

IN THANKSGIVING: OUR FULLY ACCESSIBLE ANNEX WITH ELEVATOR IS COMPLETED

Approaching the Thanksgiving Season, the Pastor, Fr. David Bava and those who have worked on the Annex project with the contractor and architects are so grateful to our parishioners, benefactors, donor organizations and the Archdiocese of Washington for fulfilling our hopes and dreams for a fully accessible church facility. Construction of the Welcome Annex has been completed and now awaits only a final inspection by DCRA and issuance of an occupancy permit.

So many of you--- families, individuals, benefactors, organizations—prayed for and supported this accomplishment.

Demolition of the old annex and new foundation construction began in May 2020, 18 months ago. Cost increases and delays increased our initial goal for construction to \$1,840,000. The parish and supporters raised over \$1,820,000; we still invite donations that can close the gap to pay final costs for construction, installation of the memorial bricks and additional unexpected charges.

Your support to meet these final costs are appreciated as we move to the end of the 2021 Calendar Year.

The parish “open house” and “tour event” on September 25, 2021 brought so many emotions to us and those who were able to attend, especially our parishioners who are seniors and those who have disabilities, who were able to use the elevator to the Upper Church and view and pray in the sacred space. The photos you view communicate much of their emotion and gratitude.

The completed Annex is not only accessible to New York Avenue and the parking lot, it is beautiful, landscaped, with illuminated crosses and a marble surround for the elevator. It will now accommodate funerals, weddings and public events more easily and make real Holy Redeemer’s promise to be a beacon of continued presence, light, and hope in our NW 1 neighborhood.

Your ongoing support and engagement continue to be important to us as we celebrate and enjoy the new Annex. We hope for your presence, not only to visit Holy Redeemer and see the new Annex, but to connect with us in parish ministries of worship, evangelization, and social advocacy.

God’s peace and stamina be with you. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for Mass in person or via our “live-streamed” services from Holy Redeemer.

We especially welcome donations to celebrate and support our new annex. You can donate at <http://holyredeemerchurchdc.org/hrc/index.php/capital-campaign>.

God’s Peace to You,

Fr. David A. Bava