

Let us move forward in faith,  
**WILL YOU RESPOND?**



Special Edition Campaign Newsletter

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### Keep Our Vision Growing in God's Merciful Love

Capital Stewardship Campaign Newsletter

## God is Calling. How Will You Respond?

Dear Parishioners,

On July 6, 2013, St. John Paul II Parish humbly celebrated our first mass. At that time, we had about 60 registered households. Today, through ministry in the community, outreach to fellow Catholics, and the joyful addition of new Catholics each year at the Easter Vigil, our parish has grown to over 340 registered families, as well as numerous friends and visitors.

To accommodate this exciting growth, we have been offering four masses each weekend. These masses are well attended and some exceed capacity. We know that parishioners and guests are sometimes being asked to sit in the narthex or lounge. We also know that some families are choosing to leave upon realizing there is no space for them. Sadly, we are turning people away.

As a parish, we reviewed our current facilities, outlined our current needs, and forecasted our future growth and our capacity to accommodate that growth. This was started in 2015 through a parish master plan, which was developed with input from parishioners, as well as an architect. The master plan is designed to maximize the coordination and utilization of our facilities and property and it indicates that St. John Paul II Parish should build a larger church and maintain the current church for regular, continued use. The architectural plans of a new church were drawn with growth phases, so it would meet our immediate and near future needs, as well as accommodate future construction expansion. In order to be the best stewards of our resources, the parish also underwent a feasibility study in 2016. The purpose of the feasibility study was to assess the parish's capacity to raise the funds needed for the church. The study included a survey of all parishioners and personal interviews. The results of the study were very favorable and indicate that our parish has the capacity and willingness to raise the funds needed for the new church!

One year ago, with a parish master plan in place, positive feasibility study, and support of the Bishop, we launched our capital campaign, "Growing in God's Merciful Love". Every parishioner was asked to pray, consider their sacrifice, and support this important campaign. Today, with more than \$650,000 in pledges, we are well on our way to our goal of raising \$1 million within the Parish. As we celebrate the generosity we've seen so far, we enter the second phase of the campaign, "Keep our Vision Growing in God's Merciful Love". The purpose of this phase is to reignite the energy around the capital campaign. Our goal is within reach!

Because each of us is blessed differently and capable of different gifts, we are each asked to financially support this campaign accordingly. What you give should be over and above your regular giving. No one will tell you what to give toward this campaign—that is between you and the Lord. "Growing in God's Merciful Love" only asks that you pray and make a sacrificial gift according to how you've been blessed and act as the Lord leads. A new church that meets our needs is our goal, and Christ is our reason and example.

Sincerely,  
**Rev. Lam T. Le**  
Pastor

**Mindy Larva/Chris Pigorsh**  
Campaign Co-Chairs





# What is a Capital Stewardship Campaign?

A capital stewardship campaign is the process to raise the needed funds for phase 1 of our new church. The campaign focuses on keeping everyone informed, answering questions, and providing spiritual food for thought.

Each of us is asked to prayerfully consider a 3-year sacrificial commitment over and above our annual financial support. No one will be pressured or told how much to give. Each of us is asked to give according to our blessings. Everyone is needed!

We can accomplish all of this:

- Without anyone being pressured to ask others for pledges or money.
- Without asking anyone to give more personal time than is reasonable.

**Remember, Not Equal Gifts...But Equal Sacrifice.**

## The Numbers

### ESTIMATED PHASE 1 COSTS

Finished main floor new church	\$1,787,000
Unfinished lower level church	\$476,000
Rectory	\$200,000
Sub-total new construction	\$2,463,000

Sitework allowance	\$600,000
Furnishings allowance	\$226,000
Fees	\$300,000
Contingencies	\$411,000
<b>TOTAL Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

### FUNDING PLAN

Parish-wide campaign	\$1,000,000
Outside parish support	\$1,000,000
Diocesan low interest loan	\$2,000,000
<b>TOTAL Estimated Funding</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>



# ????????????? Frequently Asked Questions ????????????????

- Q. How much do we need to raise?**  
**A.** It is our prayerful hope that our parish will raise \$1,000,000 in a 3-year capital campaign.
- Q. Could we wait until we have all the money to build the entire church versus doing it in phases?**  
**A.** Our parish is growing and we need facilities now versus later. Not having adequate facilities for our expected growth will turn people away from joining the parish. Building in phases is good stewardship and within the resources of our parish abilities.
- Q. What will happen to our current facilities?**  
**A.** All current facilities (including the church) will continue to be utilized as the faith formation and outreach center of the parish. The current church will remain as a holy chapel for weddings, funerals, and daily mass.
- Q. How much will I be asked to give to the campaign?**  
**A.** You will not be told to give a specific amount. Everyone is asked to reflect on his/her individual blessings and then pray about a sacrificial pledge to be paid over three years. Your pledge should be over and above your current giving to the church.
- Q. What does "sacrificial" mean?**  
**A.** Sacrificial giving is a personal act of giving generously of yourself and your resources as a response to God's immeasurable generosity to you. Sacrificial giving usually means a change in your lifestyle in order to give generously to a 3-year campaign.

## WHERE ON THE CHART IS A "SACRIFICE" FOR YOU?

The following chart illustrates the types of three-year pledges (over and above regular giving) needed to reach our \$1 million financial goal. Everyone in our parish family is needed!

Gifts Needed	Total Gift	Optional 10% Initial Payment	Remaining Balance	Payment Options			Cumulative Total
				Monthly(36)	Quarterly(12)	Annually(3)	
Tier 1							
2	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$15,000	\$100,000
4	25,000	2,500	22,500	625	1,875	7,500	200,000
8	15,000	1,500	13,500	375	1,125	4,500	320,000
10	10,000	1,000	9,000	250	750	3,000	420,000
Tier 2							
20	\$8,000	\$800	\$7,200	\$200	\$600	\$2,400	\$580,000
20	6,000	600	5,400	150	450	1,800	700,000
25	4,000	400	3,600	100	300	1,200	800,000
20	3,000	300	2,700	75	225	900	860,000
Tier 3							
35	\$2,000	\$200	\$1,800	\$50	\$150	\$600	\$930,000
40	1,000	100	900	25	75	300	970,000
30	750	75	675	19	56	225	992,500
Remainder	\$500 or less	\$50 or less	\$450 or less	\$13 or less	\$38 or less	\$150 or less	\$1,000,000

## IMPORTANT DATES

**August 26-27**

Rosary after every mass to begin 2 week period of prayer

**August 29**

Begin 24 hours of adoration following noon mass

**August 31-September 8**

Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet daily at 6:00pm

(You can find the Divine Mercy Novena at <http://www.thedivine Mercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php>)

**September 9-10**

Ministry fair following all masses, a light lunch will be served following the 10:30 mass

**September 24**

Celebration of Keep our Vision Growing in God's Merciful Love after 10:30 mass

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