



Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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Give Saint Patrick A Hand

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The Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society sends warm Christmas greetings to all our friends and supporters. We have so very much to celebrate and to be thankful for during this wonderful season. Our Irish ancestors who planned, paid for and built our beautiful Church would be proud that we have not forgotten our roots and have maintained their fierce gifts of independence and determination. Where there is a will....there is a way. The decision to close our Church has been halted for the short term, and when we are successful in raising \$300,000. in cash and \$300,000 in pledges by June 30, 2008, the future of our Church will be guaranteed. Of course, that is just the beginning of our restoration journey, but it is a symbolic number that will prove we are capable of following in our ancestors' footsteps. People from far and wide, particularly at the grass roots, have joined us in raising money, making pledges, offering their time and talents and praying for the success of the work of the Restoration Society.

Since mid September, we have raised \$120,000. in pledges and \$107,000 in cash. An additional \$21,000. in cash was raised but that money cannot be counted in our \$300,000. cash tally as it was used to pay the costs associated with our fundraising dinner which netted \$65,000. The Society is hopeful that we can get our pledge amount up to the \$150,000. by January 1, 2008 and that a similar amount of cash can also be raised. We have enclosed a pledge form and remind you that pledges can be started any time that is convenient for you. Pledges are a visible sign of support of the work of the Society and for \$20.00 per month over a five year period, YOU can make a \$1,200. gift to ensure that our Church will last forever.

It would be impossible to thank everyone who has supported our efforts...and that is a wonderful problem to have. Here are a few examples of the generosity that we have gratefully received. Our first annual dinner was an amazing success and people like Joseph Purcell who donated an extraordinary painting was just one special person who used God's gifts wisely for us!!! Many, many more followed in his footsteps. Andrew Killawee and his Evan-Tide choir donated all the proceeds from their Christmas concert to the Society. Cathy Kiteley deserves special mention for her help in ensuring the guests who attended the Messiah concert enjoyed a delightful dessert. And the list goes on. Thank you cards are being sent out slowly but surely and receipts for donations will be made as soon as we receive our tax number in 2008. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

We are starting 2008 with our very own Saint Patrick's Day Levee which will be held on New Year's Day from 11:30 to 2:00. Come hear our Cassavant organ, enjoy a light lunch and meet old and new friends. We have a full line up of exciting events which will extend from January to June. We will release these details the first week in January. Stay tuned!! If you have any questions or concerns about the work of our Society, please don't hesitate to call us at 429-4107 or visit us on our website at www.givesaintpatrickahand.com. Merry Christmas to all and may 2008 be our best year yet!! Peace and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Penny Doherty