



ST ALBANS

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Beloved Parish of St. Albans,

It is my privilege to update you on our current Building Restoration Project and the fundraising success we have had to date to support it! If you have been on-site, you will have noticed the plastering and painting work that has been going on inside the Church. You might have also noticed fencing outside of the church as we get ready to put up the scaffolding required to undertake the much-needed restoration work to our buttresses so that our building doesn't "slide down the Sandy Hill".

The outside restoration work set to begin any day now (or which will be completed in Summer 2023) is the culmination of several years of work by our Property Committee to get an assessment of the work that needed to be done, obtain estimates from multiple contractors etc. A full report on this work was presented at Vestry.

As you know first-hand, St. Albans is a gathering place for our community and has been for over 150 years. We all want to ensure it's safe and sturdy for the next 150. The restoration work outside will reinforce our aging structure and enhance the safety around the building. But we are doing more than this - **we are enabling all that happens within the four walls of St. Albans to flourish and to grow.** Thankfully, our church building is used seven days a week, and Centre 454 alone welcomes on average 150 people each day.

Within our building a diverse community of people find a place of welcome, a place to belong, a place to explore and nurture their faith, a place to receive counselling, a place to participate in social and recreation activities, and so much more. Within our four walls there have been countless Sunday services, weddings and funerals, musical performances, formal and informal gatherings, and hours of care, counselling and respite.

While these walls have been a stable stone backbone of our community, we have had to invest significant financial resources to reinforce the buttresses to be able to continue this work for years to come. **The budget for this important restoration project is \$330,000.**

We are happy to report that through the generosity of the Diocese and the work of many leaders, past and present, **we have already secured \$295,000** which is over 90% of the funds required for this work. This is a significant accomplishment for us to build upon. **We have \$35,000.00 left to raise.** Attached you will find an update on the Restoration Project budget and our fundraising success to date.

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A Fundraising Committee has been working behind the scenes on a strategy to help us raise the remaining \$35,000. One of the initiatives is a fun event being planned for **Saturday June 17th** which we hope that you will join us for. This event is not just a fundraising event – it is an opportunity to celebrate our success as a parish to undertake this project, a chance to thank the Property Committee that has been working behind the scenes on this project, and it will present an opportunity to tour the church and Centre 454 to learn some things you might not know. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for us to gather in community and to get to know each other even better. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend!

I want to also invite you to prayerfully consider how you might want to contribute to **Building for Our Future** through a financial donation. Our congregation is diverse and has diverse ability to financially contribute, if you are unable to at this time, please still participate in our project by coming to the June 17th event. This event is an opportunity for ALL OF US to celebrate the work we have undertaken, and help us dream about what is unfolding for the ministry and witness of our congregation in Downtown Ottawa.

If you have any questions about the building restoration project or the fundraising for the project please feel free to reach out to me. I remain truly grateful to participate in the work of our parish as Rector.

Blessings,
Michael+



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Attachment A

Building Restoration Campaign Update

Campaign Target: \$330,000
Raised To Date: \$295,000
Remainder: \$35,000

Campaign Progress To Date

	Target	Total Raised
Anglican Diocese	\$165,000	\$165,000
Anglican Foundation	\$15,000	\$15,000
Build Heritage Grant	\$25,000	\$25,000
St. Albans Reserve Fund	\$90,000	\$90,000
Congregational Fundraising Initiatives	\$35,000	\$?
TOTAL	\$330,000	\$295,000