

Building Committee News

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“domus Dei, the church of God, is a gathering place for the assembly, a resting place, a place of encounter with God, as well as a point of departure on the Church’s unfinished journey toward the reign of God.”

– *Built of Living Stones*

Overview

The long wait is over. This phase of construction is a continuation of the process begun 5 years ago and will focus on cleaning up the space in preparation for the main construction, currently scheduled for 2007.

This edition of the *Building Committee News* is the first of many to keep parishioners current on what’s happening with the remodel. Along with the *News*, information will be posted on the Church website (www.stanneseattle.org) and in the bulletin.

If you have any questions or would like additional information you can reach out to any of the Building Committee members or submit your question to stanneseattle@aol.com. A note in the collection basket always works as well. All questions will be answered in the appropriate forum.

The Vision

The model on display shows a completed St. Anne with all the elements and features that will truly make St. Anne a *domus Dei*. The plan is a reflection of the precepts of the Second Vatican Council for designing and renovating churches today. It also brings to life the original design approved by the parish and the archdiocese 5 years ago.

The vision of Vatican II is to create a space where all people can gather together and celebrate the mystery of Christ. The Eucharist, as the focal point of Mass, is made prominent by the circular configuration of the Sanctuary. It is also designed to foster participation in the liturgy.

Important Date

Fr. Paul will get into more detail on the liturgical significance of the design elements and how they fit with the vision of the Catholic Church. His talk will be @ 7:00pm on June 14th in the Church.

Timeline

The initial phase of construction will begin this Summer. The plan calls for removal of the old Altar and the concrete underneath. A new Altar will be fashioned out of marble from the old and situated in the center of the Sanctuary on a raised platform. The choir will be relocated at the west end of the church.

The timing to do this work is in August with Mass celebrated in Banchemo Hall for two weekends. Exact dates to be announced.

The Architect

Stephen Lee, principal of Stephen Lee Architects, trained in England and became a registered architect in 1980.

Since arriving in Seattle in 1982 Stephen has acquired a wealth of experience in adaptive reuse, and renovation of religious institutions and historic structures. He has an ability to recognize the architectural opportunities of a site, or existing structure and, working closely with clients, to achieve creative, elegant and cost effective solutions to unusual situations.

He has been the chief design architect overseeing a series of projects at St. James Catholic Cathedral. He also has done work with St. Mary’s, St. Joseph’s and Blessed Sacrament.

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Cost

The cost of the project is still pending based on final estimates for all elements and quality of furnishings. However, there was an original estimate done 5 years ago and another completed last year. Each of these, plus preliminary estimates, indicate the project is feasible.

More Information

If you would like to learn more about the genesis of the remodel, there are copies of *Built of Living Stones – Art, Architecture and Worship* in the parish office. This publication explains the views of Vatican II on worship space and how to adhere to the principles of the Council.

Again, feel free to contact anyone on the Building Committee to give feedback or ask a question. Their contact information is below.

Don't forget to check the web site and look for new editions of *Building Committee News*.

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