



# Repair Restore Renew

Sts  
Peter  
& Paul's   
Old Cathedral Goulburn  
Repair. Restore. Renew

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A PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITY OF URGENT IMPORTANCE



This is your opportunity to be part of an enduring legacy of faith, hope & love.



## Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral is a rare and precious gem.

IT IS THE ONLY GREENSTONE CATHEDRAL IN THE WORLD. It was the mother church for southern NSW for over 100 years, and remains a physical and spiritual representation of Catholicism in Australia. It is also an invaluable link to the history, hardships and accomplishments of Australia's first inland city, Goulburn.

With such historical, architectural and religious significance, there is hope that the Cathedral will receive Papal blessing as a Minor Basilica. It would be only the sixth basilica in Australia. This will attract national and international pilgrims and tourists to visit the Cathedral precinct. We want them to experience the Cathedral at it's best.

But this beautiful and important building is literally wasting away. Years of decay and damage are taking their toll. The Cathedral desperately needs restoration, repair and renewal to ensure its survival for the future.

Our goal is not to only repair the damage and bring the Cathedral back to its former glory, but to enhance the surrounding precinct and create a haven of hope and love for pilgrims, parishioners, the local community and visitors.

**We are the custodians of this building and its legacy. It urgently needs our help.**

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn have committed \$5 million to support this essential restoration project. We are now seeking your support to raise the additional funds needed to bring this treasured piece of history back to life. We aim to complete the project in time to celebrate the Cathedral's 150th anniversary in November 2022. Achieving this goal will take many hands, hearts and graces.

Please help us build an enduring legacy of love, hope and faith that will serve generations to come.

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Christopher Prowse**  
Archdiocese of  
Canberra and  
Goulburn

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Mary Queen of  
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Sts Peter & Paul's  
Old Cathedral  
(SPPOC)  
Restoration Project  
Steering Committee



## A monument of 19th-century Gothic Revival design and craftsmanship

Designed in 1871 by Italian born stonemason and architect Andrea Stombuco, Sts Peter & Paul's Cathedral features many examples of Gothic Revival architecture. The pointed arches, steep rooves and castle-like tower are central to Stombuco's design. Stunning, vibrant stained-glass windows adorn the walls of the Cathedral and depict various Saints, the triple tiara of the Pope, the sword and palm leaves of St Paul and the keys and inverted cross of St Peter. The Cathedral is also home to one of the largest and best-preserved Hill & Son organ in Australia, installed in 1890.

## A pillar of Goulburn's history

A church is not just a building. It creates and supports a community.

It witnesses and gives testament to the lives of its people, to their struggles, achievements and dreams. The growth of the Goulburn diocese mirrored the growth of Australia's first inland city and the surrounding regions. The Cathedral has witnessed Goulburn's development and changes for nearly 150 years. Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral played a significant role in the spiritual and academic education of generations of children through the former St Patrick's College, Our Lady of Mercy, St Josephs Secondary School and St Patricks Technical School. Today it holds the historical records from many of the surrounding parishes, providing an invaluable resource for people tracing their family history.

## Building on past restoration efforts

Over the past thirty years there have been a number of restorations works undertaken to combat the deterioration of the Old Cathedral.

Through government grants and the generosity of the local Parish, significant work was done to underpin the foundations of the building to prevent further sinking and water damage. At various times the Sanctuary, roof and gutters have been repaired, stonework rebuilt, the organ restored, the interior re-wired and re-lit, and stained glass windows revived. While these individual projects have extended the life and use of the Cathedral, they have only tackled the most pressing needs. They have not been enough to ensure the permanent protection of the building for the future. As each year passes, the effort required to restore the Old Cathedral exterior and interior becomes larger and more expensive.

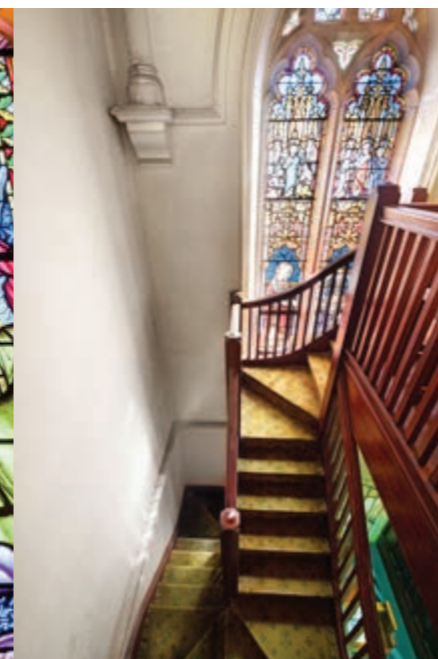
And so, the Repair, Restore and Renew project has commenced, with the aim to not only fix urgent damage, but to revive the Old Cathedral and surrounding precinct to secure its long term future as the rare gem that it is.

