

Building Timeline:

1966 – Church & Rectory Grand Opening:

On June 12, 1966, the Church and Rectory were officially opened and blessed by Bishop Joseph F. Ryan, the Ordinary of the Diocese of Hamilton. The Pastor of Regina Mundi Parish at this time was Rev. Thomas Graham and his Associate was Rev. Thomas McCoy. The Rectory was built so that it had accommodation for three priests, a visiting priest and a Housekeeper. Three offices and a conference room were included within the Rectory for Parish work. The Church was purposefully constructed to reflect the Directives of Vatican II so that the Faithful could more fully participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass. The architect for the new Church and Rectory was Michael J. Torsney.

1977 – Shaw Organ Installed:

The Church's original Hammond organ is replaced by the Shaw Concept Electronic Organ in October 1977. This installation occurred while Rev. Philip T. Sherratt is Pastor of Regina Mundi. The New Shaw Organ's patented design features 66 independent audio channels. The channels are distributed so that it is highly improbable that any one audio channel would handle more than one note or pitch at any given moment of playing. The mixing of sound for this instrument is done largely in the air similar to the way that a pipe organ does for its characteristic sound.

Early 1980s – Renovations & Upgrades:

This point in the history of Regina Mundi Parish can be defined by the struggle of two Pastors on “how to balance the Parish community’s need for more meeting and office space against the need for clergy living space.” At this point in time, the Rectory contained both clergy housing and Parish office and meeting space under one roof.

1980 - Meeting Room Addition

At this point in the history of Regina Mundi Church, the Parish community was in the state of constant growth. New family homes were being built within the Parish boundaries. With those new homes came young families who joined our growing Parish community.

Rev. John Walsh became the Pastor of Regina Mundi in 1979. Seeing the need for more meeting space in his growing Parish community, Fr Walsh engages the services of architect Michael J. Torsney to design an addition to be build into the existing conference room. Construction of the meeting room addition begins in the summer of 1980 and work is completed by the end of November 1980. The construction costs of the meeting room addition were \$54,209.80.

Early 1980s - Rectory Renovation

Fr John Walsh is the Pastor during this minor renovation to the Rectory. A new Pastor’s suite is created by removing a wall between two bedrooms that share a common

washroom. This renovation altered the Rectory so that it had accommodation for three priests and a Housekeeper.

Early 1980s - Boiler System Upgrade

The single boiler that heated both the Church and Rectory is replaced by two Rheem boilers to improve the efficiency of the existing heating system. Upgrades in the heating system's plumbing were done to improve the distribution of the heat throughout the Church and Rectory. These changes in the heating system begin under Father John Walsh's Pastorship and were essentially completed by the time Rev. Ron J. Morelli became Pastor of Regina Mundi in June 1983.

Mid 1980s – Renovations & Upgrades:

Circa 1983 – The Second Church Roof Installed

The Church's original roof is replaced with a new roof using low slope asphalt shingles. A heat trace system is installed along the perimeter roof trough to improve the melting of snow and ice that tends to accumulate during the winter season. The Pastor during this maintenance project was Rev. Ron Morelli.

1986 – Church Renovations

By this time in the history of Regina Mundi Parish, the Church debt was finally paid off. And, not unlike a family who finally had the opportunity to burn their house mortgage, it was time for the Parish community to consider what to do with their spiritual home. In 1986, under Rev. Ron Morelli's pastorship, plans and preparations for a major update of the finishes of the Church are begun. Klaas Design is hired to create the plans for this major renovation of the Church. The communion rail step of the Sanctuary is reduced in size allowing the addition of a few more rows of pews to be installed in the Nave. The Nave's stacked bond concrete block walls are plastered and refinished. Oak paneling accents are added to the Sanctuary, Narthex and Reconciliation room. The Church nave's floors are carpeted for the very first time. The Nave's fifth pew section's pews are reinstalled so that they face the Sanctuary better. The Main entrance's porch is enclosed creating the outer Narthex. All of the Church entrances' floors are tiled. The North pillar of the Church is replaced by two pillars to create a center aisle.

Late 1980s – Church Rectory Renovations:

1988 - Stained Glass Windows

If you were to look at 21 of the 22 stained glass windows in the Church today, you would not see any tiny plaques with donor names or any dedications anywhere near the stained glass windows. Nor would you find any remembrances etched or drawn into the windows neither. But, on 21 of these windows, you will find etched on the bottom left corner "Klaas Designs ®." All 21 of these stained glass windows were designed by Achim Klaas of Klaas Designs.

On the bottom right corners of 19 of the 21 Klaas Designs ® windows, you will see either PAK 1988 or PAK 1989 or PAK 1990. PAK stands for Peter A. Kolenc of P.A.K. Stained

Glass Studio that use to operate out of Cambridge, Ontario. The year when Peter finished constructing the window is the number following the initials P.A.K. The windows were installed in the Church as they were completed. The “Stained Glass Window” project was one that spanned four calendar years to complete. The contract for the construction of the Klaas Designs ® windows built by P.A.K. Stained Glass Studio was signed by Father Ron Morelli on December 9, 1987. And, the last window to be constructed was completed in 1990.

