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A newsletter for the Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation



THE CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE ASSUMPTION CHURCH AND ITS PUBLIC GARDENS FALL 2011

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RESTORATION UP DATE

East Wall Restoration

A short-list of historic masonry and historic metal contractors were interviewed by the Architect of Record, the Construction Manager and the President of AHTF. The contractors were determined by a review of their qualifications based on an Expression of Interest sent out requesting the industry standard CCDC 11 evaluation and a questionnaire that detailed specific skills that would be necessary for the restoration work for Assumption Church.

At the conclusion of the process, the following trade contractors were recommended to the AHTF Board:

Historic Masonry – **Robertson Restoration**

Historic Metal – **R.J. Steel**

The urgency to move forward with this process is to water-tight the east wall through the wet season, preventing further damage.



Fr. Bill Riegel, CSB & Matt Soulliere, PCR Contractors



Matt Soulliere, PCR Contractors & Jason Grossi, Studio G+g

Asbestos Abatement

On June 29, 2011 AHTF received approval from **Ontario Heritage Trust** to undertake invasive testing and create access hatches in the floor at Assumption Church for permanent crawl space access. This request included the removal of the mechanical insulation asbestos from within the crawl space.

The Asbestos Abatement project is complete. The contractor, **R.C. White** has locked everything down and prepared a protocol kit for the parish. **Jason Grossi**, our Architect of Record, will ensure that **Fr. Riegel** has reviewed the protocol kit. The project is within budget.

Inside this issue:

- A sneak peak at AHTF's new website
- Meet the Leaders who have "Lead the Way"
- An update on all Foundation News

TAYFOUR GARDEN PARTY RECEPTION

A lovely Garden Reception, held in July 2011, brought together new and old friends.

A very special thank you to **Dr. Fouad** and **Lisa Tayfour** for generously opening their beautiful gardens and graciously hosting an exceptional evening reception with guest of honour **Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB**.

Several local community leaders had the opportunity to hear the story and share in the exciting plans of the **Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation** program.

Guided by the leadership of Honorary Chair **Anne Winterbottom**, Honorary Cabinet member **Very Rev. Steven Boguslawski, O.P.**, co-chairs **Paula Collavino** and **Brian Parent**, and the participation of **Robert F. Cayea, James Farrand, Jeremie Bornais, Gerry Bezaire, Dave Girard, Moira Gourlay, Jo Ann Allen Nyquist, Rose Marie Ruston, Agnes Stainton, Lisa Tayfour, and Mike Weston** this vibrant committee continues to work dilligently to ensure that the Assumption Church Campus continues as a gathering place for all visitors.



ABOVE (left) Estelle Slopen, Chuck Mady, Mikie & Gerald Freed & Diane Bertolin

ABOVE (left) Janice Komsa, Lisa Tayfour, Gail Rodzik, & JeaniTingle

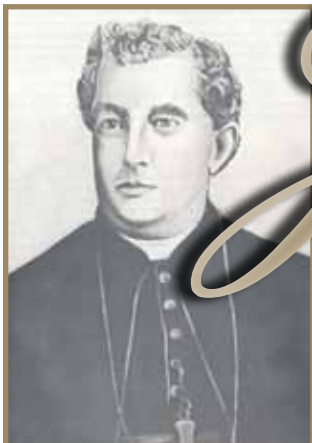
ABOVE (left) Ken & Sue Quinn, Dr. Fouad Tayfour

ABOVE (left) Estelle Slopen, Brian Parent, Gerald Freed, & Paula Collavino

ABOVE Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB

ABOVE Moe & Kay Faddoul

ABOVE (left) Tony Toldo & Dr. Michael Ziter



FR. DENNIS J. O'CONNOR

HONOURING THE LEGACY *of the Basilian Fathers*



Fr. Dennis O'Connor was the first superior of Assumption College and parish after the Basilians gained control in 1870. His leadership brought Assumption to the forefront of the world of ecclesiastical education, and greatly improved the standing of the parish.

Fr. O'Connor's strong leadership and desire to serve the community manifested itself physically as well, with the Bell Tower and sanctuary being constructed in 1874. Blessed in 1893, the Bell Tower houses a smaller 260 year old bell that was likely brought to Windsor in 1750 by the Jesuits. As a piece of our heritage, and a monument to all the good works performed by Father O'Connor and all the Basilian Fathers - the Assumption Bell Tower remains a vital part of our living history today.

We are grateful to the Honorary Chair **Fr. Joseph Redican, CSB**, and the four co-chairs of the Basilian Fathers Committee: **Rocco Tullio, Jamie Haggarty, Dr. Joe Palazeti** and **David Leonard** for their leadership. Approximately 400 personal appeal letters have been sent out to fellow alumni and Basilian supporters.

