

# *St. Joseph's Apache Mission Restoration Project*

illustrated progress report: October 2000 through May 2001



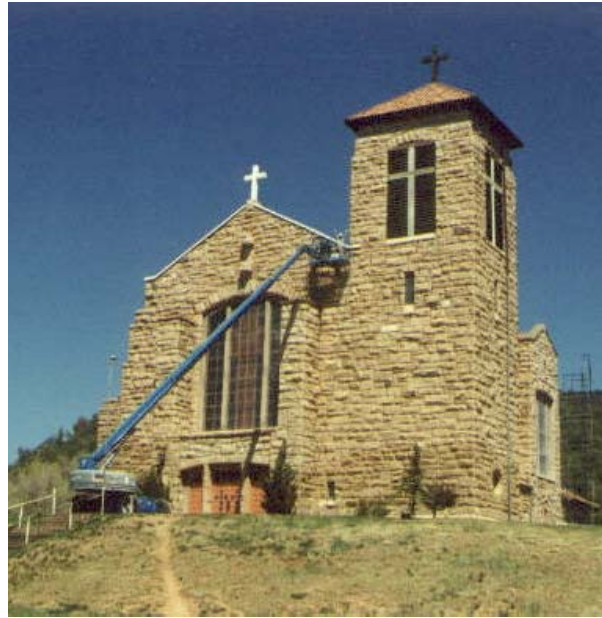
In December 2000 we moved the scaffolding from the south transept to the north transept.



South transept before and after.



An 85-foot “aerial work platform” was rented for a week to plug the larger holes in the church walls, as well as paint the woodwork in the bell tower.



Bruce Klinekole and Bro. Peter painting the woodwork of the bell tower.

Harry Vasile filling some holes that the bats use to gain entry into the church. There are thousands of holes big enough for bats to get in, we were able to plug up the larger holes.





## Restoration Crew



Harry



Tommy



David



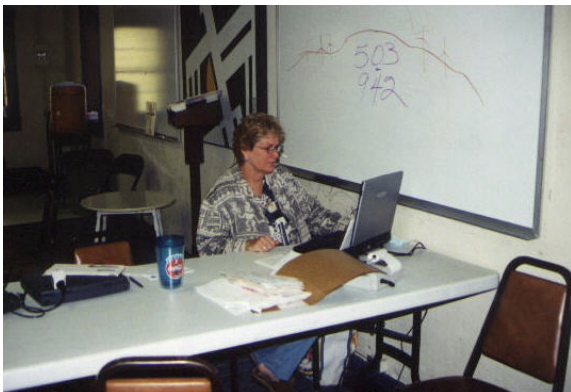
Crystal



Elwin



Br. Peter



Mary sets up office in parish hall.



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***Progress Report***  
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It has been an exciting year for our restoration crew. We are happy to inform you that because of the generosity of all of the donations we have received, the crew is making great strides. And we are pleased with the progress that they are making.

In November we hired two high school seniors, Elwin Pebeashy and Crystal Rodriguez as a part of the Mescalero High School "School to Work" Program. It has been fun both teaching them the skills that we have learned and watching their progress. We also have Brother David Paz, OFM with us full time since November and Arylis Chee another "School to Work Student" who joined us when Elwin left in January. These workers, added to our present crew of Harry Vasile, Tommy Spottedbird and Brother Peter Boegel, have been a big help in moving our progress along. The newest addition to the team is Mary Serna; she is our Restoration Project Administrator. This will give Brother Peter more time to work on the project itself.

We received a sizable donation from Cecil Russell that we used to rent an 85-foot aerial work platform in April. This enabled us to plug many of the larger holes where the bats had been getting in. While we had the machine, volunteer Bruce Klinekole and Brother Peter made some much needed woodwork repairs as well as painted the crosses on the bell tower. Among our donors has been the *Chemical Lime Company* in Belen, NM. They have graciously donated over 2560 pounds of hydrated lime to us this year.

Our scaffolding has been setup inside the church on the northeast wall to the left of the Altar where the crew has been working since January. Now with the warm weather upon us the crew has reset the scaffolding outside on the southeast side of the Church and have begun working where they left off last fall, as weather permits. Also with the help of Bruce Klinekole we are reorganizing our sand pit and sifting area to be more productive.

Within the last two weeks we have been busying ourselves with trying to locate and obtain a combination office-information center trailer. We are collecting old and new

photographs and informational material so visitors to the site can appreciate the magnitude of this restoration project. We are hoping to have a mini-museum in our center to provide the public with information about the project, the people, the memorial to World War I and II veterans, and Father Albert Braun himself.

So far the restoration project has been featured on FOX-TV and KOB-TV News. KOAT also included our church in their program hosted by Nelson Martinez entitled "*Churches & Missions Magnificent Restorations*". We have also had great coverage from the *Alamogordo Daily News*, *Ruidoso News*, The *Albuquerque Journal* and the December 2000 issue of *New Mexico Magazine*. This has been very helpful in getting publicity out to the general public on our project.

Accompanying this letter is an illustrated progress report to give you a visualization of our progress since the last reporting period of September 2000. We have also attached an Income and Expense Summary for you to review. Our current balance as of April 30, 2001 in the restoration fund is \$88,256.34. We are still looking at approximately 13 years to complete the restoration process. We are continuing to pursue grants and donations so that our work may continue. We are hoping that we can obtain enough funding to increase our work crew and cut down the number of years that we have estimated the project will take to complete.

As of April 30, 2001 approximately \$216,105.23 has been raised for the restoration of St. Joseph's Apache Mission church. Our largest expense is that for labor and payroll taxes. This restoration will continue to become a reality through the generosity of people like you and the hard work of our dedicated crew.

We welcome any comments, suggestions or questions. Feel free to call us, visit our website, email or write us.

Respectfully,

Mary M Serna  
Restoration Project Administrator

Peter A. Boegel, OFM  
Restoration Chair