



Elevator Project

Will we lose ADA parking spots with the proposed plan?

No, parking spots will remain in place and no changes will occur with the proposed plan.

Is it true the Building and Grounds Committee is exploring a second option that is more cost effective?

Yes, the architect is exploring a more cost effective alternative. All plans will need approval from the diocese, the city, and historic resources board since these are modifications to a Historic Landmark.



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Early Learning Center (ELC) Project

Given the many thoughtful questions surrounding the early learning center, a subcommittee is being formed to carefully review concerns, engage with school leadership, and provide more in-depth feedback.

A Note from Finance Council

Where We Are Now

Over the decades Seven Dolors became very accustomed to addressing maintenance in a reactive way, making repairs when there was an immediate need. Mindful of the financial position of the parish we 'made do' for many years.

In 2018, we rededicated Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish following successful capital campaigns. Everyone entering remarked upon the restored splendor of our beautiful worship space. But, as with any renovation, elements on the list were relegated to the 'someday' category when the magnitude of construction costs was realized. Several projects were left behind or addressed only cosmetically. These included the elevator and the church basement kitchen.

About the Gift

A few years ago, the parish was blessed with an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime estate gift from a family long associated with Seven Dolors Parish which has enabled us to look to the future in a tangible way while addressing some omissions of the past. After years of discernment and consultation with the Diocese, it has been agreed that building projects and endowment should be the focus of the use of this gift.

The bequest is currently invested with the Diocese and administrated by the Pastor and parish Finance Council. A parish Finance Council is required by canon law, made up of financial

and business professionals, and operates as an advisory body for the Pastor. Striving for transparency and responsible stewardship of parish funds, periodic general financial updates can be and are shared with the parish. However, the detailed dollar amounts are reviewed and managed solely by the Pastor and the Finance Council, who are charged with the duty of ensuring proper accountability, confidentiality, and sound management on behalf of the parish.

the Gift, Invested

Through several leadership transitions, the Building Committee for special projects has presented to Parish Council and parish Finance Council, then spearheaded plans to renovate our kitchen and parts of the church basement (now completed). Next on the list is the church elevator, to be replaced and modernized. Plans for a sizeable endowment are in place as well. This endowment will be used to provide interest income for potential maintenance, operation, and other needs at the discretion of the Pastor and parish Finance Council. Finally, the construction of a new Parish Center and Adoration Chapel has been authorized to go forward by the Bishop.

Above all, we must realize that what is different about future planning and financial stewardship in a church setting is the absolute need for faith, and trust in the work of the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for all involved in this endeavor.