

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For the past several months, under the guidance of Father Sal, the Arts and Environment committee, with involvement from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, and the Capital Improvement Committee, has begun preliminary planning for renovation of our Resurrection Catholic Church. As most of us are aware and many have noted: (1) most importantly, our existing altar set-up does not provide adequate space to safely and efficiently conduct our mass celebration, nor is it in compliance with USCCB guidelines (2) furniture and flooring in the Sanctuary/Worship area and on the altar are worn and in various states of disrepair, and (3) our church design, décor, and lighting are dated.

At this time, our planning efforts to address the aforementioned renovation concerns are long-term in nature and in practical terms will have no immediate impact on parish life. The reason for this is that to implement and finance our renovation project, we will wait for completion of the current diocesan “Living Our Mission” campaign in 2019. Hence, we will use the next two years to develop a comprehensive physical renovation plan along with an accompanying financial plan that presents costs and financing options.

Once the term of the “Living Our Mission” campaign has expired, Resurrection Parish will present our plans for church renovation to the Richmond Diocese for approval and then begin our own financing campaign to fund the renovation.

Our strategy to develop our comprehensive church renovation plan over the coming two years is to accomplish this in stages. The first stage is to prepare a plan for the Sanctuary/Worship area. The next stages will be to focus on the Commons, the office space, and then our church’s ancillary facilities, including Morrow Hall, classrooms, and storage space. As the plan for each stage is being developed, the parish will be kept informed through periodic information letters and “Ministry Minute” presentations. Parishioners who wish to provide input or comment regarding the renovation project should contact members of the Renovation Committee.

At the present time, renovation planning has been focused on stage one: renovation and upgrade of the altar and the sanctuary/worship area. With the assistance of a church design consultant recommended by the diocese, a preliminary plan has been developed for these spaces. Renditions of the recommended planned changes are in the commons.

As Father Sal always reminds us, Resurrection Catholic Church is without a doubt “The Best Catholic Church in Moneta.” To keep it that way, as we do with our own homes, from time-to-time, we need to take steps to physically maintain and improve Resurrection, our spiritual home at Smith Mountain Lake. Now is the time for us to begin planning for a renovation project in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, that will enhance the spirituality and beauty of our worship area, will help us to strengthen and build pride in our Catholic identity, and will demonstrate the commitment of our parishioners to glorifying our God.

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