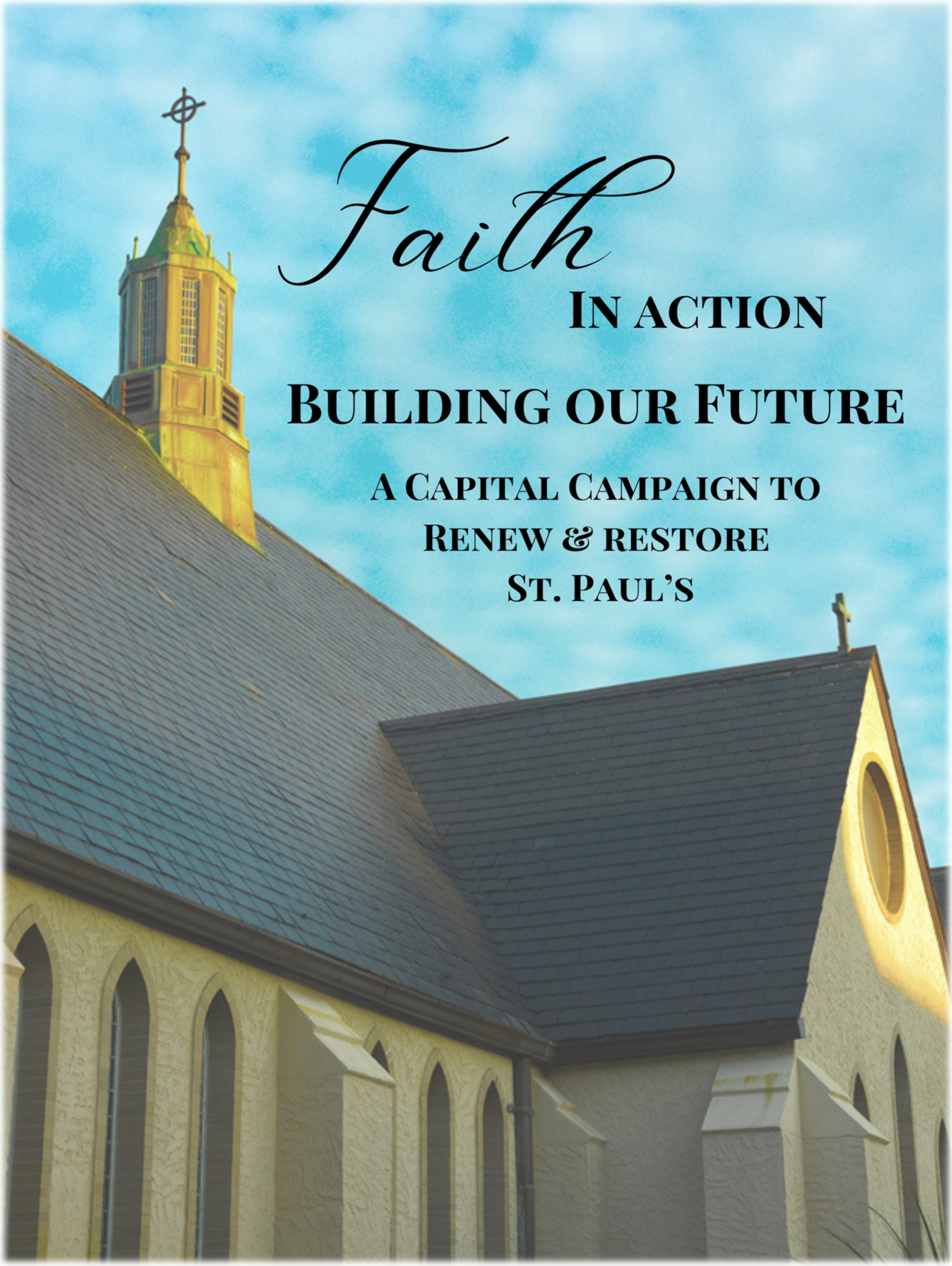


Faith
In action
Building our Future
A Capital Campaign to Renew & restore St. Paul's

Why Are We Doing This?

