



pany building the scaffolding. UBS (Universal Builders Supply), has a long record of work with significant structures including the Washington Monument, the Mormon Temple in D.C., the Jefferson Memorial, the Statue of Liberty, and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; in addition to current work on the Cathedral, it will also install the scaffolding at Union Station to inspect the earthquake damage there.

As it concludes stabilization work on the central tower, the crane will move on to facilitate a close professional inspection of the Sts. Peter and Paul towers on the west front. The firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., will bring its “Difficult Access Team” of architects and engineers to the Cathedral from the Washington Monument to perform a thorough “rappelling inspection” of the west façade. Fences will then be moved closer in before they are entirely taken away.

As the pages of this issue show, the Cathedral’s damaged elements are not only beautiful exterior ornamentation but also, simultaneously, structurally important and crucial for the building’s continued longevity. The 150,000-ton Cathedral building itself was constructed with hand-crafted Indiana limestone. As inspectors conclude their task of checking the integrity and stability of each element—every crocket,

A Close Community

A generous gift of \$100,000 from the three Cathedral Close schools—**Beauvoir**, **National Cathedral School (ncs)**, and **St. Albans School**—was made in response to the earthquake damage. The Cathedral learned of the gift, “made on behalf of the students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff of the three schools, who are privileged to be part of the Cathedral community,” in a letter from Paula Carreiro, head of Beauvoir; Kathleen O’Neill Jamieson, head of ncs; and Vance Wilson, head of St. Albans.

Other smaller-scale efforts made by students themselves include a loose change challenge at the ncs Upper School in which students will collect donations in sets of buckets for one week with grade pairings competing with each other to raise the most money toward restoration. At St. Albans, the Student Council approved a large portion of proceeds from a fall dance to be donated to the Cathedral’s restoration effort. At its Upper School, students will purchase “tags” to wear, granting them leave to dress out of uniform on a designated “Tag Day.” The funds raised will go to the Cathedral. Additionally, even a sibling pair of Beauvoir students in pre-K and second grade classes sent a donation from proceeds of their summer lemonade stand.

Alumni of both ncs and St. Albans who are members of a D.C.-area rock band held a fundraiser for the Cathedral to support the Cathedral’s restoration. The event raised nearly \$1,000, and an additional concert is already scheduled. Many more efforts are underway, reflecting the unity of the Cathedral Close in support of its inspiring edifice.

ABOVE A 500-TON CRANE COLLAPSED WHILE DOING STABILIZATION WORK, DAMAGING THE HERB COTTAGE, SOUTH ROAD, AND THE BISHOP’S GARDEN
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