his guidance, his love and forgiveness through the parishioners, the ministers and priests and bishops who have served here, and most especially through his presence and action in the sacramental life of the parish. Our hearts are grateful and happy at the love He has shown us through this parish. **We look on Him with trust that he will strengthen us and future generations, so that a great song of praise to His glory will rise to Him from the people of this parish for the next hundred years.**"*

Well, it has been 36 years since Bishop Gervais said these words but they still ring true today. What we do now will allow our parish community to continue to work in the hearts of those who will come after us and to do so, we need to preserve our beautiful, historical building. It's not just about the building, **we are the history!** What we do today creates the legacy that we will leave behind.

It is no easy feat to raise the funds needed to repair our roof, but history has proved that the people of the Pro-Cathedral are capable. Just look at what has happened before us!

Look how we began in 1886 when our parish was originally called Saint Mary's of the Lake and was located on Main Street (where Lefebvre's used to be located).

Imagine how daunting it would have seemed to the parishioners in 1904 when they laid the cornerstone of what was to become our beautiful church.



**"Glory be to him whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;
glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3: 20-21)**

Bit by bit, together we can do it!