



# **Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society**

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***APRIL 2008 UPDATE***

***WE ARE GETTING CLOSE!!!***

Thank you one and all for your support, cooperation and faith. We are fast approaching our June 30th deadline and I am pleased to report that we need only another 50 pledges to reach our goal of \$300,000.00 in pledges.

We require an additional \$95,000. in cash to reach our goal of \$300,000. We are exactly where we estimated we would be at this time. Just as we have worked on our solid fundraising plan all year to get this far, so we will also continue for the next two months to raise this money according to our plans.

Some of our upcoming events to raise this money include the Mother's and Father's Day flower package, a spring dance and Saint Patrick's School mini reunion, a silent auction on a fully loaded tent trailer (more information will follow on this next week) a concert featuring some of the finest choral music in the province with their adaptation of the Celtic Mass for the Sea (more information will follow on this next week), a lobster supper, the Tom Forrestall art show and sale, (more information on this next week), the sale of sponsorships for our October 17th dinner, a mail out to former parishioners, our regular brick by brick campaign and sale of our products, and the adoption of our windows. Applications are being sent to all levels of government and we have had a very favourable initial first response from these.

We have our work cut out for us but if each person in their own special way can do what they do best, we can and will succeed. We have so many supporters and all the Saints of Ireland on our team!!! We will make our June 30th goal.

Please do not hesitate to call us at 429-4170 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Penny Doherty



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## ***OUR BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS NEED SOME TENDER LOVE AND CARE***

The original stained glass windows in Saint Patrick's Church were all in place by the early 20th century. The Mayer Company of Germany designed and installed the windows. Each window is a work of art and depicts a scene from the life of Christ. There are many types flowers found in each window and if you look closely, each window has at least one patch of shamrocks. In the 19th century, the Mayer Company had installed stained glass windows in many of the Catholic Churches in Ireland and that is probably why this company was chosen by our ancestors.

In 1917, most of the stained glass windows were damaged by the Halifax Explosion. A decision was made by the pastor and parishioners to restore each window to its original splendor. By the early 1920's, all of the windows were in place and remain so today.

The windows themselves are in good condition. They all need to be properly cleaned and in some cases some broken glass needs to be fixed. Some of the sills are rotten and need repair. The plaster around some of the windows has cracked where water has dripped from the windows and it also needs to be repaired. The outside storm windows need to be replaced and a system is needed to allow the windows to breathe.

Three companies, including the Mayer Company, have been invited to submit an application to do this work. A team of experts in this field will review the applications and make recommendations to the Restoration Society. Before any work is done on the windows, permission has to be received from the Archdiocese and a meeting of all parishioners will be held to outline the process we will use. No work will be done until all the money is in the bank to fully complete the work. Money donated for the window restoration will be held in trust and will be used for this purpose only until each window is completely restored.

The Restoration Society is inviting parishioners and friends of Saint Patrick's Church to consider adopting a window. The cost to adopt each window on the north and south sides is \$10,000.00. Donor recognition will be given to each person or group that adopts a window.

If a family or group of parishioners wish to join together to adopt a window, the Society would welcome this initiative. A group has invited 20 members to adopt one window and each member is donating \$500.00 over five years. To date we have two windows fully adopted and 7 windows with their adoption pending.

If you would like to speak to someone about adopting a window, please see Frank Flinn or Laura Freeman at the back of the Church or call us at 429-4170.