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Holy Name Cathedral undergoes roof replacement

STEUBENVILLE — A temporary roof is being placed on Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville. Workers with Kalkrueth Roofing, Wheeling, West Virginia, began the project Nov. 11. The roofing will cover the cathedral, garage and sacristy. Foreman Ryan Burke said the work is expected to be completed in about three weeks, weather permitting.

Scott Yarman, director, Diocese of Steubenville Office of Facilities and Property, said the current roof is “damaged beyond repair and past its life expectancy.” He said, for safety reasons, the temporary roof is being installed and interior demolition of the cathedral is anticipated to take place during the winter months.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton said, “This work is being done in order to give the diocese more time to make a decision on whether or not to move forward with the cathedral renovation plans.”

Yarman said the cost of the roofing project is $102,000.

Holy Name Catholic Church was originally built in 1885 and was designated the diocesan cathedral in 1945.

The cathedral has been closed since 2014 after plans to renew, restore and renovate the structure were originally announced.

The bishop suspended all major expenditures in the diocese in 2018, including the Holy Name Cathedral renovation project, pending the completion of the investigation into the diocesan finance department.