St. Paul's was established in 1858 by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, third bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Atkinson was a charismatic churchman with a bold vision. He believed in an expansive, broad church, united in its mission to minister to *all people.* Through the combined efforts of Bishop Atkinson, his wife Josepha, and a small, supportive group of lay people, St. Paul's was born.

A generous, welcoming, and determined spirit, informed by a commitment to accessibility for all, was woven into the fabric of St. Paul's from the start, and it continues to inspire and motivate the faithful of St. Paul's to this day. Over 160 years ago, Bishop Atkinson reached across racial and economic lines to realize his vision of a church that ministered to all people. We are called to continue the work, to renew and restore St. Paul's so that it is truly an outward and visible expression of our commitment to accessibility for all.

St. Paul's, like many historic churches built in a previous era, presents a considerable challenge to those with limited mobility. We need to provide access to and within our spiritual home to all people regardless of physical ability.

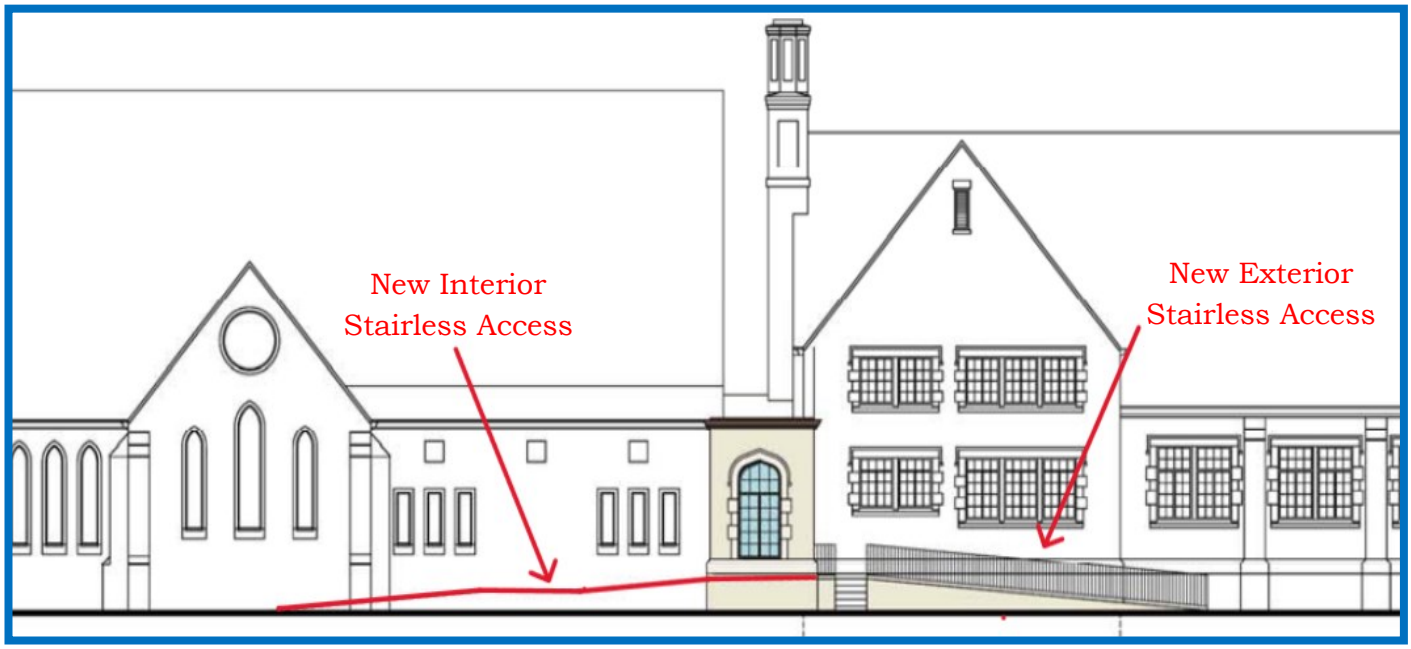
Step 1 | Building Our Future: *Stairless Access*

