

The Burden Basket



St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: PETER A. BOEGEL, OFM

Funding Progress

Since fundraising began in February 1998 we have raised 869,632. Of that amount 37% came from private Foundation grants, 54% from our generous donors, and the remaining 9% from the hard work of raffles, food sales, concerts and interest earned. With about 48% of funds needed, we continue to make progress. The work continues: Expenses to date have been \$785,246.



When our Restoration Committee first started talking about trying to save this cherished landmark, it seemed like we were trying to light a fire of enthusiasm using two sticks and a lot of elbow grease. Now the Restoration Project's "fire of enthusiasm" is blazing, with people from all walks of life gathering around and benefiting from its light and warmth. In our ongoing effort to ensure that this church and veteran's memorial will continue to meet the needs of many different people, this summer rewarded us with bright sparks of encouragement. Thanks to our generous donors, for instance, we were able to employ three summer trainees to work alongside and learn from our restoration stonemasons Tommy Spottedbird, Brother David Paz and Arylis Chee. For now, I hope you enjoy this newsletter, and feel the warmth coming from all those who, like you, are playing a part in *Restoring the building and Rebuilding lives.*

2005 Raffle Results

Our 5th annual restoration raffle was a tremendous success. This year we had twelve terrific prizes donated by Restoration Committee members, parishioners, and other people who are passionate about the Restoration Project. The amount raised, including the extra donations people sent in along with their raffle tickets, was **\$12,974!** The drawing was held on Sunday, October 9.

Winner of the \$500.00 cash prize was Delbert Mendez of Mescalero. As soon as his name was announced he walked up to the microphone and stated that he wanted to donate his prize back to the Restoration Project. Truly a remarkable statement of support for the work we are accomplishing. Joann Simmons of Alamogordo, NM won the Beaded Buckskin Quiver made by our foreman, Tommy Spottedbird. The Isleta Pueblo seed pot was won by Randa Worley of Tularosa, NM. The stained glass butterfly was won by Joe Chavez of Bent, NM. The *Retablo* was won by Joe's daughter Diona Chavez of Bent! Joe Salazar of LaLuz

won the wood carving of Kateri Tekakwitha. Winner of the Pendleton blanket was June Nash of Arizona. Celia Paz of Washington won the Pendleton luggage. The beaded belt was won by Carmen Chavez of Alamogordo. Clara Blake of Mescalero won the agate and silver necklace set. The JP Chino paintings were won by Carmen Shanta of Mescalero. Steve Anderson of Minnesota won the squash blossom necklace set.

This year, because we had so many prizes donated, we offered prizes to the top four raffle ticket sellers. Bruce & Helen Klinekole took the top prize of a weekend getaway at the *Inn of the Mountain Gods* by selling 2,131 tickets! Second place went to Kim House who won a Pendleton blanket for selling 434 tickets. The third place prize, a beaded belt, went to Clarice Rocha for selling 260 tickets and the fourth prize gift basket went to Wendy Duffy who sold 210 tickets.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's raffle our most successful raffle ever.

Revenue & Expenses

5/1/05—10/12/05

Expenses

Payroll Expenses	\$50,133
Equipment & Supplies	\$5,781
Professional Fees	\$4,389
Office Expense	\$1,962
Administration & Fundraising	<u>\$1,805</u>
Total	\$64,070

Revenue

Foundation Grants	\$20,100
Steward Program	\$4,255
Donations	\$14,793
Fundraisers & Interest	<u>\$15,758</u>
Total	\$50,694

Funds on hand: **\$87,967**

In-Kind Donations by Volunteers & Staff: **\$77,220**

SUMMER TRAINEES



Leslie Bigmouth

This past summer we had three trainees learning the art of stone building restoration work. It was great having Walter Scott with us once again while he was on his summer break from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Leslie Bigmouth joined the crew for part of the summer before leaving for South Dakota. Her family has been taking care of this church for many years in many different ways. Leslie began helping her grandparents clean the church when she was a little girl, so felt good about continuing her family's tradition in a new way. Leslie, the senior class president, graduated from Mescalero High School in May. She is now attending college in Hobbs, NM.