## A stronghold of Catholic faith and community

STPETER & PAUL'S CATHEDRAL is inextricably linked with the growth of a thriving Catholic community in southern NSW. The Old Cathedral was the mother church of the Archdiocese of Goulburn for over 100 years.

As only the second Cathedral to be built in NSW, it was a central place of faith and community for Catholics spread from Camden to the Victorian border.

As the cornerstone of such a vibrant parish, it played a significant role in the Catholic faith flourishing in the region. And it continues to be a dynamic and historical hub of Catholic heritage and ecclesiastical life.



## Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral

- † The only greenstone cathedral in the world
- † Built in 1872 and designed by Italian architect and stonemason Andre Stombuco
- † Second Catholic cathedral to be built in NSW
- † Constructed using locally quarried diorite porphyrite (greenstone)
- † Granted NSW heritage status in 2006
- † Houses one of the finest and best preserved Hill & Son organ in Australia
- † Features exquisite stained glass window artwork from Belgium
- † Looking to be granted status as Australia's sixth Minor Basilica

"This is a much loved Catholic Church... a building of great elegance and unique construction in both materials and design. There is urgent need now to maintain the structural integrity of the building and prepare it for a new generation."

Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn



### Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral is so much more than a church

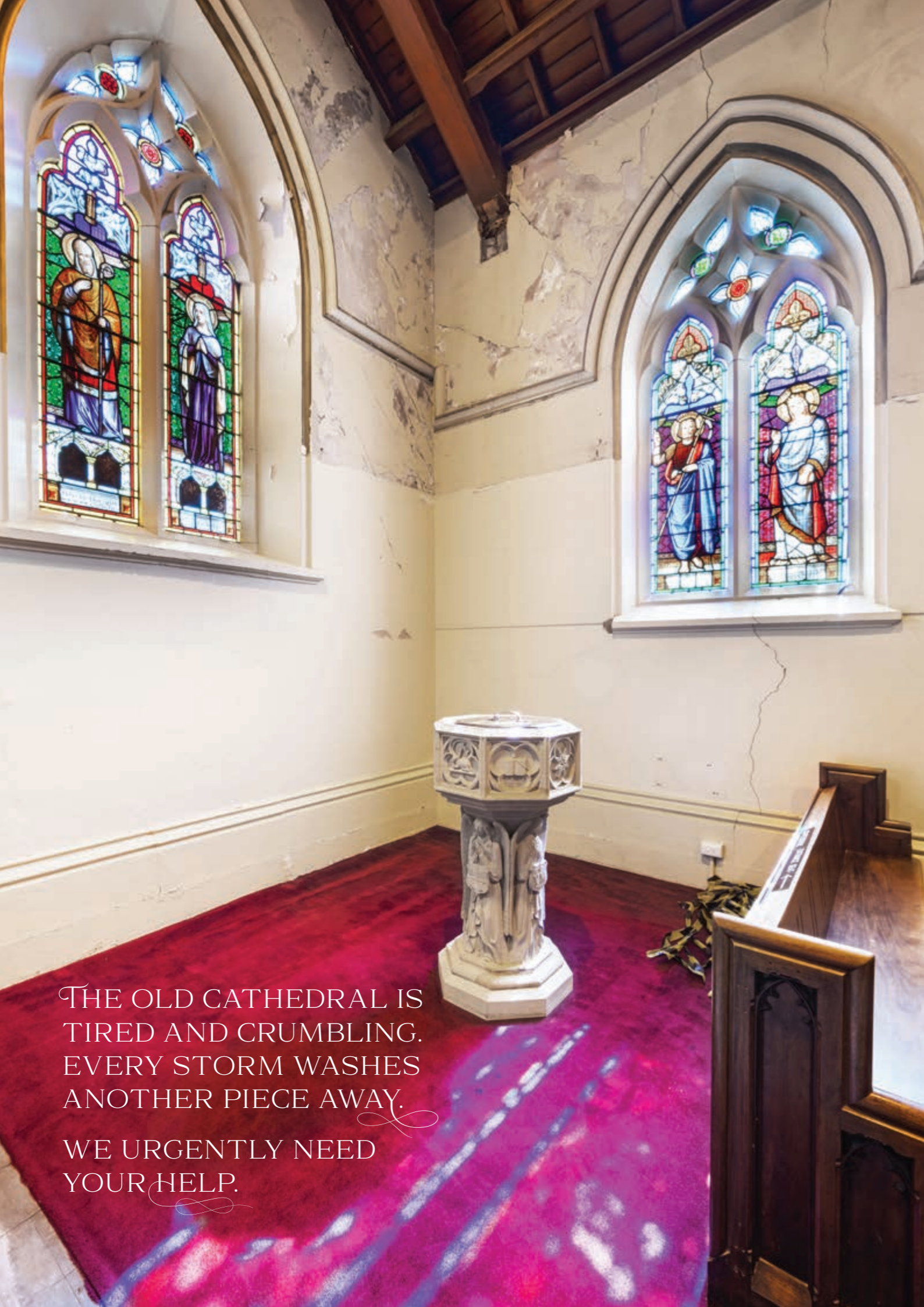
It is a monument of Catholic ecclesiastical heritage. It is an irreplaceable link to Australian colonial history and our first inland city. It is a rare and treasured piece of architectural history.

