

SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ASSISTANCE TO THE PARISH

The main reason for the existence of the Alumni Association is to provide financial assistance to Little Flower so the parish can remain a viable part of the community. Father Mike Orchik and the parish staff work extremely hard to be successful in that endeavor. The Alumni Committee has taken on the responsibility of raising money to bring the entire facility, that is the Church, rectory and grounds back to where it needs to be. There is much work that needs to be accomplished over and above refinishing the doors of the Church. We are asking you, the Parishioners, to consider donating to help us meet our goal. Whatever you can contribute will be greatly appreciated so that we can continue this work.

We expect to begin refinishing and repairing the doors within the next four to six weeks. All of the money has not yet been raised, so the work will be done in stages. PLEASE contribute now towards this fundraising effort. There are several categories of donors:

Saint Theresa	\$500 or more
Monsignor Larkin	\$250 - \$499
Sisters of St. Francis	\$100 - \$249
Father Orchik	under \$100

Those who donate \$500 or more will have a memorial inscription on a plaque to be placed in the vestibule of the Church. A list of all donors will be compiled and distributed after the work is completed. Make you check payable to: LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION and mark your envelope "Refinishing of Doors". Mail to 2854 Brendan Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213.

Besides the doors, there is much to be done. With the amount of money that went from the parish coffers toward the school over the years, maintenance was done only on an "absolutely needed" basis. That goes for the rectory as well as the Church. The Alumni Committee decided to tackle this problem. To date, we have accomplished the following:

Installed two new lights on the front of the Church
Repaired and/or replaced the concrete steps and other cement
work needed on the property. The steps were becoming a safety issue.

In addition to that, we intend to have all of the railings and decorative chains
painted. This has not been for many years. Also, a lawn service will be
engaged to maintain the property.

Of primary importance is the re-caulking and sealing of the Church
windows, as well as replacement of the shields over these windows. The
parish spent over \$60,000 to have the interior painted and that investment
needs to be protected against damage from the leaking windows.

Again, we are asking you, the Parishioners, to consider donating to these
many worthwhile projects that need to be done to help Shrine of the Little
Flower remain a viable part of this Community.

The Alumni Association