Gifford Valdez



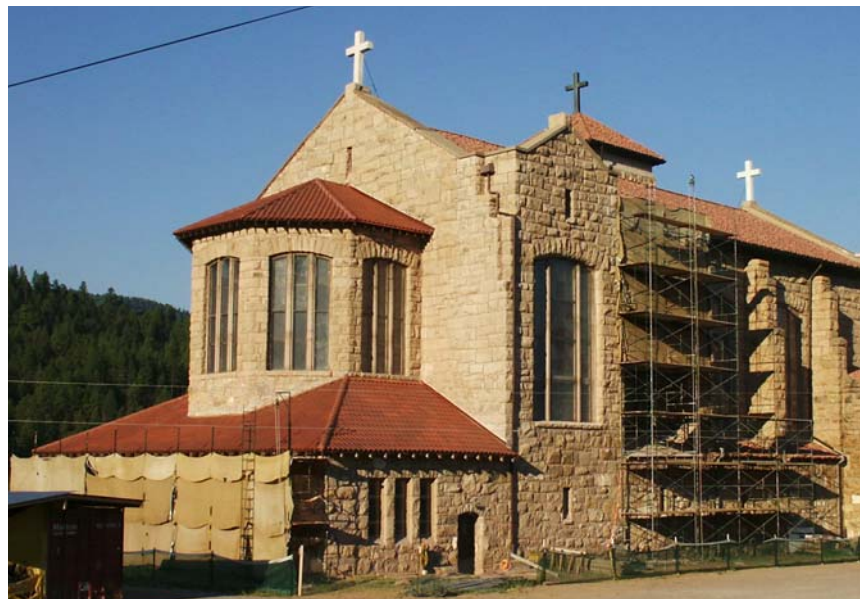
Walter Scott

Gifford Valdez proved to be an exceptional trainee and is still working with our crew. Gifford graduated from Mescalero High school in May. He is a talented artist, a skill and temperament which helps so much in this type of work. We wish that we could keep him on as part of the permanent crew, but he will soon leave us to join the Marine Corps. Gifford said "When I complete my military commitment I would like to return to help finish the restoration".

The trainees picked up the work quickly and helped the crew finish repointing the stonework of the east wall exterior in July. The entire eastern portion of the church is now completely restored. It is so gratifying to see the scaffolding gone and to realize that this part of the church, sections of which had been in danger of collapse, is now secure and, quite frankly, beautiful to behold. The remainder

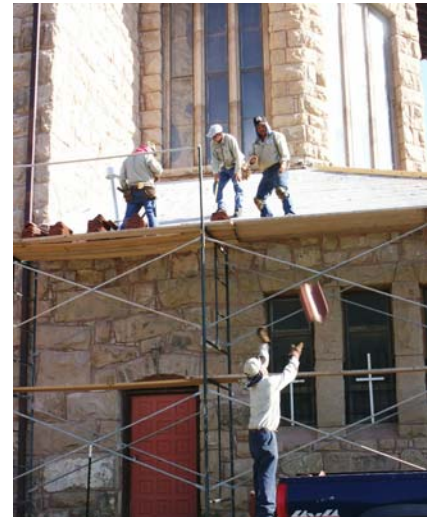
of the summer work was focused on the north exterior wall. While work was in progress more bat access holes were discovered and sealed up. The crew completed repointing about one third of the north exterior wall before moving inside for the cold weather months. While working on each section windows and woodwork were inspected, cleaned and repaired as needed.

Foreman Tommy Spottedbird praised the trainees for the great work that was accomplished this summer saying, "Because of all the talent and help we had this summer from the trainees, we were able to accomplish much more than usual. Having the extra help encouraged me and renewed my enthusiasm to finish the restoration project."



Restoration work underway; note the 2 completed sections of roof

NEW CLAY TILE ROOF INSTALLED ON EAST END OF CHURCH



Thanks to some extraordinary donations we were able to hire **Smith Roofing, Inc.** of Las Cruces to re-roof the two sections of roof on the east end of the church. This was quite an endeavor. This new “*Ludowici*” tile is better suited for areas such as ours that experience repeated freeze-thaw cycles. The old tile was too porous for this region and as a result the tiles suffered cracking and breakage. Copper flashing was installed along with the new tiles. After the tile work was completed new copper gutters were installed by **KD Enterprises** of Ft. Collins, CO.

This work was made possible by the generosity of many people, and by selling some of the old roof tiles. We now are working to raise funds to complete the repair and replacement of the main roof. The amount needed to complete the roof is \$102,000.



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CELEBRATE & REMEMBER

On Sunday September 11, 2005 James Pellerite came to the Mission to help us celebrate Grandparent’s Day and in remembrance of September 11, 2001. Mr. Pellerite is a talented flutist that fell in love with the Native American flute after retiring as the solo flutist of the Philadelphia Orchestra. He assures a respectfulness of the instrument's valued traditions, and is devoted to preserving the image and time-honored beauty of this wonderful flute. He played a number of pieces as a prelude, then played several more as a part of the 10:30 mass. Mr. Pellerite wanted to provide this wonderful experience as his way to contribute to the efforts to restore this cherished place. This event was further enhanced by local singer Ted Rodriguez who sang two Apache songs he composed at the beginning and at the end of the mass. James and Ted are now talking about collaborating in a recording project! People attending donated a total of \$339. for the restoration project.



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