And it is still relevant today as a place of worship, faith and community for the local Mary Queen of Apostles Parish.

### But the Old Cathedral is *literally falling apart*.

Rising and falling damp. Structural decay. Deteriorating parquet floors. Broken roof tiles. This landmark of such significance is in danger of disappearing. With every storm it is washing away.

We must take action now to preserve the Old Cathedral and renew the surrounding Precinct to guarantee this invaluable piece of history survives for the future.



Our Goal

We need  
\$10 Million  
to complete the restoration  
project and secure the  
Cathedral's future

\$5 MILLION

Already committed  
by the Archdiocese  
of Canberra and  
Goulburn



+ \$5 MILLION

To be raised  
by the Goulburn  
Parish

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# Our Plans

✦ The work to be completed is essential to the protection, permanent conservation and enhancement of the Old Cathedral. Without the support of generous donors to fund the restoration, we risk losing this heritage listed building and its legacy.

This ambitious restoration project includes four phases. We are committed to honouring Stombuco's design and retaining the architectural integrity of the Cathedral. We will be replacing and restoring features with the same materials as original, "like for like", while incorporating modern design principles like drainage and temperature control to protect the building for generations to come.

We hope to have the project completed in time for the Cathedral's 150th anniversary in November 2022.

## PHASE 1

The first priority is the protection of the Bell Tower and repair of the exterior walls. After years of weathering and decay, the walls are suffering from water damage and structural deterioration. This phase is already underway.

## PHASE 2

Work will continue to repair and upgrade the rest of the Old Cathedral exterior, including replacement of roof tiles, diversion of water away from the building, improved drainage, guttering work and roof plumbing. Completion of this phase will give the protection needed to begin restoration of the interior.

## PHASE 3

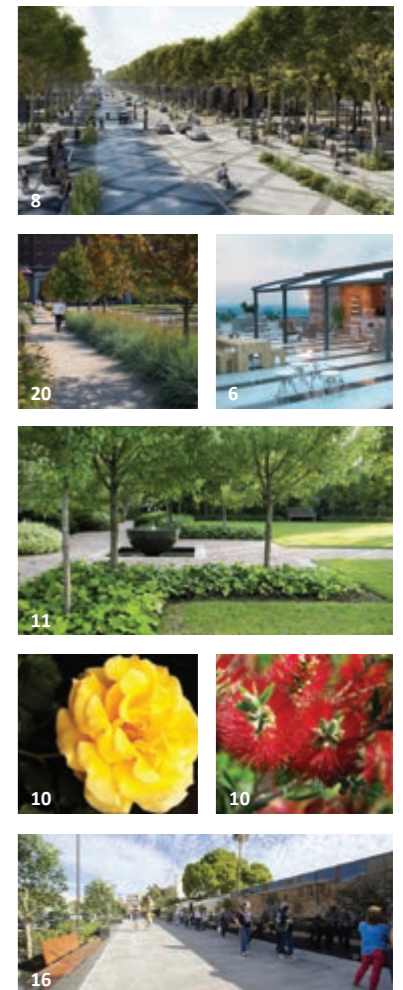
Restoration of the Cathedral interior will then begin, including repairing the walls, stained glass windows, wiring, floor tiling and parquetry, improving the heating and installing a sound system that better meets the needs of the Cathedral's users and visitors.

