

**Companions on the Journey**

**January 15, 2023**

Dear Friends,

Last year's Jubilee Fund was designated for a series of parish projects. The cleaning of the exterior of Church and Education Center; the renovation of the Padua Room; the creation of a new Chapel of Perpetual Adoration in the space that was formerly one of the garages underneath the old Rectory (which is now the Parish Center). The new chapel will be called the The Most Precious Blood Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. There has been a good deal of progress made. Let me provide you an update.

The old garage has been entirely cleaned out new insulation put in place. New electrical lines have been added to support both lighting, heating and air conditioning. A drop ceiling has been added over a portion of the ceiling. Presently, we have identified and/or purchased the tabernacle, the icons, the sanctuary lamp, the chairs and kneelers, the drapes (burgundy), the window enhancements, and tabernacle drape. We have identified the color scheme and the rug. Some of the items purchased have come in. Some are still being produced and will be in within a month or so.

When all is said and done there will be a small, intimate, beautiful, simple place of prayer and adoration. If you will remember when I got the Lord's message that He desired this chapel, there was a purpose behind the request. This chapel is for our parishioners to have a place to come and pray specifically for the return of their children and loved ones to the practice of the faith. This is vitally important not only to our parish but for all who believe in the presence of Our Lord and the Truth of the Catholic faith. We must start our prayers for such a return right now. We will have a little momentum then to bring to those days when we open our new Chapel for the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament that will be a great blessing upon our parish and our local community.

There will be a new Powder Room (completely handicap accessible) near the Chapel. This Restroom will also service those using the newly renovated Padua Room. There has been a lot of progress there as well. All has been cleaned out, new wiring installed, including wiring for a large wall TV and Wi-Fi connection to that space. The room has been slightly expanded and we just ordered the tiles for the floor and the paint for the walls. There will be a series of religious pictures and icons to adorn the walls as well.

The completion date I am hoping will be before Easter. We shall see as they say. As many of you know, completion dates have a way of receding into the future for all kinds of reasons. The finished product will truly enhance our worship life and social interaction for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your support, especially your generous financial support for these projects.

Peace,

Msgr. McHenry