

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

CHURCH RESTORATION CAMPAIGN

The purpose of our *Church Restoration Campaign* is to assist with the funds needed to preserve and restore our church and to ensure that our church continues to endure for the families of today and tomorrow. As with any structure that has been in use for almost 100 years, there is occasionally a need for our church to be periodically repaired and updated, so that it can continue to serve as the center of our Catholic life. From generation to generation our parishioners have responded to the challenges of their time with generosity, humility, and passion.

Today we are the beneficiaries of a magnificent inheritance from previous parishioners who originally built this parish and grew this church. It is through their sacrifice and generosity that we can worship, learn, and socialize in a parish setting rich in beauty and history. This legacy, and our facilities, serve as a source of pride for all St. Ignatius of Antioch parishioners to share.

Our *Church Restoration Campaign* will help us to build on the foundation laid by our generous and faithful predecessors. Now, it is our sacrifice and generosity that will enable us to pass on to the next generation the beliefs and traditions that have given our lives meaning and purpose. Our daily and weekly Celebration of Mass, as well as our celebrations of Baptisms, Reconciliation, Weddings, and Funerals, allow us to be touched by the grace of God and to find in God our source of true joy, happiness, and peace.

OUR CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT

During the past year St. Ignatius of Antioch staff has collaborated with professional engineers, contractors, and the Diocese of Cleveland to examine the needs of our church building. This review was prompted by water damage to the inside of the church and the discovery of serious problems with the stairs and retaining walls.

We specifically assessed the church roof, building facade, stairs and stairwell and have provided recommendations for the most urgent repairs. This campaign will address these issues including the need to prevent further water infiltration into the church, secure sections of the exterior masonry and repair the stairs and retaining wall. The overall cost of this project is estimated at approximately \$1million.

Campaign Funding Priorities:

- Repair and reset roof tile as necessary and install new matching tile where needed
- Reseal and/or replace existing sheet metal, membrane and flashing as necessary
- Repair cracked stone panels
- Replace badly deteriorated stone panels
- Tuck-point failed mortar joints
- Clean and apply clear water repellent sealer to the stone panels
- Replace all sealant joints throughout the entire façade including windows and doors
- Replace broken window panes
- Repair and paint deteriorated wood at windows and door frames
- Demolish and rebuild retaining wall