

Dear friends,

Work on the steps has begun. The model on the bulletin stand and the design below will give you an idea of what the front will look like when finished. Yes, it will be different, but looking at old photos and the different layers of concrete on the septs the front has gone through many changes over the years. The handicap ramp was a later addition. It is too steep. It does not meet the present code and it is a hazard.

The entrance doors will be moved back to their original position and the landing extended. The plywood at the entrance will be removed so that the beautiful stained glass window over the entrance doors can be seen.

On a different note, the first original Church on the Henrietta & Elton Moeller property will be relocated on the West side of the Church. It will nestle between the trees and will be a wonderful addition to the preservation of our heritage. An artist's impression of what it may look like is on the opposite page. With the completion of the entrance, the relocation of the old Church, the re-mortaring of the old steps on the East and West entrances, the inside job will be tackled. I had many complements on the tuckpointing the outside stones.

The Restoration project is by no means an easy undertaking just as the building of the Church itself was not. If our mothers and fathers had not made the bold move to build the Church we would probably be worshipping in a hut today and there would be no Praha. St. Mary's Church makes Praha what it is. We appreciate their vision and we will honor their memory by preserving our heritage.

I am very grateful to the many who have embraced this project and are helping tremendously. May God bring to completion the good work he has begun in you.

God bless,



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