

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you.

We are writing to share an important update with the ongoing roof restoration project at our beloved Pro-Cathedral. First, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each of you who have supported this effort through your prayers, time, and financial generosity over the past two years. Your faith and commitment have brought us far.

With large-scale restorations - especially one involving a historic building - there are sometimes unexpected complications that arise once work begins. In our case, when the top layer of the roof was removed, a second, older tin roof was discovered beneath it. Unfortunately, this added layer, along with issues related to the underlying structure, now requires more extensive removal and reframing than was originally anticipated.

After review by our structural engineer and contractor, it has been determined that this additional work is necessary to ensure the long-term safety and integrity of our Cathedral. The extra cost totals approximately \$200,000.

While we had hoped to stay within our original financial scope and timeline, these unforeseen challenges have made it necessary to revise our original financial fundraising plan. Initially, we considered extending our fundraising campaign by two more years beyond the original five-year timeline. However, after prayerful discernment and thoughtful consultation, we believe there is a better path forward.

Rather than extending the timeline, we will instead add \$75,000 per year to our existing \$200,000 yearly goal for the next three years to help complete this important project. This approach allows us to maintain momentum, meet our responsibilities, and avoid long-term delays - all while preserving the beauty, safety, and spiritual integrity of our sacred space.

We know this is an additional ask and want to assure you that we do not make it lightly. But we believe in the strength of this parish and in the power of what we can accomplish together.

We are asking, once more, for your continued support - through prayer, encouragement, and financial giving as you are able. Together, we can see this project through to completion and ensure that our beloved Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption remains a place of welcome, worship and wonder for all.

Let us trust that God is with us in our efforts and every act of giving we offer.

A Parish Prayer for Renewal

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of our parish family and for the sacred space we call home.

May our efforts to restore and renew be guided by faith,

sustained by hope and inspired by love.

Bless each offering given in trust, and unite us in purpose,

that Your house may continue to be a beacon of light for generations to come.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

If you have questions or wish to learn more about how you can help, please visit our website at: www.procathedral.ca or contact the parish office. Your voice and participation are deeply valued.

Let us continue walking forward together in faith, unity and hope.

Yours in Christ,

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