



Post-Ida Update:

On 10 August 2022, the Archdiocese selected a contractor to replace our four damaged rooftops: (1) Lorio Center, (2) Marian Hall, (3) Blanche Hall, and (4) Crusader Hall: Cotton Global Disaster Solutions [website: <https://cottongds.com/>].

The Archdiocese has retained a project management firm to protect our interests: The Sulzer Group [<https://www.sulzergroup.com/>]. The Sulzer Group retained VergesRome Architects [<https://vergesrome.com/>] to prepare and oversee the technical specifications which will guide the contractors. The bid amount agreed to by the Archdiocese is: \$1,891,000.00. The payment plan is as follows:

All entities in the Archdiocese are insured through a broker: Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Insurance [<https://www.ajg.com/>], which arranged our coverage through thirty sub-contractors. Our deductible is calculated as 5% of the insured value **per-building**, NOT 5% of the total campus value.

The Archdiocese centralized coordination of Post-Ida repairs in order to petition FEMA for the difference between the insurance coverage, and the actual cost of repairs. The variance between what FEMA provides, and the uninsured cost of repairs, will be the responsibility of SLKF. That figure remains unknown at this time.

Repair Plan:

At a meeting held on 17 August 2022 in SLKF rectory, twenty-three points were reviewed and agreed-upon by all parties. Here is a brief summary:

- Cotton GDS contractually agreed to a sixty-day completion schedule, with a \$500.00 fine, per-calendar-day, over that term.
- The grass-area north of the Lorio Center, at the Carrollton Ave/Live Oak corner of campus, will be fenced in as their staging area, but will NOT block use of that traffic access from either Carrollton Avenue or Lake Avenue.
- The Lorio Center roof will be replaced with a pitched metal-roof, with new interior insulation. This is the current industry-version of the original structure. The other three flat-roof buildings will be covered with Modified Bitumen Roofing Systems [explanation: <https://www.bestroofing.net/roofing-systems/flat-roof-systems/modified-bitumen-roofing-system>].

Builders will be identifiable by vests or shirts: Black for management, Red for Site-Safety, and Orange for workers. They will NOT use the school restroom facilities at any time; they will have their own portable units in their fenced staging area. Work will commence when building materials become available. If the metal is delivered first, they will start on

Lorio. If the Modified Bitumen is delivered first, they will start on Marian Hall. Our next progress meeting is scheduled for 7 September at 11 am.

Parking Lot Safety:

On 23 February 2022, a six-year old girl died after being struck by a moving truck in the parking lot of Our Lady of Lourdes School in Slidell. This prompted many safety conversations at the Archdiocese, and at SLKF. Our working solution is as follows:

Creation of pedestrian walkways between the parking spaces, protected by bright-yellow barricades, so that it will not be necessary to walk behind cars. We opted for moveable barricades, rather than permanent concrete parking-stops, so that we can still use the yard for the Bucktown Seafood Festival, as well as for sporting activities.

At the southern, Marian Hall-side, of the parking lot, we have cones to direct foot traffic. These are easier to move, as we will have to constantly adjust when roof work begins. After that is completed, we can make a more permanent arrangement.

Fencing Work:

In order to make our property as secure as possible, while still remaining usable for everyone, our working solution builds on the existing arrangement of fencing which allows children to play in a quadrangle formed by Marian Hall, Blanche Hall, Crusader Hall, and the Rectory-Church, all protected by fencing.

The footprint of our fencing is being expanded such that the entrance to Marian Hall on the Lake Avenue Side, as well as the church side, will be secured by fencing. A new fence will extend from Marian Hall to the Lorio Center entrance. The entire Carrollton Avenue side of the Lorio Center will be fenced in. The new arrangements means that: the parking lot will be accessible from both Carrollton Avenue and Lake Avenue at all times. Yet the school buildings will all be secured by electronic-locked fencing.

Church Access:

The new arrangements will NOT change our Mass schedule. Sacristans and Ushers who open the church can either use their current church key to enter church from the Carrollton Avenue ramp, and open everything from the inside; Or, use electronic-keyed cards to go through the fence-gates from outside, which we will provide once installation and programming are complete.

In either case, they will have the ability to open the church, open pedestrian gates to allow access from the parking lot to the church, and open the Lorio Center vestibule for restroom access.

Our next Holy Day of obligation is **All Saints Day**.

Our mass schedule will be:

Monday, October 31st, 5 pm vigil Mass.

Tuesday, November 1st, 8:30 am, and 6 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. God Bless,

Fr. Mark