

## Major Masonry Repair to the 2003 Church



Last week there was an insert in the bulletin briefly describing the work being performed on the low walls surrounding the Church but as many have noticed, there is also work being done to the main body of the Church as well. As we have been reminded many times by parishioners there have been numerous leaks that have soiled ceiling tiles and in some cases have sent water running onto the floor or down the walls in the plaza lobby and main lobby. With that being said, for the past 2 years we have invested in re-caulking the flashings and having a number of tears replaced from shingles striking the flat roof that were blown off from the main Church. Regrettably the leaks persisted and in fact were continuing to get worse. It wasn't until we began the search for a suitable company to repair the perimeter walls that we were able to take advantage of expertise found in the building restoration field, up to this time we had naturally assumed it was a roofing issue and while the repairs made were necessary they were not addressing a more serious issue of water getting behind the bricks. Currently, all seals are being removed as they were all dried and were no longer effective this includes around the windows as well. Every seal will be replaced with more modern fail proof seals that are absolutely the best product available. Furthermore, the entire area will be cleaned, including the limestone and then sealed with a product that will both protect the brick from further damage by not allowing the bricks to accept water but more importantly will allow the bricks to allow the water out that is currently weakening the brick as well as contributing to our water issues. Thankfully, between Martin Roofing company recognizing the potential problem and offering the recommendation of Precision Industrial we have finally discovered the source of the leaks but also prevented even more damage, some of which could not be easily repaired, to the building as a whole. The cost for these repairs is \$8500 which is included in the \$85,000 in Phase 1 of the project.