



# St. Peter's *Cathedral Chronicles*

## BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

### *From the Desk of Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep* Capital Campaign Begins

**W**elcome to the first addition of "The Cathedral Chronicles," a newsletter that I pray will keep you informed, inspired and excited.

It is such an honor to be your Rector during these thrilling times in our Cathedral Parish. With the help of our staff, parish volunteers and the financial generosity of many, we have been able to repair and/or renovate the Cathedral Steeple, the Rectory/Office Roof and the Church Boiler System. Our parish membership, adult religious education classes, participation in RCIA process and "Why Catholic" sessions are ever growing. The Mary and Martha group, Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus continue to be more and more active in the parish. We had a very successful celebration of our 110th year anniversary of our church building's dedication. I am proud of our Hispanic community, who has worked hard to build up a very active junior high/high school youth group. And, I can't help but to be grateful to our Cathedral Finance Council and Building Committee that have been working tirelessly.



As we move forward, I hope to resurrect our Cathedral Parish Council, to increase

participation in our liturgical ministries, to begin planning for our 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our parish in February 2011 and to continue the work on our Fall Festival.

At the fore-front of many people's mind is the time frame for both our Capital Campaign and the actual repair and renovations. I am happy to announce that our Capital Campaign, entitled "Building on a Strong Foundation" begins this month. The active phase of the campaign will begin in September. I will be asking everyone to make a sacrificial commitment at masses on November 13 and 14. And, we will be celebrating the end of the campaign on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

- \$1 million dollars in pledges will afford us the ability to take care of the tuck-pointing of the bricks and redo the electrical system starting in February 2011.
- \$1.5 million dollars in pledges will afford us the ability to do the tuck-pointing, electrical work, and repair and renovate all of the interior stained glass windows starting in February, 2011.
- \$2.4 million dollars will allow us to do the tuck-pointing, electrical work, stained glass windows and interior design in 2011-2012.

Please remember in your prayers the many people that have gone before us who sacrificed much of their time, gifts and finances for our parish. There legacy has now been passed on to us. Together let us work ever more fervently to do as they did - sacrificially give of our time, gifts and finances to continue God's Will.

### Meet the Cathedral Staff

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Cathedral Rector

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Administrative Assistant

**Julia Williams**  
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**Amy Brooks**  
Secretary

**Paula Maniscalco**  
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# Financial Highlights - Fiscal Year End June 2010

By Bob Newell  
Finance Council

The Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle is proud to present this annual report, a summary of the cathedral's accomplishments across a wide range of areas.

- **Collections** (weekly envelopes, other offertories, building fund, Spanish ministry and rental income receipts) totaled \$649,518 versus \$666,227 from the previous year. These receipts were down by **<\$16,709>**, reflecting a decrease of **2.5% from the previous year.**
- **Special Giving** (St. Vincent DePaul, Senior Ministry, grants, diocesan collections, national collections) and expense reimbursements totaled \$106,618 versus \$111,586 from the previous year. These receipts were down by **<\$4,968>** reflecting a decrease of **4.5% from the previous year.**
- **Payroll** costs totaled \$272,624 and exceeded the previous year's spending of \$250,792 by \$21,832. **This represents an 8.7% increase** and includes salaries for the Rector, office and cathedral staff, housekeeping, and maintenance staff.
- **Fixed Overhead** (spending for insurance, utilities, taxes, office supplies/printing, security services, food, auto reimbursement and repairs and maintenance) totaled \$377,228. Of this amount, repairs and maintenance totaled \$165,211 (*see details below*). The previous year's **fixed overhead** expense was \$250,884 and, of this amount, repairs and maintenance totaled \$34,416.
- **Other Programs** (Parish Programs, School Subsidies and Diocesan Expenses) totaled \$120,699 versus the previous year's total of \$120,974.

**Significant Capital Maintenance and Repair** items were addressed this year including the major structural repair of the Steeple, repair of the Cathedral roof and replacement of the Rectory roof. Before any insurance reimbursement from the Hurricane Katrina damage, the parish spent \$927,991. With the approval of the Finance Council, a little over \$400,000 came out of the parish building fund savings.

<b>Steeple</b> .....	\$ 709,542	<b>Grounds</b> .....	\$ 7,154
<i>structural work and roof replacement</i>		<i>and Maintenance</i>	
<b>Rectory Roof</b> .....	\$ 125,622	<b>Ice Machine</b> .....	\$ 4,625
<i>and interior rectory repairs</i>		<i>and water cooler in Cathedral Center</i>	
<b>AC/Heater</b> .....	\$ 36,498	Total .....	\$ 927,991
<i>boiler/hot water and plumbing costs</i>		Less: Insurance reimbursement .....	<b>&lt;294,920&gt;</b>
<b>Cathedral Window</b> .....	\$ 44,550	Parish disbursements .....	\$ <u>633,071</u>
<i>Capital Campaign and initial Cathedral window repair</i>		<b>operating cash and savings</b>	

Perhaps reflecting the economic times, our parish income is down. Expenses on the other hand have increased. As detailed above, significant work was performed this year, but fortunately this spending will not have to be repeated in the upcoming fiscal year.

## St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

By Diane Pradat  
St. Vincent de Paul



The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry began in 2001 by members of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Holy Ghost Parish for the purpose of providing aid to those in need. The members of the ministry meet regularly to fulfill two great Commandments: Love of God and Love of Neighbor. This Catholic lay organization, named after St. Vincent de Paul—the patron saint of charities, was established to address the needs of those persons who approach the Church for assistance. Rather than the pastor or staff having to deal with each case, they are given a phone number to call and request help. Members of the ministry monitor phone calls and assess the needs of those who call for assistance. The core group meets monthly, and more often through phone and e-mail contact, to address the needs of those who requesting help. At times members will even visit homes to decide what assistance can be given. The ministry is mindful that they can only do so much, that there are needs that cannot be addressed, and that they must be good stewards of the resources available.



