



ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT 2022

THANK YOU



The start of the new year is a time of reflection and looking forward. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your faithful support throughout 2022. Your commitment to The Basilica Landmark—through The Annual Fund, Planned Giving, and fundraising events—sustains our mission to preserve, restore, and advance the historic Basilica of Saint Mary. We are immensely grateful.

The Basilica Landmark safeguards our church, our Building of Hope, ensuring that people will always be able to worship in this sacred space. In 2022 The Basilica Landmark Board reviewed the research and recommendations, completed in 2019 and put on pause during Covid, for the timeline and costs to prepare our building for restoration, and we are eager to continue discussions and plans to move forward!

These unprecedented times are akin to the 12th -14th centuries, a period of cathedral building throughout Europe. Entire towns formed around construction sites, filled by the families of skilled laborers who dedicated their lives to building the tallest, boldest, most beautiful and lavish cathedrals of their time. They would never see their completed work, and they didn't know if their ideas would succeed. They built on faith and love of God. We, too, are honored that you have entrusted us to be a part of your philanthropic legacy—thank you.

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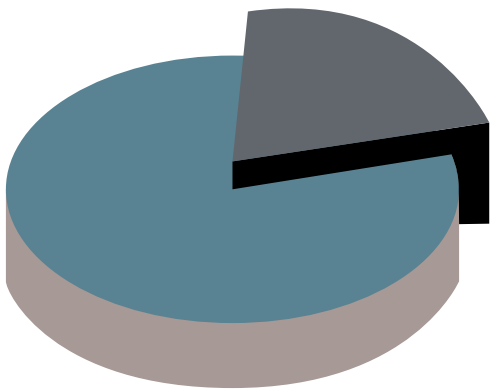
Anita M. Rieder, CFRE
Executive Director, The Basilica Landmark

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

PROJECT REVIEW

2022 has been witness to a hybrid style of activity: livestreamed and in-person liturgies, trainings, workshops, projects and events. Our community has adjusted to the new normal with grace and resilience. The return of visitors and parishioners also brought a renewed urgency to improve accessibility and safety.

With your help in 2022 we are revisiting the Master Plan created in 2019, renewing discussions and meetings with HGA Architects and Engineers. What must be completed first: total sealing of the exterior followed by a dry-out period for the interior walls.



2022 Budget Overview

- Approximately \$925,000 was spent on building and campus repairs and upgrades.
- About \$200,000 was spent on capital maintenance repairs.

LANDMARK CAPITAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRS

Church

- Repairs to 3 pairs of bronze doors (closers/pivots);
 - ongoing maintenance of the bronze doors to ensure security
- Repair to Sacristy doors
- Front exterior stairs caulked to prevent moisture from further damaging the foundation



LANDMARK CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Planning and design work for updated Campus signage and wayfinding
- Installation, new organ blower; continued upgrades on the organ are needed
- The original parish bell from the Church of the Immaculate Conception was repaired and rung for Fr. Daniel Griffith's installation August 13, 2022.
- Installation of 19 new lamp posts surrounding the campus, providing efficient LED light and creating safe visibility at night



Church

- Removal of spray foam insulation from 7 bays
- Removal of moisture-retaining insulation in the church attic; discovery of 3 other areas; removal will occur in 2023 pending funding
- Church Envelope Study
 - Roof and walls reviewed for areas of water infiltration
 - Existing conditions documented
 - HVAC and roof drainage assessed
 - Installation of 41 moisture and humidity sensors throughout the church interior and attic for a year-long moisture study of air content and temperature fluctuation in order to formulate plans for controlling moisture and humidity in the Church



Church Capital Projects

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- Falling plaster addressed with netting to protect church goers; pricing determined to address falling plaster; in 2023 damaged plaster will be knocked down, an assessment of the condition of the plaster will be completed.
- Studies of the stained glass and wall cleaning will also be done in 2023; results will form basis for restoration costs for a future capital campaign.

The work we have done has physically strengthened our iconic Basilica building, maintaining its foundational history for well over a century.





LEGACY SOCIETY

This year we have been especially grateful for our Legacy Society members. Legacy gifts have helped stabilize our organization during a time of economic uncertainty and have allowed us to meet our project goals each year while planning for the future.

We are honored by you and your faith to invest in The Basilica Landmark both now and in your wills. A brilliant aspect of planned gifts is that they provide income in perpetuity. Long after we are all gone, our endowed gifts will continue to grow tax-free and generate funds every year.

The Legacy Society is an honorary recognition society for those who have informed us of a legacy gift, whether it comes through a Will or Trust, as a beneficiary of a retirement account such as a 401k, IRA, insurance policy or real estate. Members are honored in autumn each year at a celebratory brunch thanking them for their generosity.

You can preserve and restore The Basilica of Saint Mary for future generations by making The Basilica Landmark a beneficiary of your will or retirement plan today. Planned giving is for anyone, regardless of age, income level, or assets. When you make a planned gift, you join the Legacy Society.

EVENTS



In 2022 we held the Landmark Spark in May at The Metropolitan Club and raised over \$200,000 dollars. One of the highly-prized auctioned items were the Rectory dinners with new Pastor and Rector Fr. Daniel Griffith and hosted by Chef Kevin Henseler and his team of sous-chefs.

Safety and accessibility were our focus for the Landmark Spark fund-a-need, and installation of new lighting, in the Belle Epoque style of the church architecture, was completed in October.

In October we held a tour presentation by Laura Faucher, lead historic architect for The Basilica restoration plan and in December a meeting at the HGA offices with Landmark board members, Parish Council and Parish Finance Council members to hear the two-and-a-half hour presentation of the Master Plan and to begin discussions for 2023 next steps.



In November, 160 supporters of The Basilica Landmark and Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums gathered at Mia for a private viewing of the Botticelli exhibit on loan from the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. It was a wonderful way to re-engage with friends and to celebrate our shared love of historic architecture and sacred art.



As Johan Van Parys shared in the opening remarks, "Beauty soothes, Beauty salves, Beauty saves."



SAVE THE DATE

**Landmark Spark
Friday, May 19, 2023
McNamara Alumni Center
University of Minnesota**

We are in discussions to reimagine The Basilica Block Party in July of 2023. Stay tuned!

Looking Ahead

The Basilica campus and historic buildings provide an essential foundation to the many ministries that serve thousands with physical, mental and spiritual needs. Because of The Basilica Landmark's sustaining mission, the work is never done. We give thanks for your dedication to The Basilica Landmark, and we look forward to 2023 with great optimism and hope.

The Basilica Landmark's mission is to preserve, restore, and advance the historic Basilica of Saint Mary for all generations.

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