

Stewardship and Construction Update

The question everyone is asking is; when we will be back in our Church building. The Air Conditioning work is complete, but there remain a few minor issues with noise levels from the new equipment. The AC contractor and engineer are working on these issues and hope to resolve them soon. While the work was being done, electrical problems were detected. The wiring is old, cloth insulated, and a safety hazard. Bishop Vasquez has given us a grant to rewire the temple and upgrade the lighting. That work is in progress and should be completed in 2 - 3 weeks.

The Church building's clay tile roof has several leaks and the guttering has completely rusted through in places. The Diocese has recommended Austech Roofing Consultants to direct all of our roofing needs. We have received bids to repair the Church building, the PAC, and the Education Building. The bid for the three roofs totaled \$658,286.00. We are in the process of increasing our loan with the Diocese to cover these repairs. If all goes well, the roofs should be completed by the end of August. The roof repairs should not affect our ability to use the Church building.

Before we move back into the Church building, the reverb or echo problem must be addressed. Mr. Ken Dickensheets of Dickensheets Design Associates was recommended by the Diocese to evaluate, design and implement corrective measures to improve the intelligibility of the spoken word. Mr. Dickensheets believes this work can be completed in 6-8 weeks. This is the key component to moving back into the building. This 6-8 week guideline would put us back into the Church building by the 1st of July.

We have now completed our Stewardship Campaign. Nearly 400 parishioners responded to the appeal. Our offertory pledges indicate our revenues will increase by 35%. Stewardship is not only treasure, it is also time and talent. Our parishioners have also been generous with their time and talent. The new floor in the PAC was a donation from Kenjura Tile. During Easter, Kenjura Tile also cleaned and refinished the floors in the Adoration Chapel. When we move back into the Church building, Mr. Wifrano Martinez, will refinish the oak floors in the Cornerstone building. Mr. Mauricio Olivarez and a group of Hispanic parishioners have donated their time and talent trimming trees all around our campus. Mr. John McCorkle of Cape-Tex Painting has just sanded and refinished the main entry doors into the Church building.

All in all, the response of our parishioners has been inspiring and uplifting.

Thank you and may God bless,
Michael Derkowski