Dear friends,

In 1940, with war clouds gathering and with what seemed an almost insurmountable debt, the Rector of the Cathedral, Monsignor T. James MacNamara, decided to have the crypt beneath the upper Church turned into a Chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He did so, he said, “as a tangible prayer seeking Mary’s aid in the multiple problems, financial and otherwise, which confront the church’s rector by reason of the magnificence and grandeur of the Cathedral structure.”

Our structure is indeed magnificent, and the renovation of the lower Church will give our parish a gathering space worthy of and in keeping with the extraordinary beauty of our historic Cathedral Basilica. I hope you enjoy the design concepts contained in this brochure and are as excited as I am by the parish hall that awaits us. O beauty ever ancient, ever new!

While we do not need a formal capital campaign to complete the renovation, I would like to offer every member of our parish family the opportunity to be a part of this significant project. Like the generations before us who built, rebuilt and restored this building, we will be leaving something extraordinary for many parish families to come.

As a loyal son of the Cathedral parish, and as one who reveres the legacy of Monsignor MacNamara, I insist that we continue to honor our Blessed Mother for her aid and intercession. To that end, upon completion of the renovation (tentatively set for December 2021), the space will be named Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) Hall, which is the title inscribed over the decorative entrance on Harris Street.

I thank you for your generosity as stewards and benefactors of our Cathedral Basilica.

Regina Coeli – Queen of Heaven – pray for us.

Thank you and God bless you.

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck
Rector

See more images of the renovation at: www.savannahcathedral.org
A GIFT THAT LASTS

We have inherited our beautiful parish home from the generations before us that built and rebuilt, restored and adorned this historic place of worship. Help us leave a lasting gift for the many generations to come.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Naming opportunities for the Cathedral Basilica will most likely not occur again in our lifetime. For more information, contact rector@savannahcathedral.org.

- Regina Coeli Hall – $250,000
  Will be acknowledged as Regina Coeli Hall, presented by (donor name)
- Adoration Chapel – $150,000
- Kitchen – $100,000
- Chancel – $100,000
- Meeting Room – $75,000
- Vestibule – $50,000
- Altar – $50,000

Naming opportunities are confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. These donors will be invited to a private Mass and dinner with Bishop Parkes and Father Schreck.

OTHER GIFTS

Those that wish to make a financial commitment of $10,000 or more will be recognized on a special memorial that will be featured in Regina Coeli Hall. These donors will be invited to a special Mass and reception before the dedication.

Those that wish to make a financial commitment of $1,000 or more will be recognized in the parish bulletin during the week of the dedication, as well as in a special Book of Remembrance.