

## Historic Rectory Update (continued)

The other recent accomplishment was the completion and submission of a grant proposal to Florida State requesting a \$100,000 preservation grant. Along with matching funds, this grant would pay for the work needed on the exterior and roof of the home, including restoring the side porch. Thank you so much to Roberta Spencer, who spent countless hours preparing this grant application. We will not know the outcome of our application till next Summer, but are hopeful that the state will see the value of this project. While waiting, we cannot do any of the exterior work included in the grant, so you won't see any changes on the outside of the rectory in the next 12 months.

The committee continues to meet and is working with the vestry and Fr. Steve on finalizing our plans for the interior. We hope to start some of the refinishing on the first floor in the coming months.

See the attached before and after photos to get some idea of the foundation work that was completed.

Brian Wagstaff

Vestry Member and Chair, Historic Rectory Restoration Committee

BEFORE: Makeshift Pillars with scrap wood shims and beams just resting on top



BEFORE: Vestry Room held up by 4x4 and tree trunk.



AFTER: New Reinforced concrete pillars with new beams attached by steel brackets





AFTER: Visible Pillars repaired as needed and made uniform with protective stucco coating