Our first priority is to make our sanctuary and parish hall fully accessible to all so that our two great spiritual gifts of Worship and Hospitality are fully available to everyone. We are committed to creating interior stairless access from the sanctuary to the parish hall and vice versa. Anyone who comes through our double red doors regardless of their physical abilities will be able to, fully and easily, access the church, the restrooms, and the parish hall.



Architectural rendering of proposed addition of stairless access. View from the sanctuary to exterior door leading to Princess Street parking lot. Inset photo is current view of same.

East Elevation: Church and Parish Hall



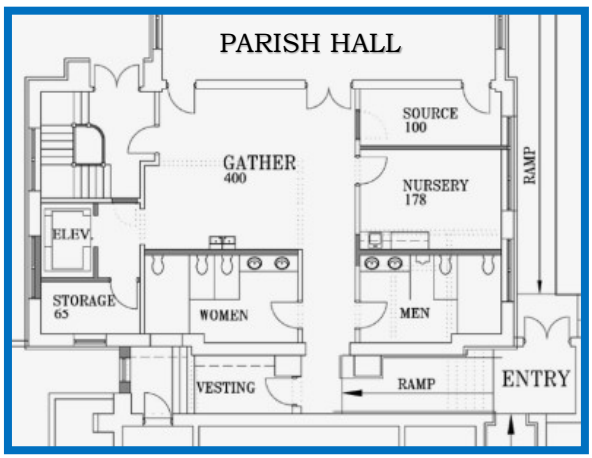
Exterior stairless access from the Princess Street parking lot to the building will be rebuilt to account for the addition of interior stairless access. (See diagram above and diagrams on pages 6, 8.)

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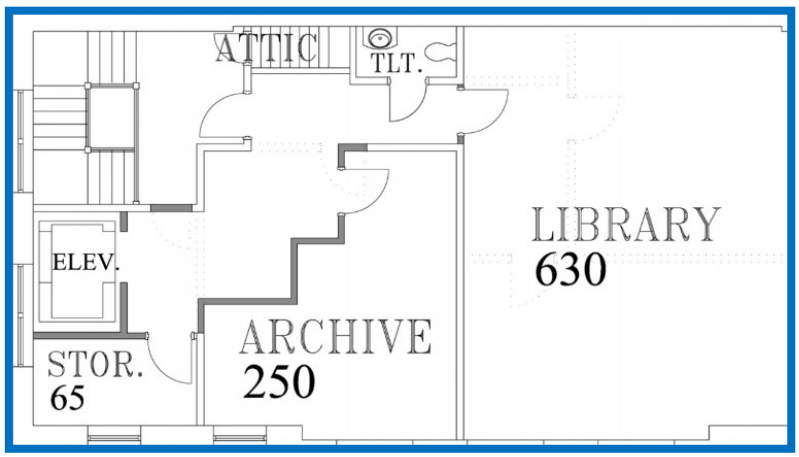
Step 2 | Building Our Future: *Renovation of Restrooms, Library, Classroom/Multipurpose Spaces, and the Addition of an Elevator*

St. Paul's continues to experience steady growth, with average Sunday attendance increasing to approximately 200 and average Weekly attendance to approximately 275 in 2023. In addition, we are hosting a greater number of community events, public concerts, and meetings of non-profit organizations on a regular basis. Without question the main area of the building between the church and the parish hall needs to be renovated to accommodate more people and to provide access for all to the upper and lower level classrooms and multipurpose meeting spaces.

