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## **RENOVATIONS UPLIFT A COMMUNITY AND INTRODUCE A NEW GENERATION TO WORSHIP**

### **Catholic Foundation donors help east Dallas Church with much needed renovations**

With asbestos in the floor and an equally worn interior to match, the old sanctuary at St. Philip the Apostle Church wasn't reflective of the Church's healthy and vibrant spiritual community. The parish today has much to be thankful for as they gather for Mass on Sundays in a completely renovated sanctuary thanks to donations from collections and The Catholic Foundation.

The church was recently outfitted with a new tile floor, pews, freshly painted walls and altar furniture, and congregants now also enjoy the redesigned acoustics that are accompanied by a new piano. A Catholic Foundation grant of \$50,000 allowed St. Philip's to purchase new pews for the sanctuary renovations.

"This grant was essential to helping the Church revitalize the sanctuary," Deacon Dave Obergfell said. "Our new pews are a deeply appreciated gift that will allow us to continue growing our Church family, and we were delighted to be able to help a fellow parish by donating the previous ones."

Since 1954, St. Philip's has served the southeast Dallas area through a variety of ministries that impact the spiritual development of kids, adults and seniors. Ministries include St. Vincent De Paul, religious education for parishioners with special needs, as well as Boy Scout and Cub Scout chapters among others.

"At St. Philip's we are committed to sharing the Gospel with our neighbors and will continue to concentrate our leadership on this worthy endeavor," Obergfell said. "With continued support from local companies, organizations like The Catholic Foundation and parishioners, we've been blessed to share our abundant gifts with the community."