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Dear Members and Friends:



Through our service on the Historic Religious Properties Committee for many years, we have seen that there is an enormous need for Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation's Historic Religious Properties (HRP) Program—and we have created a program that gives our members and friends the opportunity to *directly participate in saving* some of the most significant buildings in Allegheny County.

Our program specifically aims to help maintain the exterior integrity of architecturally significant religious properties in Allegheny County that are 50 years old or more and serve as active places of worship and centers for social services. Maintaining the exteriors of these buildings is *the key* to preserving the decorative interior spaces.

PHLF began its program of financial and technical assistance in 1997, thanks to annual gifts from its members and friends. Since then, we have awarded **235 matching grants totaling \$935,000 and 58 technical assistance consultations**. This support has leveraged matching funds from congregations and enabled them to solve major exterior problems *before* they caused interior damage. This year's grant recipients are listed on the back of this letter. **The gifts PHLF received from its members and friends in 2012 are leveraging \$437,610 in restoration work this year.**

We encourage you to **give generously again this year**. One hundred percent of your gift to PHLF's HRP program is awarded in the form of matching grants to fund critical building repairs. Our goal in the next few months is to raise \$75,000 so we can support another round of matching grants in 2014. We also want to begin to identify **\$2.5 million in bequests and other planned gifts to endow this worthy program**. (If you prefer to designate your annual gift to support this or another PHLF program, such as neighborhood revitalization or education, then please do so.)

PHLF is the only place that most historic religious properties in Allegheny County can turn to for façade-related help, and the congregations are truly grateful for our matching grants and technical assistance. By encouraging careful, informed stewardship, we help ensure that these architecturally significant places of worship will be taken care of for future generations.

Please help make this a successful fund-raising drive by making your tax-deductible contribution today. Help us get the word out about the importance of PHLF's HRP Program. We're counting on you. Thanks for contributing in the past. Let's keep these restorations going!

Sincerely,

Jack Norris
Chairman, Pittsburgh History &
Landmarks Foundation

David J. Vater, RA
Chairman, Historic Religious Properties Committee



JULY 18, 2013

I am happy to inform you and the PHLF Board that the grant you awarded to St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Church has been put to good use, and the project is completed. ... I congratulate all of you on another successful year of helping to restore architecturally significant religious properties. It is comforting to know that there are individuals and organizations that cherish historic buildings and wish to maintain them for future generations. The mission that you pursue passionately gives encouragement to grant writers like myself to find funding for our religious properties. Many thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Michael Salvagna, CP

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

... I write to offer my sincere appreciation to the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation for yet another generous grant toward the on-going restoration of the stained glass windows of Sacred Heart church.

Sacred Heart and PHLF have partnered in this project since 2007. ... A set of restored windows in our church has been designated with a plate indicating the generosity of the PHLF. ...

I will inform the members of my congregation of the generosity as well as the support offered by the foundation for our efforts to preserve the beautiful art that surrounds them at services each week.

Sincerely,
*Reverend Robert J. Grecco,
Pastor*





We improve the quality of life for people as we help renew the institutions they value.

Our matching grants help restore key historic religious properties in Allegheny County and, in the process, create community pride and encourage renewal.

—David J. Vater, RA
Chair, Historic Religious Properties Committee



YOUR GIFT HELPS HISTORIC RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES UNDERTAKE CRITICAL RESTORATION WORK

Thanks to 97 generous donors in 2012, PHLF awarded a total of \$70,440 in matching grants to the following eleven congregations on February 28, 2013:

- Birmingham United Church of Christ, Carrick: \$7,000 to install new gutters
- Bower Hill Community Church, Mt. Lebanon: \$7,000 for steeple restoration and roof repairs
- First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Downtown: \$7,000 for masonry repairs
- First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oakland: \$7,000 for masonry repair
- Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, Shaler Township/Glenshaw: \$7,000 for steeple restoration
- Riverview United Presbyterian Church, Observatory Hill/Perry North: \$5,000 for entrance step repairs
- Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside: \$7,000 for stained glass window restoration
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Shadyside: \$7,000 for stained glass window restoration
- St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, South Side Slopes: \$2,440 for window restoration
- St. Peter Church, Allegheny Center/North Side: \$7,000 for stained glass window restoration
- Valley Presbyterian Church, Findlay Township/Imperial: \$7,000 for replacement of shingle roof.

In addition, technical assistance awards went to:

- Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Overbrook
- First United Methodist Church of McKeesport
- Sixth Presbyterian Church, Squirrel Hill
- Valley Presbyterian Church, Findlay Township/Imperial.



PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY:

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