




Trinity Parish Accessibility Project

May 4, 2025

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Brief Update on Search for Parish Priest

- The wardens spoke with a candidate in January who elected to go in a different direction
 - The Rev. Dr. Kevin Olds, the Canon for Congregations and Transitions, will be our celebrant on May 25th, and will meet with us for coffee hour after the service
 - The accessibility project we will discuss in a few minutes will not impact our ability to hire and pay for a priest
 - Questions?
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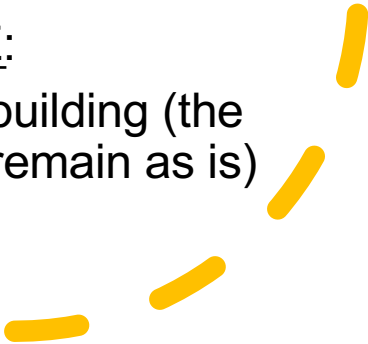
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Project Scope

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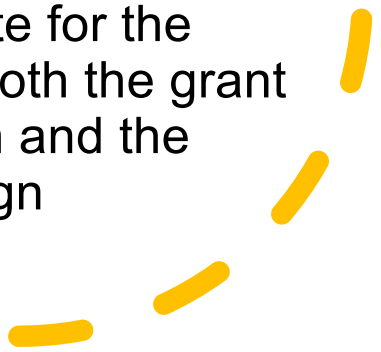
- A handicap accessible ramp and electronically operating doors in the front
- An elevator to connect the nave, Parish Hall and downstairs areas
- Renovation of the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms, including access to bathrooms from the church without needing to climb stairs
- Installation of air conditioning in the Parish Hall, Seabury Room and downstairs areas

NOT INCLUDED IN THE FIRST PHASE:

- Modifications to the office wing of the building (the current handicap-accessible door will remain as is)
 - Modifications within the church itself
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Costs

- Our plan is to address costs from four sources.
 1. Grants at the state and local level - we have begun exploring
 2. A low-interest loan from the diocese - we are exploring terms now
 3. A capital campaign from the parish and possible outside help (e.g., from the local community) – we will explore this once the first two have been answered
 4. Our endowment – we will not know how much to draw from our invested funds until we have a reasonable estimate for the entire project, and complete both the grant and diocesan loan exploration and the possibility of a capital campaign
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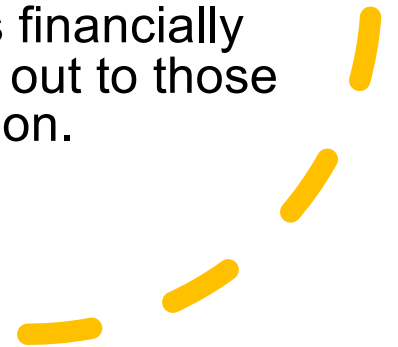
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Proposed Next Steps

1. Retain Architectural Firm – Retain an architectural firm, including a structural engineer, that has worked on historical buildings to give us an estimate.

This will help us determine the feasibility of performing all the anticipated renovations in our building. The architect will eventually also assist us in obtaining the necessary permits.

2. Explore Potential Funding/Grant Options – Explore options at the diocesan/federal/state/local levels that could assist us financially with the accessibility goal and reach out to those organizations for additional information.



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Brief Table Exercise



Parish Prayer

- This project requires much faith and prayer from the entire parish. We have adopted this prayer, which will appear in the weekly bulletin. We ask that you pray this every day as this project progresses.

O good and gracious God, from the beginning you have guided Your People like a Good Shepherd; we ask you to guide our congregation as we explore if and how, as part of your call to mission, You might want us to make our Parish more physically accessible to welcome and serve people in our congregation and in our community. Help us to resist the temptations to either be paralyzed by fear or to race ahead without Your clear guidance. Give us the clarity we need and the courage to follow the guidance you give us through the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

