

## **New Tabernacle Renovation Committee Update!**

Since the update in May the committee has been busy developing cost estimates for the conceptual design.

Just to review, we hired an architect, Joe DeVlyder of the firm O'Brien and Keane, to help us update the design of our altar and platform with the new tabernacle. The conceptual design, shown below, includes the following:

- New marble stand (altar of repose) for the new tabernacle that will match the existing altar.
- Move the existing altar onto the centerline of the sanctuary
- Replace the raised platform green carpet with hard wood flooring
- Extend the platform where there are now steps to give Fr Sal and the deacons more room.
- Rework the reredos (wall behind the altar) to provide a more formal design and to elevate the cross to relieve the "crowded" look. Note that the top of the reredos is no higher than the existing wall to provide as much visibility as possible of the beautiful painted glass window behind the altar.
- Update the altar furniture and other furnishing.



Please note this is a conceptual design – many things can and will change as the details are worked out.

Since our last meeting we have:

- Obtained budgetary estimates from general contractors and other suppliers.
- Contracted with Master Engineers to design the structural support for the 2 altars. This was an area of uncertainty that is now defined for the general contractors.
- Determined that the decorating decisions, floor type, paint color, trim details, new cross, etc. should be proposed by a professional decorator. Then a new committee will

be formed to review and approve these recommendations. The professional decorator maybe in the general contractor's organization or it may be the architect.

- Prepared a formal Request for Proposal for the general contractor. This will be used to obtain the best possible cost estimates for the project. The contractors to be invited to bid are LG Flint, Jamerson-Lewis and Coleman Adams.
- The estimated time for construction is 3 months, between Easter 2023 and Christmas 2023.

The next steps will be to develop an accurate total cost of this project and obtain approval from the Finance Council and from the diocese.

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