



Church of St Francis Xavier
Parish Renovation Presentation Q&As

Church Entrance

- 1. Using Cobblestone at the entrance is “old fashioned” and not user-friendly for ladies in high heels and wheelchair users. Does the PBC have any alternatives?**

The PBC has discussed with the Architects to address the concerns and ensure user-friendliness of the entrance. (i.e. partial cobblestone, with a strip of flat road for wheelchairs, etc.)

- 2. Is there a need to enhance both sides of the entrance as Chartwell Drive is a one-way street?**

Both sides of the entrance are utilised by Parishioners. Enhancing both sides of the entrance will also give an aesthetic visual impression and completeness to the Church.

- 3. Can we remove or relocate the handicap parking lot at the left side of the entrance as wheelchair users may cause traffic delay?**

Handicapped lots will be relocated to the right side of church, next to the handicap ramp.

- 4. Can we clear the road markings at the entrance to demarcate pedestrian paths and vehicular direction?**

The road on both sides of the entrance will be painted to clearly demarcate and separate pedestrian and vehicle paths.

Main Church

- 5. Can we create a section in the main church to be reserved as a “Cry Zone” for families with babies and young children?**

To preserve an inclusive environment in the main Church, a “Cry Zone” section will not be built as part of the renovations project.

- 6. Can we install A.V screens in the main church to be used in Mass?**

Unlike other churches, the configuration and layout in the main church does not allow Parishioners to focus at the altar and A.V screens at the same time due to the numerous pillars. As such, A.V screens will not be installed in the main Church.



7. Are there any plans to remove the white foldable glass doors as they are always closed?

The glass doors will be relocated.

8. Can we purchase a pipe organ for the choir?

Budget has not been allocated in the Renovation Project to purchase a pipe organ.

9. Can the PBC look into creating a system to enable altar servers and sacristans to veil and cover the Crucifix (on Passion Sunday to Good Friday)?

The PBC will consider the suggestion and explore options to enable the veiling of the Crucifix.

10. Can we reinstate the tabernacle to the center of the Sanctuary?

There is no plan to reinstate the tabernacle to the center of the Sanctuary.

Plaza / Basement / Grotto

11. Would the new Grotto be weatherproof? (The Plaza roof is too high and rain may splash into the Plaza)

To comply with SCDF regulations, the roof is designed to allow cross ventilation at the prescribed height. The PBC will monitor and add a rain-screen on the roof, if required.

In our tropical climate, it may not be possible to eliminate rain completely while maintaining an open, airy environment on most days.

12. Can the Plaza be constructed to maximise and create a usable space between Basement One and the Ground Level?

By doing so, there will be insufficient headroom to create a usable space. Hence, there is no plan to do so.

13. Can we beautify and landscape the area between the Parish Centre and the Parsonage?

Yes, the proposed design seeks to soften and beautify the alfresco hardscape.



- 14. The Grotto should not be moved as it was designed to be an iconic structure and serve as a roundabout. The new proposed location could potentially cause more distractions and it should not be placed in a sheltered area as Grottos are traditionally placed outdoors.**

Upon review, the Grotto will be moved to a quieter and more conducive environment for Marian devotion.

Community Hall

- 15. Will the ladies' toilet be moved? Can we also review existing complaints about the height and depth of the wash basins?**

While the location of the toilets will remain, more windows for ventilation will be added. The existing external wash basins will be redesigned and lowered to cater to Parishioners and children.

- 16. Can the Community Hall be used for other activities such as table tennis, etc.?**

The Community Hall can be used for other activities, subjected to the Parish rules and regulations.

Columbarium

- 17. The Church is facing several problems, such as seepage, cracked plaster, popping tiles and water logging, in the columbarium. Will the PBC be looking into repairing these issues?**

Yes, these issues will be rectified.

Others

- 18. Can we implement solar power energy system in the Church?**

Implementing solar power energy system in the Church is not included in the current project. The church may, in separate exercise, explore the possibility of installing solar panels