The plans call for the restrooms to be relocated, enlarged, and made more easily accessible to those with limited mobility. This will require the relocation of the library from its current location to the upper level where the children's classrooms are currently housed. The children's classrooms will move to the basement; the archives, currently in the basement, will move to the upper level, next to the new library.



Detail of proposed renovation to main floor between church and parish hall. Larger drawing on page 6.



Detail of proposed renovation to upper level, current home to finance office, nursery, and children's classrooms. Larger drawing on page 8.

The restroom redesign and library relocation will allow for a larger hall, or gathering space, on the main floor between the Source and the stairwell, outside the primary flow of traffic from the church to the parish hall.

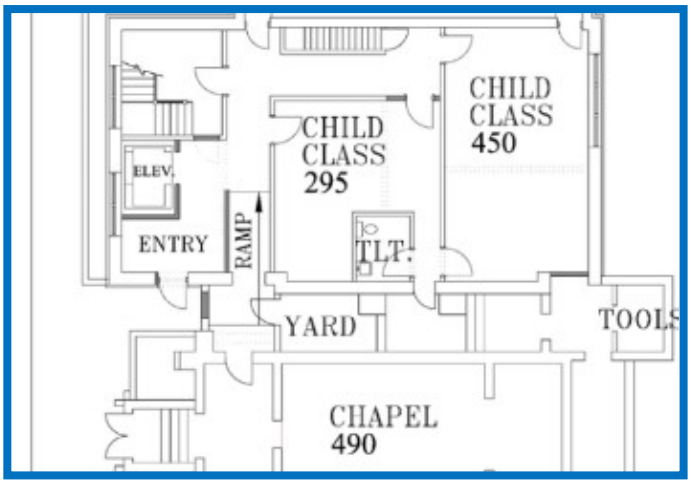


Architectural rending of proposed renovation to main floor, creating larger gathering space outside parish hall.
View from the Source to stairwell and elevator. Inset photo is current view of same.

The main floor between the church and the parish hall will also house the nursery (moved from the upper level) allowing parents to be closer to their children in case of emergency. The clergy will gain a much-needed, larger vesting area, and the Source Gift Shop will be redesigned to open directly into the parish hall.

The plans also call for the addition of an elevator, situated in a portion of the office space that runs vertically from the rector's office through the administrator's office to the finance office. The majority of the staff and clergy offices will move to the Ormond Center.

Providing elevator access to the upper and lower levels of our building is needed and necessary. Our library serves multiple purposes for parishioners and visitors alike; it's a classroom for adult faith formation, a meeting room, a private space for grieving families, a bridal room, and a vesting room for visiting clergy. Our children's classrooms, while primarily used for faith formation, will also be able to serve multiple purposes when accessible to children and adults with limited mobility. In addition, the elevator will make it possible to reach our Chapel and basement work rooms using a new stairless access.



Detail of proposed renovation to lower level, current home to rector's office, archives, EYC/Meeting Room. Larger drawing on page 7.

Step 3 | Building Our Future: *Renovation of the Parish Hall*



Current view of parish hall.

