

A LIGHT ON THE HILL!



Preserve to Serve

For over 140 years, the Light on the French Hill of Nashua, New Hampshire has been the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. This unique 185 foot marble cathedral with towering copper domes can be seen throughout the city. In 1896, the magnificent church was miraculously built by the pennies of the poor French Canadian millworkers and stands as a Nashua landmark and beacon of Nashua's community, culture, rich history and architecture.

However, the church deteriorated having sat empty for 15 years before it was purchased by the Coptic Orthodox Christians who are now working to save this great icon that has faithfully served the community for over a century.

In October 2016, the NH Preservation Alliance named the church to its "Seven to Save" list, recognizing its cultural, historical and architectural significance. In July 2017, the church was listed on the NH State Register of Historic Places. In December 2017, Land Community Heritage and Investment Program [LCHIP] announced a magnanimous \$390,000 state grant to help support the church's enormous efforts to preserve this great landmark.



Several projects are required to restore this beautiful church. It is vital to immediately restore the interior and exterior of the church to prevent further damage. There are numerous cracks in its façade, reparation of the stonework of the towers is critical and roof issues are an additional priority.

The growing St. Mary and Archangel Michael congregation and French Hill community request your support to begin this initiative to preserve a piece of Nashua's history and maintain this distinct architectural landmark so that it may continue to serve the Nashua community.

Facing the challenge of raising approximately \$3 million dollars, the congregation is committed to restore and preserve the building for the centuries to come. We have already raised half a million dollars dedicated to this project in addition to the LCHIP grant.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!!

We kindly ask for your support. Please consider making a one-time tax free donation of any amount using a credit card or setting up a monthly recurring donation using the convenient church website.

<https://stmarycoptsnh.org>

We would deeply appreciate any contribution to preserve this landmark.

--Church Board & French Hill Community