



# *Parish Renovation* PROJECT

*"O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own."*

1 CHRONICLES 29:16



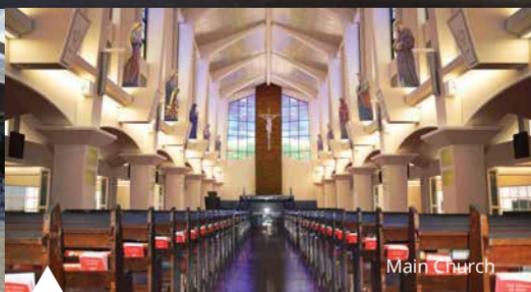
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*“As we live out our Parish mission of “Disciples making disciples”, we want to create an inviting, inclusive environment for all, and prepare for our Church’s future growth.”*

FR BRIAN, FR BEN & FR JUDE

## Welcoming all with a visible and prominent **Church Entrance**

With our entrance, we want to reflect a *warm invitation* to all, within and beyond Serangoon Gardens. The entrance will also distinguish the church as a sacred space of prayer and communion. A cobblestone pavement will be added to slow down vehicles and *improve safety* for parishioners and guests.



## An extended, non-slip **Front Porch** with ramp access

The wider drop-off area will *improve traffic flow*. It will also be *sheltered* and *more accessible for wheelchairs, prams and the elderly*. The larger porch provides a conducive space to encourage fellowship and increases external seating capacity. The stairs will also be lined with non-slip material for *improved safety*.

## Refurbished and refreshed **Main Church**

Our Main Church will be installed with a *quieter, environmentally-friendly and more efficient air conditioning system*. Lighting will also be changed from fluorescent to more efficient *LED lights, to create a better ambience*. The sanctuary back wall will be re-clad, roof repaired, pews, kneelers and sacristy carpentry refurbished.



The Plaza as seen from area next to the Grotto. The Main Church is on the left, and the Community Hall is on the right.

## The Plaza: a levelled linkway between the Main Church, Parish Centre and Parsonage

With connectivity in mind, the *Plaza will be levelled* so that parishioners and guests can easily manoeuvre their way around *conveniently and safely*. There will be *seamless shelter* between the three main buildings, with a *higher roof for improved ventilation*, serving as a better environment for church celebrations, activities and fellowship. Also, the levelled ground *improves accessibility for emergency vehicles*.

## Conducive and accessible 'Our Lady of Grace' Grotto

Our Grotto will be relocated to the Plaza. It will be more *accessible, easier to get to rain or shine*, have *better ventilation*, and be *away from vehicular noise and traffic* - altogether, creating a more comfortable and inviting space for prayer and quiet time.



Grotto at the Plaza



Bird's eye view of the Plaza from the road outside the current Adoration Room

## Community Hall for gatherings, activities and the canteen

Our new Community Hall will be relocated to the first storey of the Parsonage. Designed to be *open, inviting yet functional, with improved ventilation and natural light*, the new Community Hall has an increased seating capacity of 200. *Modular furniture with flexible spaces* will allow the hall to be easily reconfigured as required for various needs - study area, meeting/break-out rooms, community events, camps etc. A *new canteen with improved washing and serving spaces* for better canteen services will be added. Crowds at bigger events can conveniently spill over to the Plaza as it is on the same level. It will be installed with new air conditioning and LED lighting.



Outside the Community Hall, next to the current lift



Bird's eye view of Community Hall layout



Stairs and ramp to basement from the Plaza



Adoration Room

## Revamped Church Basement with expanded Adoration Room, Gift Shop, Library, Nursing Room and multipurpose rooms

Our Adoration Room will be *refreshed and expanded*, alongside a new vestibule. Our new Gift Shop and Library will be given more prominence at the Basement. A room will be available for *nursing mothers* as will new *multipurpose rooms with collapsible partitions for the diverse needs of various ministries* such as meetings, evangelical activities, prayer sessions or fellowship. There will also be *ramp access* to the Church Basement for improved accessibility.



New Canteen



Outside the new Parish Hall

## Parish Hall for events, seminars and retreats

Our new Parish Hall will be built on top of the existing roof of the Parish Centre, accessible through a **new sheltered linkway** from the Parsonage. With a **column-free hall, high ceiling and improved sound acoustics**, it serves as a **flexible space** for large and small scale parish gatherings, seminars and retreats.

There is ample space outside the Parish Hall for fellowship, food service, contemplation and quiet reflection. The Parish Hall will be installed with air conditioning and LED lighting. The **children's playground** will also be relocated to this level.



Interior of Parish Hall

## Parish Office: a collaborative and well-equipped workspace

The Parish Office will be relocated to the second storey of the Parsonage. Designed to include a **warm and welcoming reception**, it will also include meeting spaces, private counselling area, secure counting, archival and server rooms, and new office stations. This will provide our priests and staff a **conductive work environment, with improved security**. There will also be a **flexible, multipurpose space** for prayer sessions and activities. Roof leaks will be repaired, and the Parish Office will be installed with new air conditioning and LED lighting.



Playground on the third storey



Reception area



Kichenette and Dining Room



Bedroom



## Refreshed Priests' Quarters

Long overdue, the priests will move into new living quarters that will be simple but adequate for their needs. Rooms will be *wheel-chair friendly with attached bathrooms* for visiting priests and priest(s) in residence. *A new kitchen and laundry area* will also be added. Roof leaks will be repaired, and new air conditioning and LED lighting will be installed.

The SFX Renovation Project shall comprise the following:

<p>Refresh and create a prominent and more inviting <b>Church Entrance</b></p> <p>1</p>	<p>Expand drop-off area at the <b>Front Porch</b>, extend porch area and include ramp access to Main Church</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Renovate <b>Main Church</b>, install new and efficient air-conditioning systems and LED lighting, and refurbish pews, kneelers and sacristy carpentry</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Level <b>Plaza</b> to link the Main Church, Parish Centre and Parsonage, provide for seamless shelter between the three main buildings and a higher roof</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Relocate "Our Lady of Grace" <b>Grotto</b></p> <p>5</p>
<p>Create a new <b>Community Hall</b> with flexible, multipurpose spaces and a new canteen</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Revamp <b>Church Basement</b> with expanded Adoration Room, Gift Shop, Library, Nursing Room and multipurpose rooms</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Build a new column-free, high ceiling <b>Parish Hall</b> with improved sound acoustics and flexible space configuration</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Relocate <b>Parish Office</b> and create a new reception area, meeting spaces, private counselling area, secure counting, archival and server rooms, and proper office spaces</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Refresh <b>Priests' Quarters</b> with renovated rooms and flexible wheelchair-friendly living space with a bathroom facility, and create new kitchen and laundry area</p> <p>10</p>

This Parish Renovation Project is estimated to cost a total of S\$6.8 million, where S\$4.5 million will be taken from the Church's reserve, and S\$2.3 million shall be raised through donations.

More information can be found at [sfxchurch.sg](http://sfxchurch.sg). For any enquiries, please email our Parish Building Committee at [reno@sfxchurch.sg](mailto:reno@sfxchurch.sg).



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