# Cathedral Renovations

By Felix Garth  
Administrative Assistant



## Steeple Renovation

The renovation of the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle began with the restoration of the Cathedral's roof and steeple. To prevent further water damage due to leaking roofs, Durable Restoration Company started securing the foundation and structural needs of the steeple. How wonderful to see the scaffolding go up and watch with anticipation what the final restoration would look like. And now that it is complete, what a joy it is to watch onlookers walk by, drive by, or visit the Cathedral with eyes looking up to the Cross of



BEFORE

AFTER

## Cathedral Exterior Renovation



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You may have noticed the deterioration of the Cathedral brick walls where the mortar joint (tuck point) has begun to erode. This is visible by the foliage growing in the brick work as well as gaps in the bricks. Marsh Waterproofing has been consulted by the Building Committee to do repairs on the Cathedral envelope. The committee has further devised that this project be started as soon as possible. Conrad Schmitt also thought it would be in the Cathedral's best interest to have completed the envelope before the installation of the stained glass windows. The work would take 6 to 8 months to complete. Marsh Waterproofing is eager to begin, and would like to have a contract to set a start date.

## UPDATE: Stained Glass Sample

At this point, more than one-half of the restoration work has been completed to the stained glass panels. All panels have been completed disassembled, and hazardous lead and putty have been properly disposed. Minor cracks in original glass have been repaired with new glass painted to resemble the original design. Past repairs have been removed and done correctly and several panels are currently being glazed. Each of the different wood framing profiles have been ordered to replace termite damaged moldings and will be primed and painted along with the entire exterior frame. The restored stained glass window will be installed along with the restoration of the exterior frame and the new storm glass during the week of August 30, 2010. This work will be completed by September 4th.



## CATHEDRAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

Cathedral Campus Ministry is an outreach program for Catholic students at Millsaps and Belhaven colleges. Continuing efforts are made to help sustain the faith of our young adults and to make St. Peter's their parish away from home. In the future, we plan to increase the number of these actives as well as incorporate the much needed time for volunteering in our parish and the surrounding community. (Pictured below: Millsaps students praying.)



## The Cathedral Angels

Our Hispanic Youth Group, the Cathedral Angels, was established this past spring and have approximately 25 members. In an effort to raise funds, they have sponsored various projects the most recent being a car wash. (Pictured below: members hold signs to promote their car wash). They have just returned from a trip to Six Flags in Georgia and have plans this fall for a faith and spirituality retreat.



# Mary & Martha Circle

By Amy Brooks  
Bereavement Chairman



The women of the Mary and Martha Circle of the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle are called to prayer, service to the church community, and one another. All women of the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle are welcome to become members of the Mary and Martha Circle. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral Center.

- **Welcoming** (*Linda Cobb, Chair*): This group welcomes parishioners and guests at Saturday and Sunday masses, as well as hosting a "Welcome Reception" for new parishioners.
- **Hospitality** (*Janie Keary, Chair*): This group hosts receptions following special occasions such as R.C.I.A. completion at the Easter Vigil and First Holy Communion.
- **Bereavement** (*Amy Brooks, Chair*): This group is responsible for providing comfort and sustenance to parishioners who have had a death in their family.

## SERVICE PROJECT FOR BATTERED FAMILIES

The Mary and Martha Circle recently completed a service project with the children of The Boys and Girls Club of Central MS. The children, along with the ladies of Mary and Martha, created Dream Catchers and Bravery Beads which they presented to the children residing in the Catholic Charities' Shelter for Battered Families as well as those in residential treatment at Mississippi Children's Home Services.

Pictured (*top right*) Ken Allen with Mississippi Children's home receiving a basket filled with the crafts from the children of the Boys & Girls Club, and (*bottom right*) Amy Brooks and Michelle Vidrine present Tina Halbert with The Boys & Girls Club of Central MS a shadowbox in appreciation for their generosity.



The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) program is open to all parishioners 50 years or older. SAM gathers several times a year for fellowship, meals, fun and games, and spiritual guidance. In addition to group activities, Laura recruits and organizes Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for the homebound/ill and help those with special transportation needs when they have doctor's appointments or just need some special attention. St. Peter encourages those "younger" seniors to help the elders by interaction at our events or with other needs.

So the next time you see an invitation in the bulletin for a Senior Adult Event, come join SAM...they really have loads of fun!

*God Bless our Parish Family.*

## SAM Senior Adult Ministry

By Laura Tarbutton  
Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator



*Fred and Margie Cunningham (pictured above) are shown eating gumbo at the Senior Adult Ministry Mardi Gras celebration this past February. Margie was crowned the 2010 Mardi Gras Queen.*

This past February, in preparation before lent, the Senior Adult Ministry sponsored a Mardi Gras celebration. The day began with Mass followed by a the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Among the festivities were gumbo (cooked by Keith Annison), king cake, and the crowning of the 2010 Mardi Gras Queen—Margie Cunningham.



On August 29, 2010 the members of the Senior Adult Ministry will sponsor a Summer Fun Bingo for the whole parish. A picnic lunch and ice cream cones will be served. Please RSVP to Laura Tarbutton at 601-613-2430.

*Laura Tarbutton received her PCSG from Dr. Richard Johnson of the Johnson Institute.*