

# Rectory roof a shambles; new roof now completed

Any way you looked at the rectory roof, you could see crumbling shingles and moss. Repair work was overdue and had been postponed more than once.

According to the parish Centennial history, the rectory was built in 1920, making it the oldest of the St. Agnes buildings. John Etzel, a carpenter (and the uncle of now-deceased parishioner Dan Etzel), built the rectory from a Sears & Roebuck kit.

Over the past decade or so, the rectory roof continued to deteriorate, but because of the high cost of repairs, the job was postponed over and over again.

When the workers began removing the shingles and debris, they discovered that the original rafters were spaced too far apart to meet current regulations.

"A new solid wood deck had to be installed," said Chris Weaver, owner of Recue My Roof. This added even more to the cost.

Workers also needed to lay decking and underlayment before putting on the shingles. Of course, flashing and insulation are also integral to the finished job.

"New gutters and downspouts [were needed], as well as gutter protection from leaves and debris," Weaver said.

"it proved to be a large-scale endeavor," he said, "because the upper roof had multiple layers. The bottom layer was the cedar shake wood roof that was original to the building, and three additional layers of asphalt shingles over them."

The bulk of the \$31,000 cost will be paid for through the Love One Another campaign funds.

"It looks so nice," Father Sergio said. "I feel safer now and don't have to worry about snow coming in this winter. Thank you to all who made this possible."



**BEFORE:** Loose shingles, gaping holes, crumbling tiles were everywhere — it's no wonder that, at one point, bats managed to find their way into the attic. When heavy winds combined with rain, water leaked into Father Sergio's bedroom. Roof work is costly and the repair work was postponed more than once. This fall's storms were the last straw.



**DURING:** Workmen from Butler-based "Rescue My Roof" removed old shingles, installed new baseboards, and re-shingled the roof.



**GUTTERS:** The final step was adding new gutters and downspouts.

**AFTER:** Roof work was completed in two and a half days. The "before" and "after" appearances are clearly a dramatic improvement, both in function and appearance.