



Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society

2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

Give Saint Patrick A Hand

March 17th Update

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to one and all. This has been a busy month and a busy year for the Restoration Society. Our June 30th deadline is approaching and we are well on our way to meeting our financial goal. During the past two weeks, we have received 9 more pledges, have sold almost all of our shamrocks and have cleared more than \$1,400., received \$1,600 in brick donations and \$3,000. in general donations, made \$1,000 on our Irish lunch and have sold \$700. in products in our boutique. Our parade was a wonderful first effort and a good time was had by all.

On March 17th, the Society is launching its national campaign. We have chosen as our first step to place an ad in the Globe and Mail on March 17th and March 30th asking people from across Canada to consider adopting one of our beautiful stained glass windows. A copy of the ad is on the back of this paper. We received a very generous rate from the Globe. Each project the Society undertakes is analyzed in a number of ways. Always, the cost effectiveness is the first consideration. Because every member of the Society is a volunteer, we are able to keep our costs to a minimum. Our target fundraising costs for the "adopt a stained glass window project" works out to two cents (\$.02) for every \$1.00 raised or pledged. We are very proud of this figure and will report our progress on the sale of the windows in our next newsletter.

The Society has also had a full engineering report completed that includes the revised costs of the total restoration of the bell tower, both inside and outside. We are approaching the three levels of government during the next month for assistance with this project.

The Society asks all our friends to keep the work of the Society in their prayers. Starting in April, the Society will begin negotiations with the Archdiocese to work out the terms of an agreement which will allow the Society to assume responsibility for the church and hall. The Society and the Archdiocese are charting new territory in this venture. The Society will keep all parishioners, friends and supporters of Saint Patrick's Church updated on the status of the April negotiations.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above items, please call our answering machine at 429-4170 and we will promptly return your call. Thank you one and all for your support. We are very close to completing our first financial goal. Keep up your great work.

Sincerely,
Penny Doherty



Give St. Patrick a hand.

You can become part of the past and the future by adopting a beautiful stained glass window in historic north end Halifax.

Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society, 2267 Brunswick St., Halifax, Nova Scotia warmly invites you to join us in the restoration of our provincially and municipally registered heritage church.

Our Saint Patrick's Church was built by the Irish between 1883 and 1885....to last.

The Halifax Explosion of December 6, 1917 was the largest man-made explosion prior to Hiroshima, killing more than 2,000 people (half of whom were children) and severely injuring thousands more.

Saint Patrick's Church was one of the few churches in Halifax's north end to survive the explosion, and still stands today. In a city of shattered glass, many of our magnificent stained glass windows were damaged or blown out.

In 1921 the windows were replicated, demonstrating the resilience of the parishioners. Today these windows need some tender love and care and are part of our multi-year plan to restore our church to its original splendor.



The Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society invites you to consider adopting one of the 26 stained glass windows. The restoration cost of each window is \$10,000.

The Society also requests donors to consider adopting the rare five-panelled stained glass window that rests high above the main altar and overlooks Halifax Harbour. The estimated cost to restore this window is \$250,000.

To view these windows, please visit our website at www.givesaintpatrickahand.com.

To adopt a window, the Society will gratefully accept a one time gift or a pledge over a 5 year period. Additional donations at any level are welcomed.

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