



Q&A

THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

The facilities staff has done a complete assessment of building needs. This comprehensive system is on file and currently being implemented. We now have visibility over our systems, and can better anticipate when those systems need to be upgraded in advance. We've also started compiling a 5 year strategic plan to document upcoming needs and align our priorities accordingly.

However, the best laid plans cannot be implemented without funding. The normal offertory covers operating expenses only. In order to have an effective preventative maintenance plan we need to allocate monies from our offertory so we can fund a maintenance reserve and avoid the need for future capital campaigns. Our parish has formed a stewardship council to encourage the responsible use of our gifts as we grow in discipleship.

Q: WILL THE DIOCESE OR OTHER PARISHES PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE SINCE IT'S THEIR CATHEDRAL TOO?

A: We will appeal to all parishes within the diocese for their prayers and financial support.

Q: WHO OVERSEES HOW THE FACILITIES ARE MANAGED?

Joe Sandfort oversees all facility management functions. The property committee assists in managing the care and maintenance of the facilities for the safety, security and architectural integrity of the church and school.

Q: IS THERE A PLAN TO DO PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE IN THE FUTURE?

A: Yes, now that a complete assessment has been done and major systems will be replaced, a validated preventative maintenance program will be implemented.

Q: WHO EXAMINES AND INSPECTS THE FACILITIES OTHER THAN OUR OWN PERSONNEL?

A: The fire marshal, Catholic Mutual our insurance carrier and municipal inspectors routinely inspect our buildings.

"Give what you have and the Lord will work miracles."

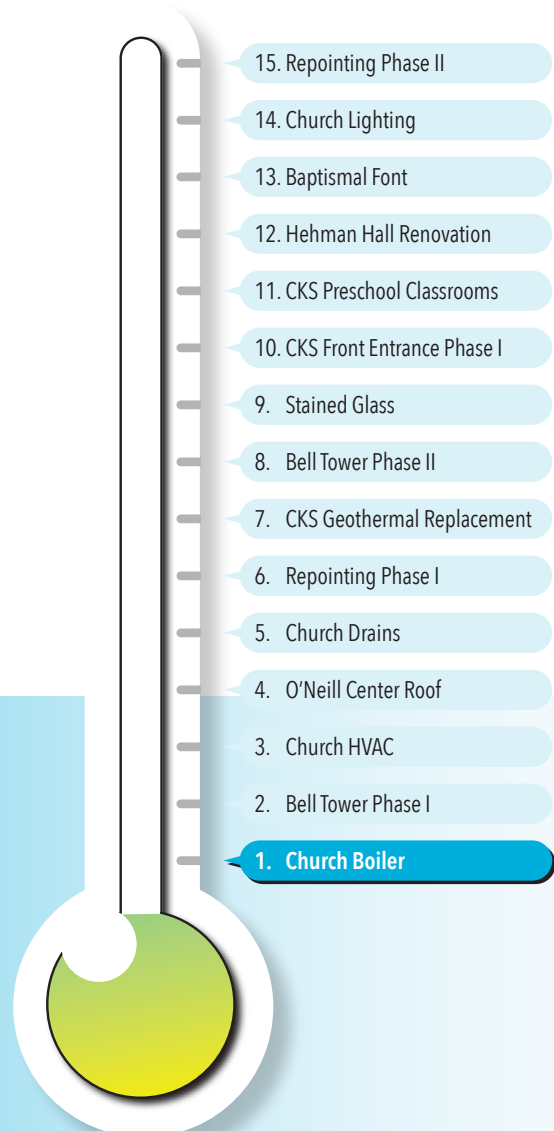
— ARCHBISHOP BERNARD HEAD

Q: WILL A MAINTENANCE RESERVE BE ESTABLISHED FROM THE OFFERTORY FOR FUTURE REPAIRS?

A: The parish has set aside funds in the past in a maintenance reserve. At the end of fiscal year 2016-2017, we had \$13,700 in the reserve. However, property related expenditures were \$21.3K over the operating budget. This is due in part to the costly upkeep of our aging systems. Moving forward, the rigorous implementation of a thorough preventive maintenance plan, careful budgetary planning, and input from our Parish Pastoral Counsel and Finance Committee will allow for better distribution of our projected contributions.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T RAISE ALL THE MONEY?

A: Projects will be prioritized according to their urgency. Those projects that pose an immediate safety concern, or ones that if not addressed will compound problems, will be completed first. The graphic below presents a visual depiction of the order of priority. Based on cost estimates it will take \$4 million dollars to complete this list.



It's time to give back to our cathedral parish. We need everyone's participation.

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