The Cathedral is a unique place to **pray** when in need, or to join with others in **celebration.** Every act of **adoration, contrition** or **supplication** in the Cathedral is consciously carried out in the name of, and on behalf of, **all the faithful.** It is a symbol of a **unity,** a **community** of faith, a common spiritual home, a **beacon of hope** in which many can become one.

Please prayerfully consider being a partner in the preservation, restoration and beautification of St. Joseph Cathedral – your Cathedral. This project will result in a physically sound, inspirational and beautiful building, reflecting the **glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

+ Paul J. Swain
Bishop Paul J. Swain

Nearly a century old, the original wiring, heating and cooling needs to be replaced.

This beautiful building on the hill **lifts the spirits** from afar and from within. It is a sign of **hope for all.** Our desire is that more people will have the opportunity to visit and experience this sign of hope – this special **treasure,** which is really all of ours – and carry its **gift of hope** with them through the challenges of life.

We have this opportunity, once in a lifetime, to enhance the beautiful blessing God has given us.
This is our time.

For **restoration** updates and to learn how you can **support** the Cathedral Restoration, visit **www.stjosephcathedral.net** or call **888-246-3386.**

The Cathedral
Beacon of Hope

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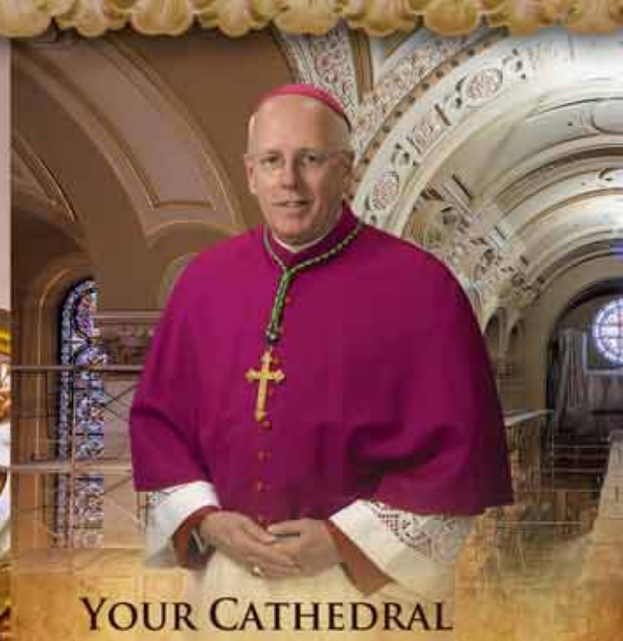
An Invitation

TO CONSIDER
THE RESTORATION OF
St. Joseph Cathedral



Your Cathedral

I invite you to prayerfully consider the restoration of your Cathedral, St. Joseph Cathedral, **a sacred and civic landmark** – one of the most majestic structures in the region. It stands day-to-day as an **evangelist in stone.** By its location, architecture, artistry, and magnificence, your Cathedral was masterfully designed to **point us all to the Almighty.**

St. Joseph Cathedral is the **Mother Church** of the Diocese of Sioux Falls – of east river South Dakota. It is home to the *cathedra* – the Bishop's chair – a symbol of the bishop's responsibility to teach, to govern and to sanctify. As the Mother Church, the Cathedral is the visible **link to the universal Roman Catholic Church,** and a visible **link among the parishes.**

"The Cathedral is that visible symbol that connects me with Catholics in the rest of the world. It ties us all together."
– Paul Lambert, St. Thomas, Madison

Preservation

Every building requires maintenance, and the Cathedral is no exception, with **basic infrastructure** needing attention. The **electrical** system is mostly original and now over 90 years old; the **sound** system and **lighting** are inadequate; there are eight layers of **paint** that are peeling; **plaster** is deteriorating around some of our beautiful stained glass windows; and the **floor** needs attention.

We owe it to the people of the diocese who went before us, who sacrificed to build St. Joseph Cathedral; to **preserve** this magnificent beacon of hope, now and for future generations. It is our **opportunity** to ensure that this beacon continues to shine brightly.

"I've spent more over the years maintaining and repairing my home than I did building it. We need to keep up the Cathedral, which is our diocesan home."

– Al Miron, St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Restoration

When Emmanuel Masqueray, under the leadership of Bishop O'Gorman, designed the Cathedral, his **vision** extended beyond what the original builders were able to accomplish. The goal of restoration is to complete the intentions of the original architect while respecting the way **liturgy** is celebrated today.

"Everyone has challenges, everyone needs a place to go to pray for better things for the future, and there is no better place than the Cathedral."

– Miles & Lisa Beacom, St. Lambert, Sioux Falls

Beautification

One way we **teach the faith,** and are **uplifted** in that faith, is through **beautiful art.** The Cathedral's unique art will inspire pilgrimages from school children to families and people of all ages, from throughout the diocese and the country, to learn about the faith. By employing some of the most **skilled artisans** from around the world, we are developing the architectural and artistic aspects of the Cathedral to an **unprecedented** level.

"It is a beautiful, beautiful building, and it would be a terrible thing not have it restored back to its original condition – so it will be here forever, long after we are gone."

– John and Amy Gruntmeir, St. Paul, Iroquois

Responsibility

Ultimately, it comes down to **responsibility.** We have a treasure in St. Joseph Cathedral and it needs our attention. Those who came before us built it with great **vision,** with **tenacity,** with **patience,** and with **sacrifice** at a time when this was a relatively small diocese. They built this Mother Church in part as a gift to future generations. We have the responsibility to **honor** them and what they did by caring for what they gave us and **passing it on to those yet to come.**

"Beautiful places like our Cathedral don't just happen and they don't continue unless the care and attention is paid by the people who are responsible – and in this generation that is us – and I think this is a great project."

– Lee Schoenbeck, Holy Name, Watertown

Photographs of newly restored architecture in St. Joseph Cathedral.