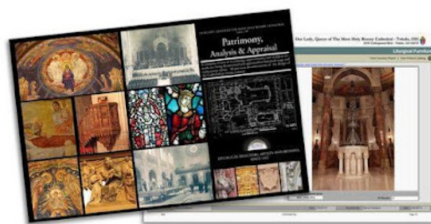


Understanding Sacred Art Appraisals for Catholic Churches

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Does your diocese or parish recognize the true value of your sacred pieces and liturgical art?

Creating an inventory list and assessing the worth of these treasures is crucial but often overlooked. [Rohn & Associates Design, Inc.](#) is a recognized expert in appraisal and can guide you in understanding the significance of the treasures within your sacred space.

Key Reasons for Professional Appraisal:

- 1. Protection from Loss:** In cases of [fire](#), [natural disasters](#), theft, vandalism, or [damage](#), having a documented list of your sacred items with their values is essential for insurance claims
- 2. Church Closings & Mergers:** During times of [resource consolidation](#), it's crucial to assess which pieces are worth retaining or selling and safeguard them from loss or harm while in storage.
- 3. Renovations & Restorations:** Identifying which priceless objects should be integrated into a [renewed environment](#) ensures continuity and reverence for community and tradition.
- 4. Inventory Updates & Insurance Premiums:** Many parishes and dioceses find themselves either overpaying or underinsuring due to inaccurate valuations. Updating these ensures proper coverage and can save significant costs over time.

It's estimated that 8 out of 10 churches undervalue their patrimony, with only 2 out of 10 fully aware of what they possess. Recent appraisals in various dioceses have revealed insurance premiums that were significantly higher than necessary, sometimes by 200–300%. Conversely, 20% of parishes were found to be underinsured, underscoring the importance of accurate appraisal.

How does an appraisal work?

Our [professionals](#) conduct on-site documentation of your sacred items, including detailed photographs and descriptions. This information is then organized into a customizable, easily searchable database or a comprehensive booklet. This resource not only serves practical purposes but also acts as a beautiful keepsake for your parish, preserving its heritage and ensuring future stewardship.

If you're interested in learning more about how we can assist your parish or diocese, [contact Rohn & Associates](#).

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