

Blessings

IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL

The pandemic hasn't halted the good work of the Church. The Stewardship and Development Office asked for examples, and parishes provided a wealth of them! See the previous fliers at hamiltondiocese.com/news.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, STONEY CREEK

From Fr. Bill Trusz, pastor:

The NET organization is a Catholic project dedicated to the principle of "youth evangelizing youth." A NET team is a group of five to seven trained volunteers who visit and work with the youth of a parish. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners in the One Heart, One Soul Campaign, even during the pandemic, and with help from another source, our parish is able to invite a NET team to stay with us and work with us for the next two years.

With the pandemic, this might be the worst time to launch this initiative. But again, with the pandemic, this might be the best time to do it (not many activities, sports, etc.). We're going to find out!

IN PARIS, SACRED HEART'S PLAN TO BUILD NEW PARISH CENTRE GAINS STEAM

The beautiful church building of Sacred Heart Parish in Paris went up in 1857. More than 160 years later, the parish is on a path toward building its first parish centre!

The parish has been working on its plans and saving money for a number of years, and the project was the focus of Sacred Heart's participation last year in the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign. This year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the dream has moved even closer to reality.

The parish's Steering Committee for the project submitted "footprint" design plans to the Diocese of Hamilton, which approved them. Renderings, shown here, by architect Patrick Trottier are not final but show the proposed layout and size of the centre. Approval from Brant County is needed and could come soon. The parish is considering the hiring of a construction manager and will be deciding on the exterior finish and interior designs and materials, such as flooring and lighting. Parishioners' input is being sought, and a town hall meeting is possible this fall.

If all goes well, the centre could be up and operating in 2021!

"This is an exciting time for Sacred Heart," said Tom Beacock, a Steering Committee member and longtime parishioner. "At a time when the virus is making it so difficult to be together, we can envision a day when we'll finally have an opportunity outside of Mass to gather and celebrate with one another – and in our own hall. What a blessing that will be."

Meanwhile, the church building itself has seen significant work during the pandemic. The slate roof was replaced with new slate, a \$150,000 project once thought unaffordable. As part of the work, the parish:

- Removed an old, redundant stone chimney.
- Completed parapet wall repairs (where the roof meets the church walls) on all four sides.
- Installed or replaced flashing, eavestrough and fascia where needed.



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