December 23, 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings for these final hours of Advent from all of us at Christchurch Carmel!

This is our first official Chapel rebuild email update, which is exciting in and of itself! Thank you to all of you who have subscribed.

While it's still early days since the announcement in our Christmas newsletter about the rebuilding of our chapel, and there is so much ahead of us, the wheels are churning and we've got a few things to share.

On Sunday evening we posted our first YouTube video about our chapel rebuild. It's already had nearly 2K views in less than 48 hours, which is heartening! We intend to make video updates along the way and in this first one we explain why we decided to rebuild our chapel. You can view it on our (usually uneventful) YouTube channel here <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blgp6d0yuvk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blgp6d0yuvk</a>

We've been busy these past weeks working with the architect to get a finalized concept design before Christmas. It is, after all, a *little* hard to promote something that you can't see! We're nearly there, with only little tweaks being made now to the design to make sure it will look like a Catholic chapel, and a beautiful one at that. We hope to post the floor plan on the website in early January, and the 3D images will hopefully follow soon after.

We take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. Please be assured of our prayers in this holy season.

Your Sisters in Christ, Sister Catherine of Christ, on behalf of Mother Cushla of Mary Immaculate and Sisters

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