

# Sentinel of the Saints

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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## BEARING THE FINANCIAL HEAT

*Dear Friends and Parishioners*



Your support of the Mazda Miata raffle assured the Academy of \$50,000. Thank you for this indispensable help—and it was truly indispensable. The \$50,000 raised through the Miata raffle, gave us the operating money we needed to get through the month of May. Now, however, we are operating on financial fumes. Despite this, it is most imperative that we continue working through the summer in order to be ready for the beginning of the 2009–2010 school year. Though most of our students

have gone home, and at the moment the operating expenses are lower, we have two large needs that we must now fill.

The first is that my priests are still homeless—living in closets, awaiting the completion of the new priory. The “new priory” consists of the OLD cafeteria that was added onto the 1928 wing of our Warners building in 1958. The interior is complete and we are ready to move our priests in, but the 1958 roof has called it quits at just the wrong time. Giving in to old age, the roof has decided to start leaking on the new interior. It will cost \$21,000 to replace. Can you help with this new cost?



The second great need is the problem of making our good old building save us money. To do this, our first three upcoming projects are: (1) re-lamp all light fixtures; (2) replace all the old windows; (3) replace old boilers by a gradual introduction of smaller highly efficient hot water boilers. Encouragingly, our maintenance work over the course of the past ten months saved the Academy around \$4,000 in utility bills. We can make these savings

much larger if you can help us by donating the start-up cash for these projects. Please do come through as you always have.

Now, as each and every one of you knows, it is only by the intercession of St. Joseph that we keep on going materially. To honor him, money-less students work in order to do their part in contributing to the upkeep of the Academy. In truth, work detail is an important part of a BVM student's life. Each high school boy has



a work quota for the year, and its fulfillment, besides providing for a real necessity, he learns valuable lessons for life. BVM Academy relies upon you for 60%–70% of its material upkeep, it relies on its high-school corps of “volunteers” for 10%–20% of its material upkeep. This represents a savings of, at the very least, of \$30,000 annually—if we limit our consideration to janitorial labors. May times, there are other important monies saved where a

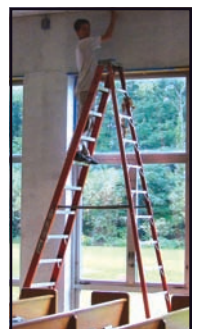
talented student does a small job that normally would require a professional contract.

While our boys must get to their work and our priest to theirs, can you not spare some time and money to help us start our roof-saving project and our money-saving projects going? Honoring St. Joseph by helping BVM Academy, will be a type of insurance investment in St. Joseph's present and future protection of you and your needs.

Thank you for your help and be assured that you and yours are in our daily prayers.

In Our Lord,

Fr. J. Timothy Pfeiffer



## THE NEW PRIORY PROJECT



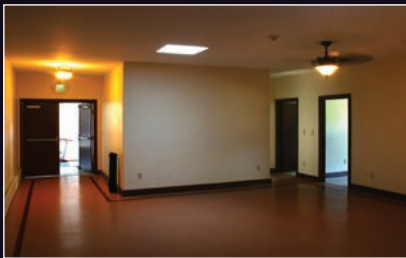
ABOVE: The old cafeteria is transformed into the priests' priory.



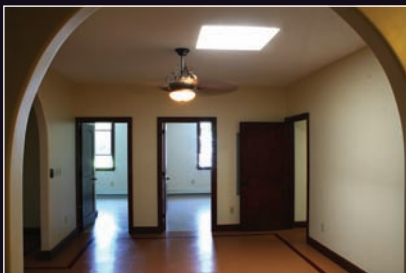
ABOVE: Our 50-year-old roof is dying and needs replacing.



ABOVE: Priory interior, looking toward the dining room and kitchen.



ABOVE: Priory interior, looking through the lounge to bedroom doors.



ABOVE: Priory interior, dining room, and doors to bedroom and kitchen.

# PLEASE HELP!!

## OUR SUMMER NEEDS & PROJECTS

### 1. REPLACE ROOF

The 50-year-old former cafeteria roof is now beyond repair for a reasonable cost and must be replaced!

### 2. LAMPS FOR LIGHTS

Re-lamping all light fixtures will save us enormous amounts of money in the years to come!

### 3. REPLACE WINDOWS

Some rooms are perpetually cold throughout the long New York winter, due to the old windows. Heating efficiency is therefore lost, leading to much higher heating costs than would be normal.

### 4. REPLACE BOILERS

Our old boilers need to be replaced with smaller, highly efficient, hot water boilers. This again will reduce our overheads in a significant way.

## THEN AND NOW!

On the right you can see the early stages of the work on the priests' priory within the school and, on the left, the near completed work!

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING US IN THIS WORK!



ABOVE: Priory interior, looking from the dining room to one of the bedrooms and the kitchen.



ABOVE: Priory interior, looking from the dining room into the lounge and bedrooms.