

Lift High the Cross

Enhance + Renew + Rejoice

It's one of our most cherished hymns—its resonant words and beautiful music serve as an inspiration for our important work here at St. John's as we go about our planned renovations. We are not just replacing our organ and rebuilding our worship space, but enhancing and renewing our relationship to God.

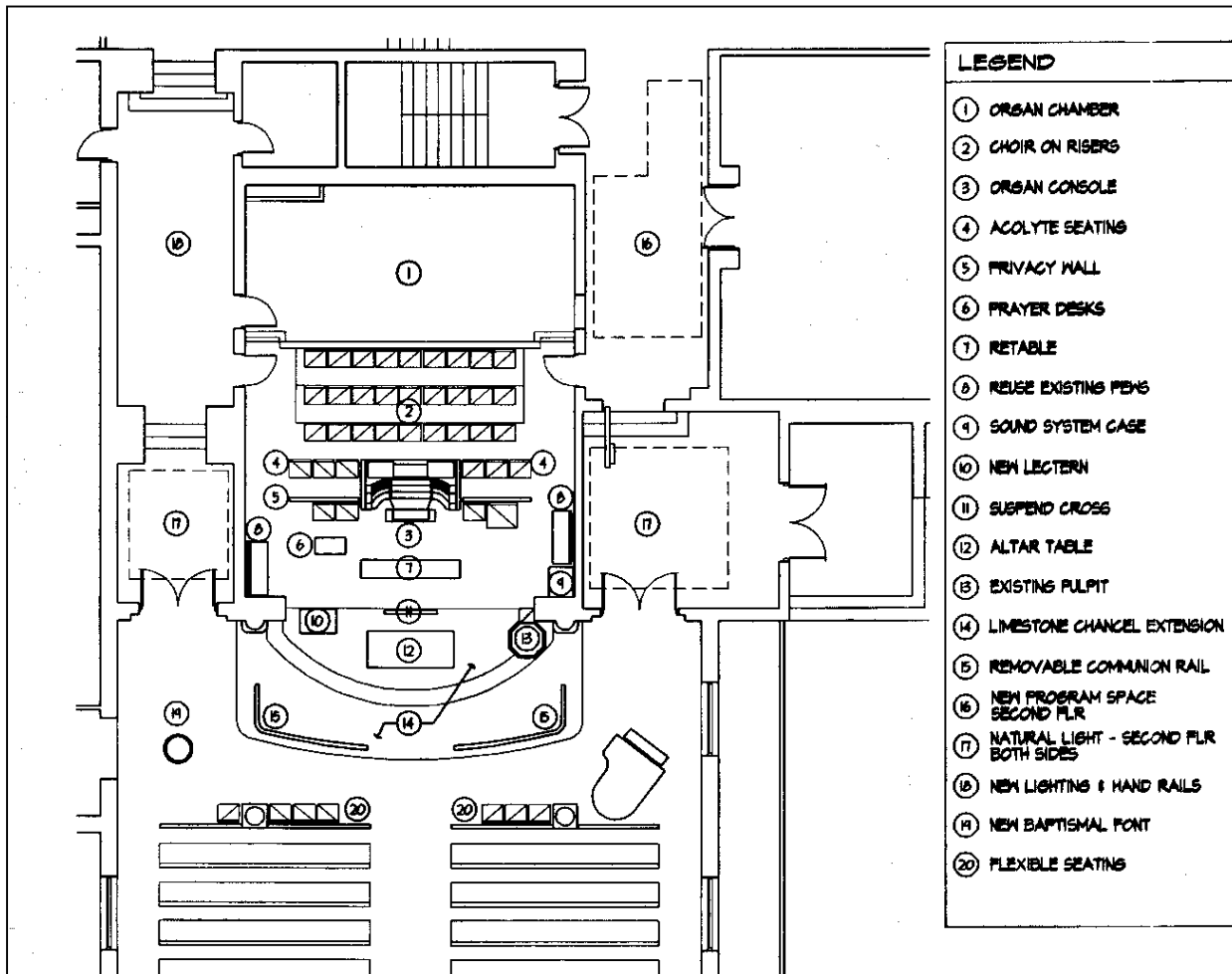
The *Lift High the Cross* Project will replace our failing 50-year-old organ with a 63-rank instrument from the

Berghaus Organ Company of Bellwood, Illinois, strengthening our ability to participate fully in the rich Christian musical tradition. The project also will extend our Chancel into the Nave, not only bringing the liturgy closer to the people, but enabling all parishioners to take communion. As illustrated in the drawing below, the cross will hang from the arch and be backlit by skylights located in the old organ chambers.

These improvements not only will draw our community together in vibrant worship, offer opportunities to reach out to the broader community through concerts, and ensure the viability of St. John's music program for generations to come, but truly enable us to Lift High the Cross, both physically and metaphorically.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore His sacred Name.*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou has promised, draw the world to Thee
Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
Come, take up this song into eternity.*





Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. When will work begin?

Construction of the pipe organ and console has already begun at Berghaus's Illinois facility! Our schedule calls for construction in the Chancel to occur during the summer service schedule for minimal disruption of our worship, beginning in June and ending in September. Berghaus will deliver the organ in late Fall, then spend 6 to 8 weeks assembling the instrument and another 10 to 12 weeks "voicing" it. Except for one 8-day period when the organ first arrives, we will continue to worship in the Nave throughout the entire construction process.

Q. Is this about more than buying a new organ?

Yes! This is about creating a worship space that is more vibrant, accessible, and inviting as well as replacing the pipe organ, piano, and sound system, which while serving us well, are now failing. It is also about bringing the cross and altar forward, and highlighting these key worship elements with natural light.

Q. When will the Capital Campaign begin?

The Lift High the Cross Capital Campaign has already begun with several generous, unsolicited gifts that amount to more than \$100,000. Co-chairs, Richard Saltsman (rsaltsman@comcast.net) and Bill Fry (wgfry@alumni.duke.edu), have organized the development stage that began in February, while the general campaign will begin in late April. Stay tuned for further news, in home gatherings and great events!

Upcoming CrossRoads articles will provide you additional information about what to expect and how you can help. For further information you can contact Suzanne Welch or Cynthia Stroman or any member of the Architectural Review Committee.