

**MAINTAINRENEW**

**IMAGINE**

**Update...**



Design for proposed new front entrance.

Following the input received from the full parish gathering on March 11, 2018, the Strategic Planning Team with Carl Posowitz, our architect, reviewed and revised the proposed plans presented at that gathering. Cost estimate of the first plan was one million dollars.

*(To review the presentations at the March 2018 full parish gathering go to [blessedtrinitymissoula.org](http://blessedtrinitymissoula.org) and click on the **MAINTAINRENEWIMAGINE** Link.)*

The revised plan reduced that estimated cost to about \$500,000. This revised plan was presented at the full parish meeting on November 18, 2018. The parish Strategic Planning Team presented to parish members the option of completing our proposed updating and renovation project in three phases.

**PHASE 1. Worship space.**

**PHASE 2. Gathering Space; Blessed Sacrament Chapel; restrooms.**

**PHASE 3. Street entrance; parking, landscaping;**

**Kitchen; Painting and lighting in Social Center and Offices.**

**THE ARTS: Cross, Image of Mary, Altar/Ambo, other works of art as determined, to be integrated into each phase.**

Consensus was reached at the November 18, 2018 gathering to proceed with that plan.

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**PHASE ONE**, it was determined, would be the worship space, which includes the updating and replacement of the entire



worship space **LIGHTING SYSTEM**; renovating the current **SACRISTY**; reconfiguring and placing the **ORGAN PIPES** in a more appropriate and permanent location; removing the current **PLATFORM** on which the altar sits in order to make the entire space accessible; replacing the **FONT** at the north wall opposite the altar, at the icon of the Blessed Trinity. *(The current font is leaking under the concrete floor—repairing it would necessitate digging*



*up a significant portion of the cement floor around the font area, through the hallway to the sacristy sink. This would be of significant expense.)*

**HARD WOOD FLOORING** would replace the carpet in the center aisle and in the area where the altar is currently placed. It was also determined that a **NEW SOUND SYSTEM** in the worship space (with sound enhancement devices for the hard of hearing) is a priority.

Consensus was also reached at the November 18 full parish gathering to proceed with plans for a **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**. This plan was confirmed by the Parish Finance Council, Pastoral Council and the Strategic Planning Team in December 2018. The campaign will provide for a three to five year period to contribute the committed amounts. Pastoral staff has determined that the capital campaign will begin on March 7, 2019 and continue thru Lent and spring. Planning is currently in progress.



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**DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE NEED AND CONCERN REGARDING THE LIGHTING SYSTEM in the worship space, and the obvious need to paint the worship space,** the Finance Council, at its December 2018 meeting, determined to proceed immediately with the lighting replacement and painting. **THIS WILL BE INITIALLY FINANCED THROUGH OUR PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT. IN EFFECT WE ARE LOANING THE MONEY TO OURSELVES WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT IT WILL BE PAID BACK AS THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES. (We are giving ourselves a great interest rate!)** Lighting plans have been finalized and will soon be sent out for bid to lighting contractors (as required by Diocesan policy.) Estimated cost for worship space lighting alone is approximately \$61,000. Painting will also be sent out for bid.

### **In addition....**

#### **OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO HELP FUND PROJECT...**

As presented at the November 18, 2018 full parish gathering, there is currently an interest in the land Blessed Trinity owns on the West side of the property. This is of significant value. The Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Strategic Planning Team and Pastoral Staff desire to pursue this interest. **DIOCESE OF HELENA SUPPORTS THE POSSIBILITY. INPUT RECEIVED FROM THE FULL PARISH GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 18 WAS TO PROCEED WITH THIS POSSIBILITY.**

“...the true ‘apology’ for the Christian faith, the most convincing demonstration of its truth, are the saints and the beauty that faith has generated. Humans need beauty, our senses long for beauty.

Beauty can be a vehicle for holiness and the arts within liturgy express the beauty that evokes or leads to holiness through signs, symbols and music....” Pope Benedict XVI



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