The initiative to preserve the ideals of the Basilian Fathers would not be possible without our hard-working committee; **Kevin Alexander, Ken Billey, Dwight Duncan, MPP, Barry Fowler, Mark Fracas, Dante Gatti, Kevin Hamlin, Mario Iatonna, Bruno Limarzi, and George McMahon** We are extremely thankful for their commitment and continued support.



SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS & MARY

Peek into the Past...And Embrace the Future



BLESSED MARIE-ROSE

The Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation proudly presents a distinctive exhibition of pieces preserved by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

The Sisters were first founded in 1843 by Canadian born Eulalie Durocher (in religious life, Mother Marie-Rose) and in 1862 the Sisters were invited to Windsor to teach - a town barely ten years old with a population of 3,000. It is immeasurable the number of lives in the Windsor-Essex area that have been touched by the dedicated service of the Sisters.

Under the leadership of Hon. Chair **Sr. Suzanne Malette, SNJM, Ida Sproule & Aaron Keogh**, this dedicated committee of board and community members include: **Bob Britton, Gail Dunbar, Fran Georgeff, Joanne Hebert, Jeannine LaRocque, Lise Kaput, Virginia Nicol, Eleanor Ofner, Nina Panontin** and **Dr. Audrey Thibert**. The spirit of the Sisters is exemplified in this group and we thank them for their commitment.



Peek into the past and embrace the future...

Please join us for a unique exhibition of works preserved by the Sisters of the Holy Names on Wednesday, November 9th from 11:00 - 5:00 pm at the Art Gallery of Windsor - **Admission is Free**

Heritage/Community Initiative

The Heritage and Community Team is a dynamic group from our area, led by **Pat Soulliere** and **Glen Muir**. Recognizing that the Assumption site is a social and cultural landmark with a beautiful and diverse history, this dedicated group is working hard to ensure that the Campus Master Plan provides the opportunity to teach us about this rich history, strengthening our present and our future.

Our thanks to: Honorary Chair **Gerald Freed**, Honorary Cabinet member **Dr. Alan Wildeman** and members **Sandra Aversa, David Blyth, Anna Maria Kirby, Patricia Malicki, Marilyn Lee, Dr. Howard McCurdy, Mike Taylor, Tom O'Brien, Reiner Neumann, Joe Santarossa, Jim Stanski, and Doug Wolfe** for their dedication and commitment.

Knights of Columbus Initiative



Assumption Church has always been part of a community blessed with strong support and brave leadership. The **Knights of Columbus** and those who wish to honour their legacy continue this tradition. **Robert Cayea** is proud to lead the Knights of Columbus Committee. We are grateful to have **Jeremie Bornais, Mike Weston, James Farrand, Peter Lemon** and **Dave Girard** as members of this caring and diligent group.

The **Father Michael J. McGivney Arrival Promenade** will honour his legacy as an apostle to the young, protector of Christian family life and Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Your support will enrich and strengthen our Catholic heritage now and forever.

TRUE COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS!

The **Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation** is a private foundation located in Windsor, ON. It supports selected organizations across Ontario.

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation extend our heartfelt thanks to **The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation** for their generous support.

Their gift of \$ 100,000 will be used to support educational kiosks within the new Heritage Educational Centre. These interactive kiosks will provide interesting and valuable information about the history and heritage of Assumption Campus, the Windsor/Essex county area and of Canada as a whole.

In keeping with their mission and vision, **The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation** has supported numerous community causes.



AHTF LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

www.assumptionheritagetrust.org

AHTF WEBSITE
-homepage

The Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation has recently unveiled a major redesign of www.assumptionheritagetrust.org. The site was created as a way to reach an informed donor public that wants to stay abreast of important Foundation news and restoration developments. The new site is not only a great addition to our communication activities but a vital tool for directing visitors who want more specific information about the program.

DONATING ON-LINE IS NOW EASIER & SAFER

Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation is able to restore and protect the Assumption Campus Master Plan Project and preserve this landmark of national significance, thanks to generous support from individuals such as yourself.

We welcome all levels of donations, whether it's a pledge, one-time gift, establishment of a matching gift, or gift in kind. We have made giving easy by providing you with the following options:

Donate Online

Donating online is simple and safe! When you select an Initiative from the list, you will be directed to our Secure Paypal page where you may make your donation using a major credit card or your Paypal account.

Donate by Mail

If you prefer to mail your donation, simply select the writable gift cards to download and print our Donation Form by campaign initiative. Methods of giving include check, credit card or debit.

Please mail the gift card to:

Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation
420 Devonshire Road | Windsor, Ontario
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Donate by Phone

Please call the Foundation office at 519-254-4339

Did you know that AHTF is now able to receive tax-deductible donations from both sides of the border?



