



**DIOCESE OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**  
**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

April 29, 2019

Rev. Patrick Casey, O.M.I., Pastor  
Members of the Parish Council, Finance Council,  
and Steering Committee  
Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
416 Fifth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Father Casey, and Members of the Parish Finance Council, Parish Council, and Steering Committee:

May the grace and peace of our Risen Lord be with us always!

I have reviewed your request to launch a formal fundraising campaign for the purpose of renovating the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Cathedral). Upon review of the information you submitted, and after consulting the priests of the Diocese and the Diocesan Finance Council, I am pleased to conditionally approve your request, subject to the following requirements.

The parish may begin fundraising immediately, however keep in mind that this is a parish capital project – not a diocesan capital project. Although the Diocese may contribute to the Cathedral capital campaign, the parish is principally responsible for its own fundraising efforts to meet its capital needs.

The design concept that I am approving has been identified as design option “B”. Any significant variance from this design must be approved by me in writing.

Renovation may not start until the parish has raised \$1.7 million (77.3%) of the estimated project cost of \$2.2 million, and has received my written permission to begin. This leaves approximately \$500,000 that may be financed. Terms and conditions of the proposed financing must also be approved by me in writing.

Thank you for all the work you have done to prepare for this capital campaign for the renovation of the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You have my prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.  
Bishop of Juneau