

Dear Divine Infant Parishioners,

With the outdoor statue of our Blessed Mother now beautifully restored, the time has come for the next phase of the project, and that is to construct a permanent shrine for the statue. This is something that we have been considering and discussing for the last few years. Initially planned as a grotto, the idea moved towards the construction of a permanent shrine due to cost and location limitations.

The shrine, to be constructed at the current location of the statue, will protect the statue year-round from the elements and any weathering from the sun. The space will be landscaped, offering a beautiful area to sit and pray. To help you visualize what is planned, the image at the right is a rendering of the shrine.

After consultation with a team of parishioners, a plan was developed:

- **Phase 1:**
 - Temporary relocation of the statue
 - Excavation and pouring of a 6' x 6' concrete base
- **Phase 2:**
 - Construction of the shrine
 - Relocation of statue inside shrine
- **Phase 3:**
 - Landscaping and creation of stone area for the benches

You will have noticed the area is currently prepared for the relocation of the statue and the pouring of the concrete pad which will occur in the coming days. The goal is to have Phases 1 and 2 complete before October 13th. Time permitting, Phase 3 as well, although that may be deferred to spring 2027.



I am writing to you to ask you for financial support for this project. While we have received donations for the shrine over the last two years, the current cost of materials requires us to raise additional funds. We are hoping to raise **\$10,000** by the end of October 2026.

If you would like to donate to our appeal, there are two ways to do this:

- By using the blue Parish Appeal envelopes located at the Donation Box in the foyer near the thermometer. Please be sure to provide your details on the envelopes.
- By donating online via CanadaHelps, you may scan the QR code below or visit our website.

All donations received will be eligible to be included in your annual charitable tax receipt. If you choose to donate via CanadaHelps, they will issue the tax receipt, not the parish.

Thank you for your prayerful attention and generosity to help the spiritual growth of our parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS

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