

St. Mary's Cathedral Renovation & Renewal Project

"PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE, BUILDING OUR FUTURE"

1. HOW IT STARTED – OUR HERITAGE

Over a century ago, missionaries and faithful pioneers dreamed of a house of God that would stand as a beacon of faith in Ibadan. Their dream became reality in St. Mary's Cathedral, Oke Padi – the mother church of the Archdiocese of Ibadan.

Generations have been baptized, married, ordained, and comforted here. St. Mary's has always been more than a building – it is our shared history, our family, and our faith made visible in stone.

2. WHAT IT IS NOW – OUR PRESENT REALITY

Today, the Cathedral shows signs of age:

- The structure that once radiated strength now needs urgent renewal.
- Worship spaces are cramped and outdated for the growing Catholic community.
- Facilities for gatherings and pastoral life no longer match the dignity and mission of our Archdiocese.

Yet this challenge is also a divine invitation – to renew God's house for future generations

3. THE VISION – A CAMPUS THAT SERVES FAITH AND COMMUNITY

We envision not just a renovated Cathedral, but a renewed campus that will inspire worship and serve the Church's mission in Ibadan for decades to come.

The project will unfold in three clear phases:

- Phase One: The Cathedral Building (Interior & Exterior)
 - Full renovation of the sacred space.
 - Restoration of the altar, pews, flooring, lighting, and sound.
 - External upgrades to preserve heritage and ensure structural integrity.
- Phase Two: Landscaping & Multi-Story Car Park
 - Beautifying the Cathedral grounds.
 - Providing modern, secure, and adequate parking to serve large liturgical gatherings and visitors.
- Phase Three: Multipurpose Building
 - Replacing the current hall with a state-of-the-art structure.
 - Spaces for pastoral programs, parish meetings, community outreach, and archdiocesan events.

This is more than a renovation – it is a transformation of St. Mary's into a home that is beautiful, functional, and missionary.

4. WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR

As the Cathedral Parish community, we have already begun:

- Setting the vision and master plan.
- Mobilizing parishioners for pledges and donations.
- Starting with Phase One – because the Cathedral itself must shine again first.

We have the faith. We have the plan. Now, we need the resources to match the vision.

5. FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT – WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE NEED

Total Project Cost: ₦[insert total estimate]

- Phase One (Cathedral Building): ₦[insert estimate]
- Phase Two (Landscaping & Car Park): ₦[insert estimate]
- Phase Three (Multipurpose Building): ₦[insert estimate]

What We Have So Far:

- Amount Raised: ₦[insert figure]
- Contributions from parishioners, pledges, and early donations.

What We Still Need:

- Balance for Phase One: ₦[insert figure]
- Balance for Total Project: ₦[insert figure]

Every brick, every pew, every window, every kobo counts.

6. BRIDGING THE GAP – HOW YOU CAN HELP

The distance between the dream and reality is one word: funds.

Every contribution – large or small – moves us closer to completing Phase One and laying the foundation for the next phases.

Ways you can help:

- Sponsor a section (e.g., altar, pews, stained glass, roofing).
- Make a one-time or recurring donation.
- Partner as a family, society, or corporate donor.
- Spread the word and invite others to join.

Your generosity will not only build walls; it will build faith, hope, and legacy.

7. A CALL TO ACTION – BE PART OF THE STORY

Our forefathers built for us. Now it is our turn.

Let us rise together – parishioners, faithful, friends, and benefactors – to give God's house the dignity it deserves.

Join us. Build with us. Believe with us.

Together, we will make St. Mary's Cathedral and its campus a true landmark of faith for Ibadan, Nigeria, and beyond.