Aspiring to Grace
Project Update

In 2014, the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception embarked on a five-year strategic plan. As church leaders were finalizing the plans, which included restoring the center aisle configuration and turning the altar toward the congregation, major structural defects were uncovered. Work began immediately to repair the church’s leaky roof, but damage from it was extensive.

The work has forced the congregation from the sanctuary and for the more than a year, services have had to be held in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, the cost of repairing the roof and addressing other structural issues has ballooned to twice what was first estimated. Current estimates put the rehabilitation at more than $6.1 million—which includes the original plan to restore the center aisle and turn the altar. That is a price well beyond the means of the current parishioners, and it will require the support of the larger philanthropic community.

The congregation has risen to the task thus far, and has raised almost $1 million. The community has also responded to the need, and an additional $1.1 million has been pledged.

With less than 1% of the fundraising goal still to raise, the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception looks forward to celebrating the completion of the campaign this Fall and the rededication of the renovated church in the Spring of 2020.
Renovations – Aspiring to Grace

The scaffolding has finally been removed from the church roof, and we can once again see the Basilica’s beautiful steeple reaching up to the heavens and making its imprint on the Norfolk skyline!

We are so excited about the progress that is being made on our beloved church and we are also delighted to report that we are very close to meeting our fundraising goal!

We have reached 99% of our intended goal.

We are sooo close . . .

It’s not too late for you to be part of this incredible restoration. The name of every contributor to the campaign will be included on the giving tree that will be displayed in the new church.

In addition, there are opportunities to rededicate the windows with a contribution of $25,000, which can be spread over several years or shared among families.

Great progress is, indeed, being made—both in the renovations of the church and in the fundraising campaign to fund the restoration! And we welcome you to be a part of it!

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99% to Goal
Pictures of Renovations