



Phase 2

October 2, 2024

Dear People of God,

Our Catholic faith unites us, nurtures us, and sends us forth to be the hands of God in the world, to proclaim the gospel and serve those in need (Matt 24:14).

We have been blessed to have been a community of Catholic Christians in Moose Jaw for more than 100 years. Protecting and preserving this legacy, through our parish, is part of our call to be good stewards of God's gifts.

Just as a family needs a home, a parish needs a vibrant gathering place. Our church building is more than a physical place. It is important to us: it is our spiritual home. As with our family residence, our parish home requires upkeep and maintenance to preserve it and ensure we can continue to gather together here in faith. We have reached a critical time when major works must be done. Between 2017 and 2022 parishioners raised \$1.2 million in the First Phase of the "Together in Faith Campaign" which was spent on exterior projects to prevent further water damage. These substantial projects were critical for the building preservation, but more needs to be done; an engineering study completed in September 2024 points out additional work on the building exterior is required, and there is a strong desire to renew the interior of our church.

I believe that coming together to preserve our building, the physical structure, will further strengthen our faith community. This is the second phase of the Together in Faith Campaign, the first major fundraising campaign since the church was built.

This project will provide each of us with a new opportunity to invest our time, talent and treasure in a place that plays a significant role in our lives. By renewing your commitment to our faith community, you will also strengthen and renew your spiritual life. Investing in our parish legacy makes sense, because building a new church would cost considerably more than the \$2.5 million needed for repairs.

Over the next weeks, volunteers from our parish's Together in Faith Campaign will be calling you to visit, share our mutual faith and answer any questions you may have about supporting the Campaign.

While the church is physical in its nature, what forms and supports us comes from within. Today, we are called to serve, nurture and support our faith community not only for today but for the generations that follow.

Our vision is no different than it was in 1913 when the cornerstone brick was laid. Individuals and families of that day made the choice, the decision, to play an important role 'Together in Faith' to build our parish home, a home we've enjoyed for over 100 years. We have a choice today regarding what we have been called to do. This choice is our collective decision to support the faith journey of our families as well as the generations to follow us.

We pray that through the grace of God and with your help, these renovations will revitalize our parish, bringing growth and renewal to our faith community.

Thank you for your consideration.

May God bless you,

Rev. Adelberto (Bert) Lillo