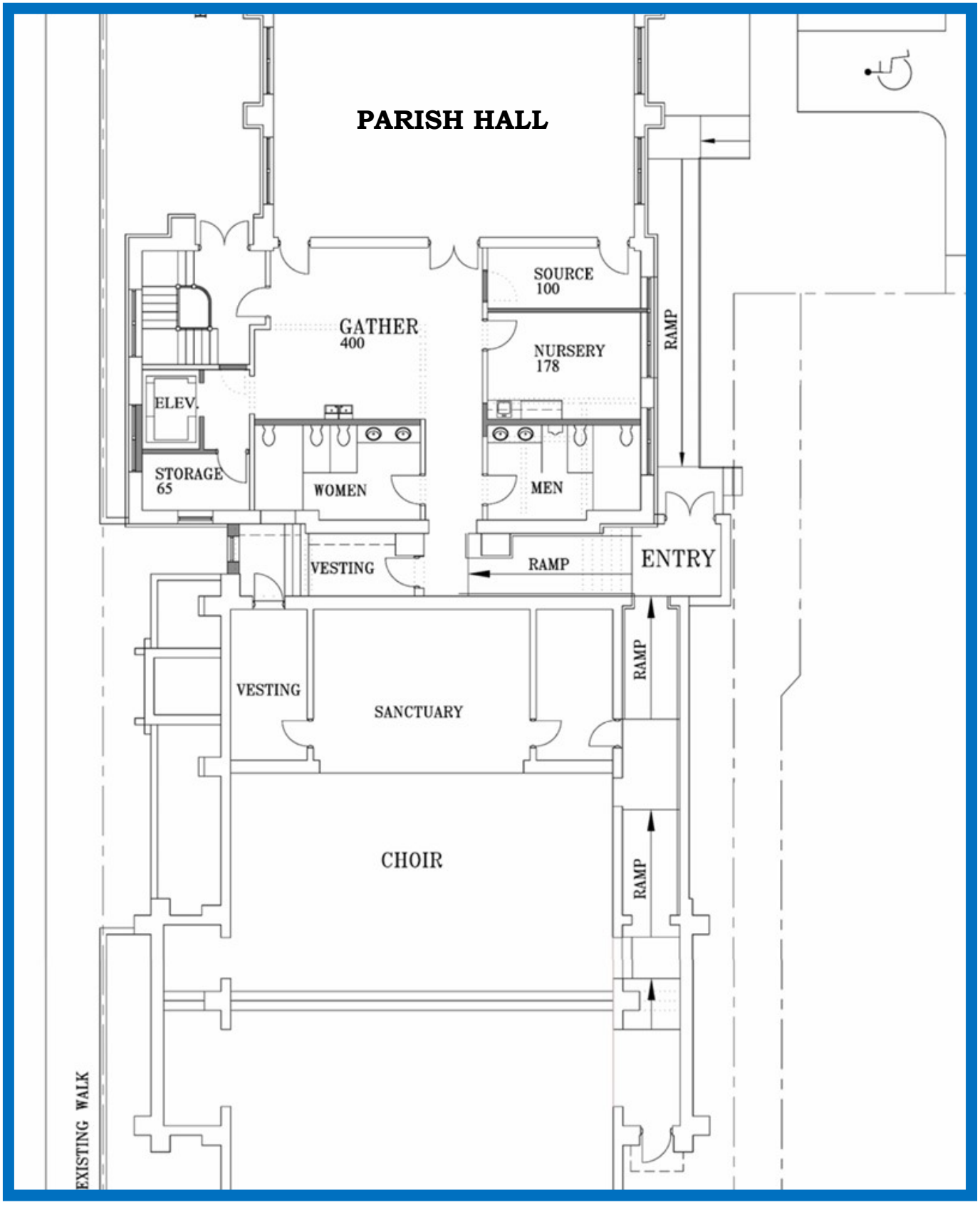
Built in 1928, the parish hall has immense historic significance for St. Paul's and the greater Wilmington community. For close to 20 years, it served as worship space until the sanctuary could be completed. It housed a school and hosted civic and social meetings, concerts, and theater productions. In the early 1970's, fire damaged our parish hall, destroying a portion of the original ceiling and roof. At the time, the decision was made to hang a drop ceiling to lower the repair costs and facilitate the installation of much needed HVAC equipment. It was the appropriate decision in the 1970's, but now, with the transformation of our other spaces, we want to restore the beauty of the parish hall. The drop ceiling will be removed and replaced with a new ceiling designed in the spirit of the original, adding 14 more feet of vertical space while still providing the necessary space above the ceiling for existing HVAC equipment. The floors and walls will also be renovated.



