

Southwest Regional Grant Report 2023

St. Barnabas of the Valley, Cortez requested and received a regional grant in 2023 to assist in addressing safety needs in our courtyard space. We received \$5,000 toward this need.

We had in our planning for the courtyard needs phasing the project over three years. As we meet with two concrete companies, highlighting our safety concerns of a courtyard with flagstone and concrete walkways that had settled over the years causing large uneven gaps, they both directed us to really consider tackling the whole thing at one time. This was due to the challenge of a half-wall and Columbarium enclosing the courtyard area, which makes getting equipment in more challenging. Likewise, they both highlighted that doing sections of concrete over a few years in a phased plan often leads to more problems with gaps and such. So, we decided to tackle the whole courtyard at this time. The bid we accepted was \$28,730.12 from B&B Concrete and all of the SW Regional funds were used toward.

We now have a very attractive and safe courtyard space with a unique design. See image below. We are still awaiting the final parts of the bid to be completed, which will happen in the fall of 2023, to include a bike rack, improvement on the sealing of concrete and mounting a large metal cross near the Narthex of the Parish.

We are grateful for the shared ministry of the Southwest Region affording us funding to tackle the needs of property management, especially with our recent project.

