

# How can you help with this important restoration?

St. Luke's Mission of Mercy is, first and foremost, a Catholic Mission devoted to the proclamation of the gospel. Our beloved church is central to all we do. We honor our God not only through our continual acts of mercy, but through our praise and worship as well. For many years the beautiful paintings, decorations, and statuary suffered. Portions of the ceiling were collapsing near the Sacred Heart Chapel, and the ceiling DID collapse near the Lourdes Chapel one severe winter. Paint was peeling, and dust accumulated. When St. Luke's Parish closed in the early 1990's much of the statuary was sold or taken for other parishes to use. Our side chapels were barren, and there were shadows on the wall where beautiful Stations of the Cross once hung and assisted the faithful to walk the final steps of our Lord in prayer. As we observed this important community landmark deteriorate,



we knew that we had to honor our God by "rebuilding" His house.

It was decided early on that only those donations earmarked by the donor for the restoration would be used to finance the project. Not one cent donated for the operation of the Mission has been or will be used. Many of our donors have been long time supporters and volunteers. Others are former members of the parish. Still others are those with an interest in keeping a Catholic presence in the community.



For example, our beloved priests have pledged to pay for the restoration of the dome. The Children of Mary Homeschoolers sponsored the Our Lady of Mercy statue and the painting of the Sacred Heart side of the church. Individuals have sponsored favorite paintings of the saints. The missionaries have chosen to sponsor the entrances and the missionary saint emblems located there. Even the altar boys pitched in to restore their side of the sanctuary!

There are many opportunities to sponsor a part of the work done in the restoration of St. Luke's church. All our donors will be honored on a beautiful plaque commemorating the work done. Stop in for mass or adoration and take a look; perhaps the Holy Spirit will take a hold of your heart to help us to restore a particular part of the church that is dear to your spiritual journey. Your donation will help us to honor the God who has given us so much.



## Spread the Word!

Do you know someone who attended St. Luke's Parish in the past? Perhaps you know someone who graduated from St. Luke's School. Let them know about our restoration project! Prayerfully consider donating to this important cause. Once again, only those donations specifically earmarked for the restoration will be used for this wonderful project. As St. Luke's Mission of Mercy continues to feed, clothe and house the poor, we need your help to restore our house of worship, YOUR house of worship, to its former glory. Call the Mission today at 894-4476 and offer your support.

"The external and internal structure of the church building should be expressive of the dignified beauty of God's holy people who gather there and of the sacred rites they celebrate. Liturgical art and architecture reflect and announce the presence of the God who calls the community to worship and invite believers to raise their minds and hearts to the One who is the source of all beauty and truth." Congregation of Rites, *Eucharisticum Mysterium: On Worship of the Eucharist* [EM] (May 25, 1967)



## Kids of the Kingdom!



Kids of the Kingdom, the summer program sponsored by St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, is once again in full gear! Forty children from the neighborhood are treated to a four-week, four-days a week program that fills their days with fun and their nights with sweet dreams!

Debbie Lloyd and Gino Grasso have put together a program that is sure to be fun. Trips to the beach, to museums, the zoo, and so much more! Arts and crafts, a healthy lunch, and camaraderie are the hallmarks of our successful summer program. Started several years ago by long-time volunteer and Niagara FOSL Sandy Gawrys, the program continues to grow, evolve, and get better every year!

Want to help? Call the Mission today to find out what you can do to help our Kids of the Kingdom have the time of their lives!

