

# The Catholic Community of St. Isidore

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Rejoice and be Glad ~ We  
can Move Forward

On June 10th, the City of Ottawa voted in favour of a recommendation by Counsellor Eli El-Chantiry and the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee that **St. Isidore Church not be designated Heritage. St. Isidore** parish can proceed with plans to build its new church that will incorporate the stained glass windows, the bell, original stone and a replica steeple of our 123 year old church while keeping the Maxwell family memorial trees which proudly define the scenic approach.

We are grateful to Kanata Councillors El-Chantiry, Wilkinson and Feltmate and **other** Counsellors who understood and supported the practical values of St. Isidore families.

**Background:**

After receiving a single request, the City of Ottawa's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that St. Isidore Church be designated 'heritage'. The Ontario Heritage Act is designed to preserve historic buildings but offers no financial support to maintain such properties. Designation was not in the best interest of our parish due to the financial burden and limitations it would have imposed. Your Expansion Committee was in strong opposition of heritage status. Costs associated with incorporating the old building into a new plan had been unrealistic from the start and the emotional decision to remove the much-loved landmark had been made after many years of consultation and serious consideration of all options. 89% of parishioners present at a special general meeting in Dec. 2007 voted in favour of removing the old church and building new. In the end majority ruled.

**Thanks to all for pulling together and helping get through the past few months. Special thanks to those who attended and presented at City Counsel meetings, wrote letters to the paper, lobbied counselors and prayed for a fair outcome!**

**With heritage designation out of the way, the focus is now on raising funds to build our new church as soon as possible!**

## **Fundraising for our New Church**

**Current Situation:**

Some parishioners have expressed concern over waiting five more years to build and want to see the plan expedited. **\$3.5 million is the building estimate.**

Our current building funds stand at **\$980,000** with pledges of **\$400,000** already made.

### **The Challenge:**

In February 2009, we announced that one family offered \$100,000 'now' instead of leaving \$100,000 to the church in their Will. The condition of that offer is that we 'obtain other commitments totaling \$400,000 by December 31, 2009 - over and above pledges already made.' **\$150,000** has already been committed and we still have 6 months to raise **\$250,000** to meet the 2009 challenge! If the challenge can be met by the end of 2009, we may be able to celebrate Christmas 2012 in our new church - moving our target date closer by one year.

**Yes, we can do it! Perhaps we can exceed it! Let's get creative!**

Make St. Isidore Building Fund your major charity. Your donation or pledge will help us realize a dream.

- Use the green envelopes on the first Sunday of each month to direct your gift
- Contact Deacon Des if you wish to discuss a confidential gift to the Building Fund: (613) 592-1961 - Ext. 4

- Church Office OR (613) 592- 4812 -  
Home

Identified financial donations will be  
acknowledged with an official tax receipt.

For regular updates at St. Isidore parish visit:  
<http://stisidorekanata.com/>

*Together we can... build  
our church*

**The Expansion Task Force & Fundraising  
Committee:**

Des Adam (Chair), Father Ross Finlan, Jerry Bellomo, Brian Ward, Mary Carver, Kevin & Anita Caputo, Mike Green, Reg Dion, Stephan Gelinas, Peter Durrell, Bernie Dixon, Joe Troesch, Jacques St. Denis, Jim Shearon, Jeff Seeton, Carolyn Marushko, Joan Fischer, Pat McKinnon, David O'Keefe, Skaria Manoj, Marilyn Mansfield, Chris Cummins, John Tollman, Don Pajot, Ruth Maxwell, Rick Lorenz, Joe & Jennifer Schuett. We welcome new team member Elizabeth Birch.