



CATHEDRAL BASILICA of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

+A THANK YOU AND A REQUEST+

***CHRISTMAS GIVING DOWN AND
EMERGENCY REPAIR FUNDS NEEDED***

Dear Parishioners, Friends of the Cathedral, and Visitors,

On behalf of Father Emmanuel and Father Francesco, Deacon Finan and Deacon Rinne, and the staff of the Cathedral Basilica, I wish you a Blessed New Year!

May the Blessed Mother, Our Patron, keep you safe under her mantle in 2018!

I would like to update you on two very important matters. The first is the Christmas Weekend Collection, and the second is the status of funds needed to complete this phase of Emergency Repairs.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND GIVING DOWN

This past weekend was a complicated weekend as it combined both the Fourth Sunday in Advent and Christmas. *Attendance for both liturgical days was down.*

The combined collection for the two days was \$25,000...**THANK YOU!**

This is \$13,000 less than the two liturgical days last year. Given the enormous fluctuations in weekly Offertory, and a 20 percent drop in weekly Mass attendance, we have reduced our office staff by 25 percent to compensate for unreliable revenues. We will adjust walk -in office hours on January 2nd.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS REQUEST UPDATE -- \$200,000 NEEDED BY APRIL 1st

As I mentioned to you last week, there remains \$1.2 million in work to complete the Colfax and East/West Doors Façade by July 1, 2018...and \$250,000 in work to complete the Lower Level Bathrooms/Lift...and \$50,000 for the East Ramp Door Handicapped Entrance...**for a total of \$1.5 million.**

In order to maintain a six-month mandatory Archdiocese Reserve of \$700,000, ***we have a total of \$1.3 million*** available through existing savings from property sales, trusts and estates, the Restoration Fund and the Denver Catholic ads and articles, and anonymous gifts.

We need \$200,000 to complete this work and maintain a reserve...your gift is essential!

The other two remaining priorities in this phase are to replace the leaking flat roofs above the East and West Entrances (\$50,000) and to paint the water damaged walls and install stain resistant carpet in the Lower Level of the Cathedral (\$20,000) for a total of \$70,000. *These projects, along with the East Ramp Door Handicapped Entrance, are being deferred until the revenue or pledges are in place.*

This \$270,000 will address the current exterior safety and building integrity concerns and make the facilities cleaner and more accessible to those with limitations...important concerns given the increased use of the facilities as our Four Pillars of Sacred Liturgy, Sacred Music, Spiritual Formation, and Community Outreach continue to expand...*so, your gift is essential!*

The lack of accessibility to our facilities, especially in the absence of a Parish Hall and additional parking lots or a parking garage, limit attendance and revenues...while the expenses of a 105-year-old building continue. **I have chosen at this point to reduce staff rather than reduce programs.**

BUT YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE ARE HEROIC! In the past two years, with your help, we have addressed over \$620,000 in deferred maintenance on all Cathedral Properties – **THANK YOU!**

So, I prayerfully ask you to consider your ability to assist us in this **\$270,000** goal. Your time, talent, and treasure to complete this phase are essential and greatly appreciated...*thank you!*

You are in my prayers of thanksgiving every day of the year...it is truly the greatest blessing of my life to be here with you....

May God Bless You and Keep You,

Father Ron

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

ONE TIME DONATION

- o By Check payable to the Cathedral
- o By Donating Online through *Vanco Services* linked to our website, www.denvercathedral.org
- o By Kiosk donation available in the Church

THREE YEAR PLEDGE

- o Any amount pledged may be paid *Monthly or Quarterly*
 - o Online through *Vanco Services*
 - o Check
 - o Direct Deposit to the Cathedral's bank account
- o Check regularly mailed from the Donor's bank until the Pledge is fully paid
- o Periodic Statements of amount paid will be mailed to Donors.

OR EMAIL US

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Tax Statements will be mailed to Donors at the end of the Calendar Year.

Thank You for your Generosity!