If you are a U.S. or Canadian donor with U.S.-sourced income, we can ensure you receive a U.S. charitable receipt through the services of *Tides Canada*. Please contact our office for further assistance at 519.254.4339 or info@ahtmail.org.



The Patrons Circle

The Patrons Circle was established to invite civic leaders to provide advice and counsel in support of the mission and vision for Assumption Heritage Trust's Master Plan.



Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London, Honorary Chair

Dr. Richard Alway
Chairman
Historic Sites & Monuments Board of Canada



Robert F. Cayea
Sup. Dir., Knights of Columbus New Haven, Conn.

*** Gerald L. Freed**
President
Frees Windsor



Elio Lori
Former Executive, Ford Motor Company

The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Canada's 21st Prime Minister



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Building a Better Windsor - Essex

Gerald Freed, Honorary Chair of the Heritage Community Initiative, is pleased to announce a leadership gift of \$175,000 to the Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation Campaign.

Mr. Freed expressed how pleased he was that the Windsor Essex Community Foundation made such a generous contribution. The WECF indicated they were enthusiastic to partner and support this important community initiative for the restoration of a historical landmark.

The WECF continues to follow the mission of building a better Windsor Essex community by: attracting and managing legacy funds, making grants to support community programs, and bringing community partners together. The WECF has also supported many wonderful community projects such as: Riverfront Parks and Pathways, Riverfront Peace Beacon and the Peace Fountain in Coventry Gardens.



LEADERS

Leading the Way

History and heritage, particularly built heritage are to a community and society what memory is to an individual.

When you walk into Assumption Church in Windsor, you have a strong sense of the years that have passed since that structure was erected in the 1840's.



It is our mission and vision as Canadian Ambassadors to create nationwide awareness of our plan to restore and preserve this national treasure and its surrounding grounds.

On behalf of the Patrons Circle, I invite you to become an active supporter of this significant heritage program by --

Leading the Way.

- **Dr. Richard Alway**
Chair of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada

More Restoration News...

AHTF recently received approval from Ontario Heritage Trust to undertake changes to the heating system at Assumption Church. The alteration involves replacing the heating system to electrified hot-water conversion; the restoration/refurbishment



of the existing radiators in the entrances, narthex and sanctuary including the re-introduction of a "foundry finish" (bare iron with a coat of linseed oil) and removal of the fin-tube convectors installed in

the 1970s and their replacement with safford ornate floral electrified radiators. ECORAD is a Canadian manufacturer of the electrified radiators and they have obtained a number of the original Safford radiators (pictured above) to be configured for this project.

The introduction of the electrified hot-water conversion system is the preferred option of the AHTF Board as it will use the existing steam piping to which the new cable for the electrified units would be strapped, and is cost effective by not requiring the installation of new piping through the crawl space. It will also eliminate the risk of leaking pipes in the crawlspace.

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email info@ahtmall.org

Learn more in our next issue about
our First Inaugural Heritage Gala
coming in 2012.

Sisters of the Holy Names of
Jesus & Mary Exhibit
@ Art Gallery of Windsor, 1-5 p.m.

Nov. 9, 2011

AHTF Annual Board Meeting
& Public Event
@ Assumption Church, 7 p.m.
Open to the Public

Oct. 13, 2011

FUTURE EVENTS

AHTF



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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE *LEADS THE WAY*

Jerome Brannagan, Deputy Chief of Police, City of Windsor, has been appointed to the Corporate Board as Treasurer and Chair of the Stewardship Committee.

Jerome has served the Windsor Police Services for many years, he is quite familiar with all things administrative including the budgetary process. We thank him for his commitment to AHTF and this important campaign.



Over the past several months the members of the Stewardship committee have met to receive reports and discuss a number of restoration items.

These include reports from the Architect of Record, **Jason Grossi**, Studio G+g and **Matt Soulliere**, PCR, Construction Manager regarding a Heating Feasibility Study, the recommendation for the appointment of an Historic Masonry Contractor and an Historic Metal Contractor. In addition, a report on the asbestos abatement process was discussed.

The committee has reviewed the reports presented and recommendations for hiring has proceeded as planned. All restoration activities have met the approval of **Ontario Heritage Trust**.

As part of the committees responsibilities budgets for foundation, campaign and restoration expenses were reviewed and approved, as well as the projected cash flow from July 1st to Dec. 31st, 2011. A revised business plan was brought before the committee for open review and discussion which will be presented to the Corporate Board

on October 13th. A report of the recent activities of the Parking Lot east of Assumption Church was also reviewed. The committee was pleased with the process and operational procedures to date.