



HOLY ROSARY FAQ

Q: Does the parish still exist? Where will we meet?

A: Yes. The parish community still exists. Parish worship will continue in the school auditorium.

Q: What does this mean for the school?

A: The school will continue to operate as it has been. The Archdiocese will assure priestly ministry to the school.

Q: When does the church building close permanently?

A: The Archbishop's decree indicates that the Holy Rosary church building will be closed permanently and razed due to its significant safety issues. There is a 10-day recourse period during which the community can ask him to reconsider his decision.

Q: How much is needed to get back into the Church?

A: According to the due diligence process, the team determined it would be approximately \$7M for the re-occupancy repairs along with the building envelope seal to protect from further water damage. To reoccupy the building and make all the needed structural repairs the total cost is nearly \$18M.

Q: Why can't the Archdiocese just pay for the repairs?

A: According to canon law, the parish is responsible for upkeep, maintenance and repair of Church buildings. Additionally, the Archdiocese doesn't have the funds to pay for these significant repairs. Furthermore, if the necessary resources could be found, would it be the most prudent use of \$18 million? Faithful stewardship of both parish and archdiocesan resources says no.

Q: Can Holy Rosary be named a shrine?

A: The purpose of a shrine is to designate a "sacred place to which numerous members of the faithful make pilgrimage for a special reason of piety." (c. 1230) Ultimately, a shrine anticipates a large number of pilgrims, a priest assigned as rector, and an active liturgical life, which doesn't align with the characteristics of Holy Rosary.

Q: Why does the building need to be razed? Can't it be sold to another entity and repurposed?

A: The building is not safe for anyone to reoccupy it in its current state. After the demolition of the building, Archdiocesan leadership will continue to work with parish leadership to assess options for Catholic use of the property, including but not limited to low income or affordable housing. Whatever is decided will take into account the school community which will continue to operate on campus.

Q: What will happen to all the art and religious items in the church?

A: The Archdiocese will continue to work with Holy Rosary leadership and community to determine what will happen to these objects, with an attempt to re-purpose religious art and items in other Catholic churches.

Q: How does recourse work?

A: To request reconsideration, people may write to the The Office of the Archbishop within 10 business days of the decree. This means letters must be received by September 9, 2019. Address is: The Office of the Archbishop, 710 9th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.