



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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RENEW AND REBUILD....

Today we are proud to announce the commencement of a seven month campaign, entitled, "Renew and Rebuild", leading up to the 100th anniversary of the first mass at our historic church, which we will celebrate with Cardinal Dolan on September 2, 1917. As the campaign title infers, the goal is to renew our pastoral life and to rebuild (restore) our church and physical plant. The continued physical restoration will be more obvious to the eye, but the renewal of parish life is much more important: if we have a beautiful edifice and stale parish life, we will become a museum. We don't want that!

REBUILD....

In the coming weeks the parish council will present to the entire parish the tentative plans for the restoration of the interior of the church. There will be a short period for comment and revision before we begin fundraising and launch these projects. More to come on all of this....

RENEW.....

The most important part of this campaign is the renewal of parish life. As we read so often in the Sacred Scripture, God calls us to be his apostles. This means we are sent by Him to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Our campaign aims to connect every adult parishioner with a parish ministry.

We understand that life circumstances affect your ability to serve. Work schedules, health, age, and family commitments all come into play. With this in mind, the list of ministries and service opportunities inserted into today's bulletin takes into account these diverse circumstances. I think you will agree that this list offers something for everyone.

Please review the insert (in your preferred language), fill it out, and return it in the baskets made available in back of the church.

God Bless, Father Jonathan

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