For the names of the Klaas Designs ® windows, who they were donated by and their dedication, you would have to find the plaque of “Donors of Stained Glass Windows” located in the outer Narthex of the Church, hung on the far corner wall, beside the southwest door. This plaque gives the names of 22 windows, the window’s dedication and names of their donors. As you read the names of the windows, you will come to the realization that the 22nd window, “Queen of the World” is not in the Church these days. Today, the 22nd stained glass window found in the Church is “The Annunciation.”

So, where is the “Queen of the World” window? Today, this window can be found in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. But in 1990, the “Queen of the World” window held a special spot in the Church since it was the only window of the Klaas Designs ® series to be intentionally designed for “Regina Mundi” which translates from Latin as “Queen of the World.” The window use to hang in a light box in the inner Narthex of the Church. In 1990, it was to be the focal point in a plan to have the inner Narthex serve as a Day Chapel. Unfortunately, those plans never did come to fruition.

Late 1980s - Rectory Renovations

In the late 1980’s, to deal with the shortage of meeting and office space, Father Ron Morelli had the two floor Rectory renovated so that the Priest’s residential space was contained mostly on the second floor. The Housekeeper’s suite and laundry room however would remain on the lower level. The Rectory kitchen was moved upstairs along with the dining room. Once vacated, the Rectory’s old kitchen was renovated to become the Main Parish office. The Rectory’s old dining room became a small conference room.

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1990s – Rectory & Roof Renovations:

Early 1990’s – Rectory Renovations

By this time, Rev. Bob Bulbrook is Pastor of Regina Mundi Parish. A minor renovation to the Housekeeper’s suite is done to create an additional office on the lower level of the

Rectory. A second minor renovation is done to one of the clergy suites on the second floor to create an additional office. A third minor renovation was done to isolate the clergy's living space from the office space below. For the third renovation, a door was built at the bottom of the Rectory's main entrance stair.

1999 – The Church's Third Roof System

A total redesign of the entire Church roofing system is completed in 1999. The engineering firm Peto MacCullum was responsible for the redesign of the building's roof systems. Plans for this renovation began while Rev. Bob Bulbrook was Pastor, but, were not completed until Rev. Wallace Metcalf became Pastor of Regina Mundi.

This Church's wooden roof deck was significantly upgraded by strapping the original tongue and groove deck with a system of two 2"X4"s laid on the flat to form bays to which

rigid foam insulation was added. Once strapped and insulated, deck was then covered with a layer of plywood. The plywood deck was then covered by modified bitumen membranes. The new modified bitumen membrane roofing system replaced all of the old asphalt shingle roofs, tar and gravel roofs and mopped-on asphalt sheet roofs seen on the original roof and on the meeting room addition roof. For an accent, the high-sloped roof Church's main roof was covered with slate tiles.

Also occurring during this time of renovation, the Church's central exhaust fan was significantly upgraded to improve the flow of air within the Church Nave and Sanctuary. The four skylights above the Sanctuary were replaced with new thermopane skylights. All of the exposed steel I-beams of the Church's modern "steeple" were sandblasted and refinished. The roof system renovation project was primarily funded through the "Housing God's Love" campaign.

2000s – Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

2002 – The "Underpinning" of the East Corner of the Church

On June 17, 2002, Bishop Tonnos granted Regina Mundi Parish permission to proceed with the stabilization project that would halt the slow and gradual sinking of the foundations of the east corner of the Church. Rev. Wallace Metcalf is the Pastor of Regina Mundi at this time. The architect directing the stabilization project is Paul Bolland. Four engineering firms are used in consultation with the architect to devise a plan to install 14 helical piers to the east corner's foundation to stabilize the structure. The work for this project was completed on July 19, 2002.

2004 – Second floor Renovation

On Monday, July 5, 2004, Pastor Rev. Wallace Metcalf moved out of the original Church Rectory to a Rectory located off-site. The purchase of this off-site Rectory, the relocation of the Clergy residence, allowed for the renovation of the second floor of the original Rectory to create more office and meeting space. The architect of this renovation was Paul Bolland. Renovation of the old Rectory's second floor begun in the early fall of 2004 and was completed by year's end.

2005 – Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Once the Parish's main office is moved to the second floor, plans and the eventual construction of a permanent location for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are done. Rev. Wallace Metcalf was the Pastor of Regina Mundi Parish at this time and the architect was Paul Bolland.

2010s - Parish Hall Renovation:

By this time in the history of Regina Mundi Parish, Rev. Charlie Jordan is Pastor. During this major renovation project, the meeting room addition receives significant upgrades to improve the functionality of the space. New window systems are installed along the southeast wall of the Parish Hall. A small addition is built onto the old meeting room addition to create a new Parish Hall entrance, coat room and store room for tables and chairs. A Parish reheat kitchen is built. Washroom facilities are upgraded. Barrier free access is built into the overall design. A new church parking lot is built. The Parish Library is moved to the Church level. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel receives a new entrance. The architect of this project was Sam Esposto.

2020s – One Heart One Soul Campaign:

Because of the One Heart, One Soul, a Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton, Regina Mundi Parish is able to tackle many projects.