

Presentation to the Parish

Sept 22, 2012

Good day everyone. My name is Simonne Chevalier and I am a member of the Parish Finance Committee.

I would like to take a few minutes of your time.

Everyone please close your eyes_____ I want you to imagine the front of the church, maybe your vision will include people after Mass talking on the front step, maybe its your wedding day, maybe it's a photo, or the image of the front with all the flowers as you drive by, OR , maybe as a silhouette in the evening sky_____ pause_____ .

Can you see it? _____ Can you see the front of the church?
Now, focus on that image _____ WITHOUT A STEEPLE _____ .

OK, that! is why I am here. There is damage to the Steeple, as well as other critical areas around the church They all need to be repaired. If not addressed, it will deteriorate and the steeple could very possibly have to be taken down. We have to save our church

Renovations have been estimated at \$500,000.00 to complete all the repairs and stop further deterioration.

Half a Million Dollars is a huge number, but we may have found help.

Brain Storeseth our fed MP has informed us there is a federal Infrastructure grant available for tourism and buildings of significant importance to a town. We think we could qualify as our Church is a historical site the heart of our community.

This grant is a matching CASH grant for up to \$250,000.00, that is half of what we need to complete the restoration.

Being a Cash matching grant means that we have to raise \$250000 by Nov 12, to qualify for the full grant. Who knows if such a grant will be available again. Although there are no guarantees we will be successful in acquiring the grant money, we know for sure we will receive nothing if, we don't try.

We are a powerful, generous and determined Parish and community and can achieve this mark.

We are not starting from zero, already parishioners have heard our plight and have donated. We have close to \$50,000 to our cause making us 20% closer to our goal.

With only have 7 weeks to find the additional funds, I challenge everyone to work together to reach this goal. Talk to your families, neighbours, old friends of the parish, people who were raised here and moved away, people who appreciate the beauty and architecture and who want to keep the image you focused on earlier.

