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**Deteriorating church is a tragic loss**

The recent article about the rebuilding of St. Michael Church is good news for everyone on the Coast. I extend my good wishes and congratulations to Rev. Barras and his congregation. St. Michael is certainly a church much needed in the community and has a special place in the lives of the parishioners and all citizens of Biloxi. I write this letter to point out the similarities of St. Michael Church and St. Paul Church in Pass Christian. Both are landmarks and serve special communities. The Pass is also a town

with its origins based on the seafood industry and the bounty of the Gulf. Both cities and parishes have old families of many generations. The differences between St. Michael and St. Paul are also important to many people in the Pass who wonder why St. Paul is not also being repaired, which can be done at a fraction of the cost of building a new church outside the city of Pass Christian. The site of St. Paul is at 21 feet elevation, which is higher than St. Michael, St. Thomas and St. Clare, all of which are being rebuilt or repaired. St. Paul had 700 families pre-Katrina and will have again if it is repaired. Do the parishioners of St. Paul not deserve the same pastoral care and consideration from church leaders as any other parish? The city also needs the return of St. Paul Church and the City Council officially asked this of the church just a few months after Katrina. Even Wal-Mart is now rebuilding, from the ground up, but St. Paul Church stands unused, neglected and deteriorating. Such a tragedy and loss ... and for what purpose?  
**FRANK L. SCHMIDT**  
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