## PHASE 4

Work then moves beyond the Old Cathedral to begin the enhancement of the surrounding precinct. A major part of this phase will be the repurposing of the former St Brigid's school building into a Heritage Centre. Other work will include restoration and upgrades to the former Bishop's House, convent, and former St. Patrick's school.



LANDSCAPE PLAN

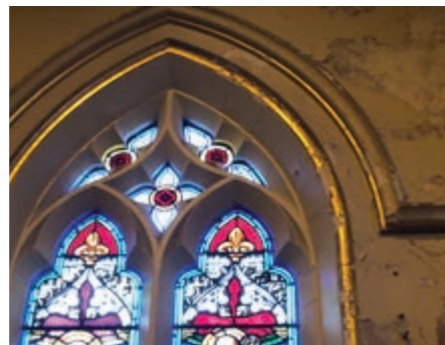


PRECINCT IMAGERY

## ✦ Proposed Cathedral Precinct

The design celebrates the history of the community and built form with planting of the Callistemon Saint Mary MacKillop and City of Goulburn Rose Bush and the recycling and reuse of the bricks from the school's toilets in the proposed columbarium, adjacent the location of the historic toilet block. The columbarium will feature a commemorative plaque acknowledging this time in Goulburn's history.

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| 1. St Peter & Paul's Cathedral  | 13. Bus stop   |
| 2. Presbytery   | 14. Pedestrian entrance  |
| 3. Presbytery carpark   | 15. Boundary fence matching existing within planting bed               |
| 4. St Brigids Heritage Centre   | 16. Memorial walk with shaded seating area                             |
| 5. Piety shop and tea rooms   | 17. Columbarium constructed from recycled historic toilet block bricks |
| 6. Alfresco area with shade arbor   | 18. New toilets  |
| 7. 14 space carpark   | 19. Shade trees  |
| 8. Paved shared zone with cobblestone strips                                | 20. Boulevard planting   |
| 9. Picnic lawn  | 21. Entry steps to church hall   |
| 10. St. Mary Mackillop Bottlebrush and Goulburn Rose planter bed with shade | 22. One-way secondary entrance   |
| 11. Trees contemplative square with sculpture                               | 23. Priests garage   |
| 12. Low seating wall with contributor recognition plaques atop              |  |



# Join Us

The restoration of the Old Cathedral to its former glory and enhancement of the Cathedral Precinct will take many hands, hearts and graces.

We invite you to be part of this momentous project of such importance to our history, community and faith.

## How you can give

There are many ways for you to support the restoration of the Old Cathedral. Your gift will directly support the rebuilding of this rare and stately building.

### ✦ Give a one off cash donation

You can make a one off cash donation directly to the SPPOC project via the secure donation portal on our website [sppoc.com.au](http://sppoc.com.au). All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

### ✦ Make a three year pledge

Larger monetary donations can be spread over a three year period as monthly, quarterly or yearly payments.

### ✦ Become a Cathedral family

You can make a significant donation as a family and be honoured in perpetuity.

### ✦ Give a gift in-kind

Gifts of stock, bonds, real estate and other assets can also be given. There may be tax benefits associated with providing an in-kind donation. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and speak to a qualified financial advisor.

### ✦ Make a bequest

You can make a deferred gift by bequeathing assets or cash donations to the SPPOC project in your will. There are a number of options for how this can be done, so please contact the Parish Office for more information and speak to a qualified adviser regarding your estate planning.

### ✦ Donate materials or supplies

Gifts of building materials and supplies for the actual restoration work would be graciously accepted. These could include timber, paint, concrete, plumbing supplies, electrical supplies, sound system, landscaping supplies and more. Some elements of the restoration have specific requirements to preserve the historical integrity of the building. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss opportunities to provide materials and supplies.

To make a donation, pledge or commitment please visit [www.sppoc.com.au](http://www.sppoc.com.au) or contact the Parish Office on (02) 6239 9863 or via [admin@sppoc.com.au](mailto:admin@sppoc.com.au)



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INCREDIBLE PIECE OF AUSTRALIAN  
AND CATHOLIC HERITAGE.

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THE CATHEDRAL AS A PLACE OF  
PILGRIMAGE AND SANCTITY.

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