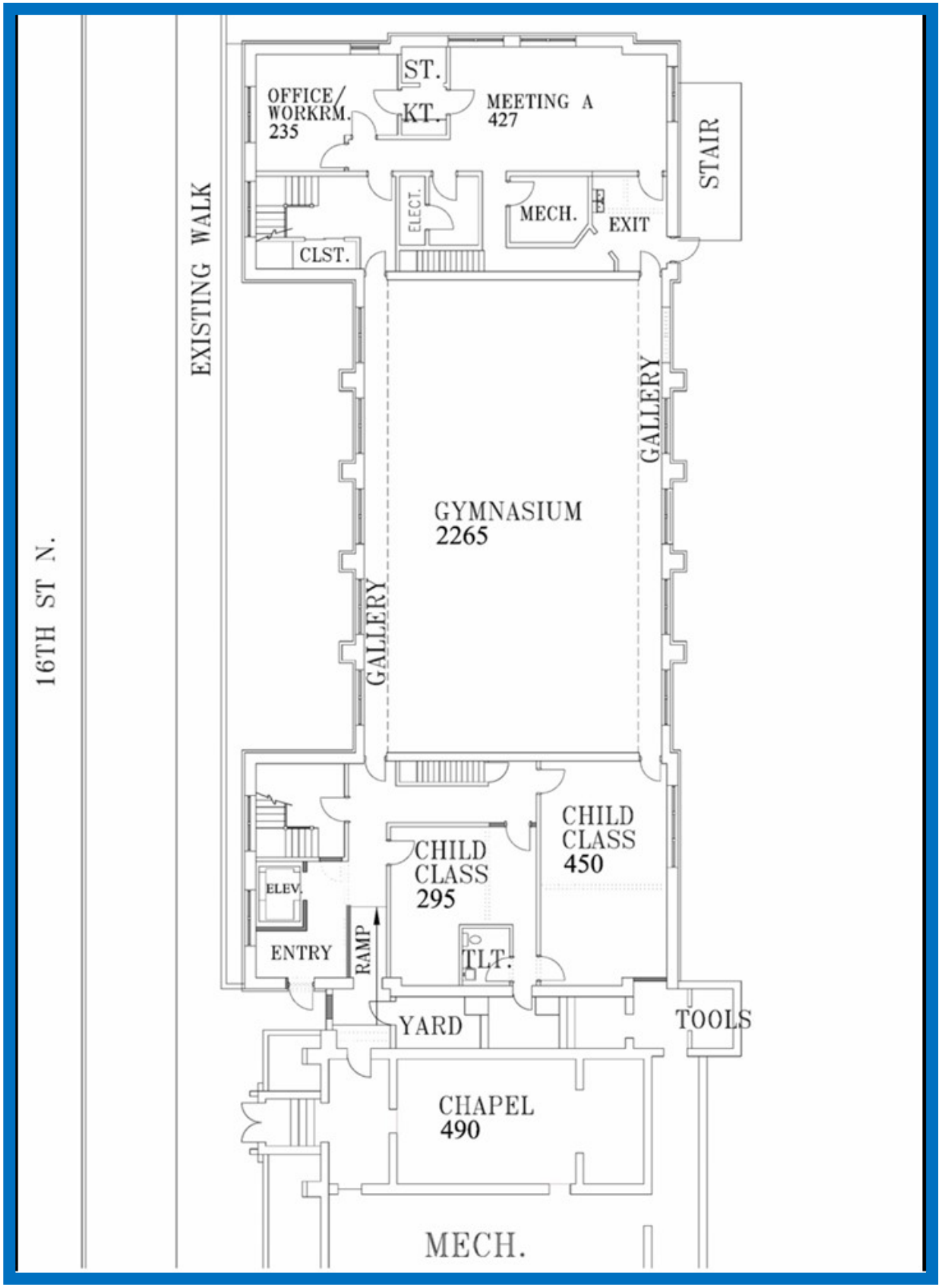
Architectural rendering of proposed renovation to parish hall.

