

The Burden Basket



St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

WINTER PROGRESS

Funding Progress

Since fundraising began in February 1998 we have raised \$1,497,376. Of that amount 46% came from private foundation grants, 7% from nonprofit organizations, 24% from our generous donors, 10% through our stewardship program and the remaining 13% from the hard work of raffles, food sales and concerts, plus interest earned. The work continues as funding permits: Expenses to date have been \$1,224,715.

Revenue & Expenses 10/1/08—4/15/09

Revenue	
Foundation Grants	\$ 16,500
Roof Grants	\$142,500
Steward Program	\$ 15,970
Donations	\$ 10,117
Fundraisers & Interest	\$ 1,620
Total	\$186,707

Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	\$86,132
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 8,166
Subcontractors	\$ 4,964
Office Expense	\$ 2,379
Administration & Fundraising	\$ 2,307
Training	\$ 1,845
Roof Project	\$51,382
Total	\$157,175

Funds on hand: \$40,584
Roof Funds \$92,995

In-Kind Donations from volunteers, staff and equipment use:
\$ 79,000

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of all those who have come together to restore this sacred place, a great deal of work has been accomplished since our last report. (November 2008 issue of *The Burden Basket*). The main task for the winter was to restore the sacristy storage area at the east end of this landmark church and veterans' memorial. Thanks to Restoration Project donors we were able to keep trainees Robert Morgan, Lyle Magoosh, and Nikona Hosetosavit working with our permanent crew: Foreman Tommy Spotted-bird, and masons Arylis Chee and Martin Pizarro. Besides stabilizing and re-



Tommy, Martin, Lyle, Robert, Arylis and Nikona



Removing deteriorated mortar

pointing the stonework of the sacristy, a beautiful new insulated ceiling was installed. See the before and after photos on page 3. A mild winter permitted the crew to accomplish some work on the outside of the church as well, mostly preparation work for the installation of a new roof. Thanks to substantial donations from Katherine D. Ortega and the Fr. George Carr Family Trust, we now have the funds necessary to replace the clay tile roof. Preservation Architect Dale Zinn and roofing contractor Brian McPartlon of **Brian McPartlon Roofing, LLC** in Santa Fe have been working with us in planning for the re-roofing job. We are so very grateful for their dedication to doing the best job possible, ensuring that this inspiring place will be well protected for many generations.

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Repointing the stonework with lime mortar

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PETER A. BOEGEL, OFM

Every three years the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Saint Barbara gather for a group meeting to elect new leadership and set directions for the coming years. At the meeting this past January new leadership was elected, and I was asked by our new Provincial Minister to accept the position of "Secretary of the Province." This means that I will be moving to work in Oakland, California. Of course it is my heart-felt desire to see the Restoration Project continue to move forward as I transition out in the months ahead. While I will maintain a connection to this great work, it is good and fitting to hand the directorship of this project over to members of the local community. I am proud to present to you the new St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project Leadership Team. I am confident that this project will continue to completion under their direction.

Tommy Spottedbird: Tommy has been with the Restoration Project since the beginning. As the first Restoration Project trainee, Tommy threw himself into this job with his considerable artistic talent and hard-working dedication. It was not long before it was clear that Tommy had excelled his instructors in the art of stone building restoration. Wanting this project to stand as his legacy, Tommy has been the person responsible for ensuring that the work that has been accomplished is not only functional, but beautiful. As Project Foreman for the past seven years, Tommy has been running the crew and instructing the trainees. Most importantly, Tommy is determined to see this project through to completion.

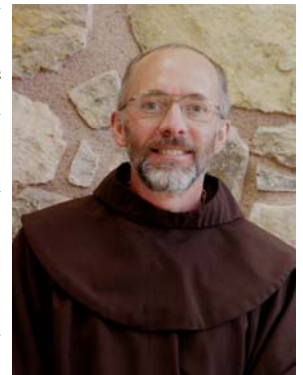
Mary Serna: Mary has been the Restoration Administrator for the past eight years. Describing her job as, "doing all the things no one else wants to do," Mary runs the office, does all the accounting work, correspondence, grant writing, much of the purchasing, the newsletter and progress report writing, etc, etc. Mary is dedicated to this project, and like Tommy, determined to see it through to completion.

A Governing Board made up of Mescalero residents will provide financial oversight and give direction for the Restoration Project. The Governing Board will soon select a Restoration Director to spearhead this remarkable project. I owe a special debt of gratitude to Preservation Architect Dale Zinn, who has been offering his expert guidance since 1994. Dale will continue to advise and offer technical direction.

The Restoration of St. Joseph Apache Mission has been miraculous from the beginning. For over nine years now the work has progressed uninterrupted. Twenty five young adults have received employment and job-skill training. Over two-thirds of the needed restoration work has been accomplished. There is still much to do. At the current rate of progress it will take approximately five more years to finish the job.

The remarkable work that is being accomplished here is due to all the people like you who support this project. We have come together, each contributing what we have to offer. We can all take pride in the legacy we are creating - preserving this active church and honored veterans' memorial for generations to come; providing jobs and forming craftspeople, giving a new chance to the lives of those in need of a fresh start.

As this Restoration Project progresses towards completion let us continue to bring our gifts together, ensuring that this sacred place will continue to inspire faith, patriotism, courage and pride. I will treasure all that we have accomplished here for the rest of my life.



9TH ANNUAL RAFFLE COMING SOON

One of our most popular fund raisers is the annual raffle. This year the drawing will be held on October 4, 2009. So watch for your tickets in the mail come August. Several prizes have already been donated: a beautiful painting by local artist Loree Marin; \$1,000 cash prize, a **Wii** Sports Gaming System; a beaded medicine bag; a Pendleton Blanket We hope to have twelve prizes in all. A donation of \$1.00 for each ticket is suggested. Last year's raffle raised \$17,849 with \$6,201 of that in extra donations sent in along with the tickets. If you have received this newsletter in the mail, you are on our mailing list, if not, you can request tickets by calling 575-464-4539 and ask to be added to our mailing list.

BEFORE AND AFTER



Sacristy ceiling

Before



After



Sacristy west wall

Before



After

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS...

A special thanks to the families who have suggested that friends make a donation to the Restoration Project, in lieu of flowers, as a way to memorialize a loved one.

Along with those being memorialized we have received donations to honor people on the occasion of their birthday, anniversary, and of course as a way to honor a veteran. So if you would like to give a gift to “*someone who has everything*” this is a way to honor them with a connection to this sacred place. Just send us their name and address with your donation and we will send an acknowledgement to the person or family.

RE-ROOFING PROJECT UNDERWAY

Preparation work is underway for the replacement of the clay tile roof. The old tiles have been removed from the south side of the main roof. Scaffolding has been erected to the top of the bell tower. This summer stonework around the top of the bell tower will be repointed, and the tower, alcove, and main roofs will receive new underlayment, flashing and clay tile.



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To help preserve the art of historic stone building restoration we have produced a series of "Training Videos." These videos were made to document the work we are doing, for future caretakers of St. Joseph Apache Mission. These videos can now be accessed through our website; available for anyone who may have an interest in learning about this noble craft.

