



Mt. Calvary Cemetery Assn.

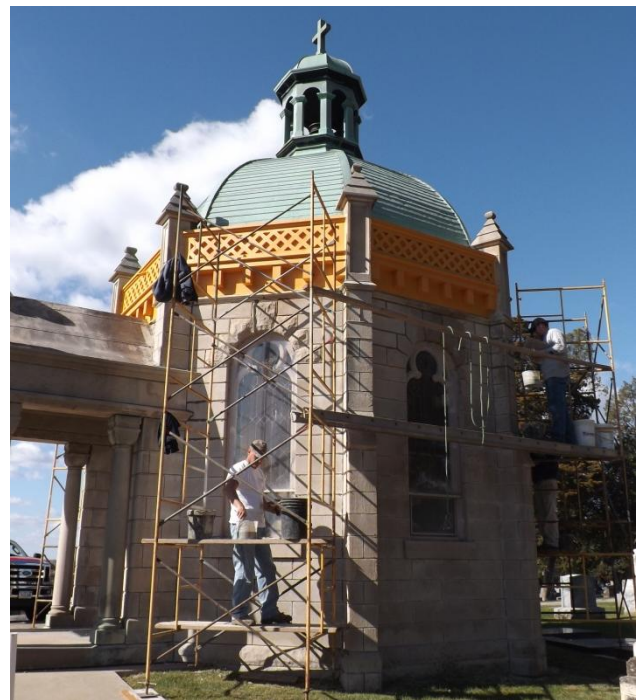
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Monument Restoration Project

If you have visited Mt. Calvary Cemetery over the years, you may have reflected at one of our outdoor shrines, including the Immaculate Conception Grotto, the St. Michael Shrine, the Infant of Prague and the outdoor Stations of the Cross, among others. If you have visited recently, you may have also noticed they are not currently in the best condition. We have been aware of this for some time, and have recently begun taking steps to restore our Shrines and Monuments.

Our first priority is the restoration and repair of the **Johannes Chapel/Columbarium**. You may have noticed the scaffolding around the "little round chapel" late last summer, while it was being tuck pointed. This was phase one in the restoration of our original chapel, which was previously transformed into a columbarium.

During phase one, the metal trim is also being painted, the vents are being upgraded and repainted, and the exterior stone will be cleaned. This phase should be completed this summer. In 2014 we applied for and received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, which covered approximately 20% of phase one.



Phase two of the Johannes Chapel Restoration, the cost of which was not

included in phase one, will include repair and cleaning the stained glass windows, repair of the outer windows, repair and painting of the wooden window frames, restoration of the tin ceiling over the porch and restoration of the roof and bell tower.

The **St. Michael Shrine** was also tuck pointed last summer, as a part of phase one, and in preparation for the repair of the broken window and restoration of the deteriorating statue and interior of the shrine. Most of our shrines and monuments could use one kind of repair or another.

The **Ecce Homo** ("Behold the Man") **Shrine** is missing a statue because it was vandalized and broken several years ago. The beautiful statue for the **Gethsemane Shrine** was removed decades ago to preserve it from further damage from the elements, and it is currently in storage.

However, in need of the most work, and quickly, are our beautiful outdoor **Stations of the Cross**. They need to be tucked pointed and the relief statues repaired and repainted, so they may continue to, as Rev. Leo Jaeger penned in 1962, "inspire a peace of soul and a comfort in one's being, that arises from a glorious Faith which envisions immortality beyond the grave."

"The various shrines and monuments reflect the generous love and devotion of donors long since passed on to eternity." This beautiful statement by Rev. Jaeger still holds true today. We would like to invite you to prayerfully consider how you could become a part of this rich devotion.



We have located a local artist and restoration professional who is willing to perform the needed work on the Stations of the Cross. They would be repaired one at a time, at a cost of \$1,000.00 each, for a grand total of \$14,000.00.

We are offering you the opportunity to Sponsor a Station for \$1,000.00, which would include a memorial plaque placed at the base of the Station.

Of course, we recognize that each individual may have a special connection with a specific monument at Mt. Calvary. If you would prefer to make a donation toward the restoration of any of our monuments, we would gladly accept any amount you wish, toward the monument of your choosing. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Contributions can be mailed to:

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Association, 1111 Davis Avenue, Dubuque IA 52001. Please feel free to contact us at 563-583-4329 or mtcalvarycemeterydbq@mediacombb.net if you have any questions about donating, or in regards to the restoration projects.

This information can also be found at www.holyspiritdbq.org