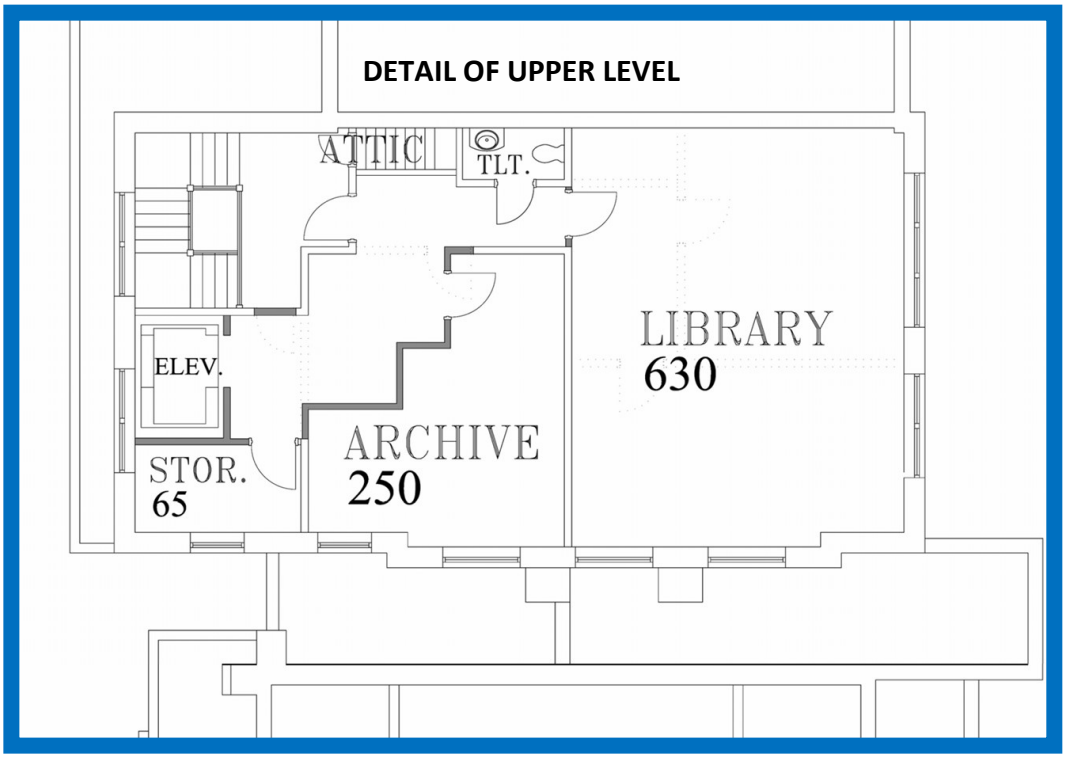
Over the past five years, our Vestry, in collaboration with the Long-Range Planning Committee, has diligently and systematically worked, step-by-step, to reach this point, believing wholeheartedly that renewing and restoring St. Paul's is a sign of our faith and our commitment to Worship and Hospitality, united in the mission to minister to *all people.*

Main Level


PARISH HALL
SOURCE
100
GATHER
400
NURSERY
178
RAMP
ELEV.
STORAGE
65
WOMEN
MEN
VESTING
RAMP
ENTRY
VESTING
SANCTUARY
RAMP
CHOIR
RAMP
EXISTING WALK

Lower Level


16TH ST N.
EXISTING WALK
OFFICE/
WORKRM.
235
ST.
KT.
MEETING A
427
STAIR
ELECT.
MECH.
EXIT
CLST.
GALLERY
GYMNASIUM
2265
GALLERY
CHILD
CLASS
450
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295
ELEV.
ENTRY
RAMP
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YARD
TOOLS
CHAPEL
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MECH.





EAST ELEVATION: CHURCH AND PARISH HALL

