

March 15, 2008

Dear Friends,

Parishioners have asked about the status of our St. Paul Parish Campaign as I prepare to move to St. Ignatius Parish. I share with you where we have been , where we are and where we need to go as a parish.

First, the schematic design phase of our new building should be completed next month in April. During the last several months parishioners and staff members have been meeting with our Architect, Laurie Dickison to help design the interior floor plan of the building. When this schematic floor plan design phase of the building is completed it will be shared with the entire Parish Staff, the Parish Council and with you, the parishioners of St. Paul.

Second, our Capital Campaign continues. I have briefed Fr. Collin Poston , who will become administrator of St. Paul, regarding the ongoing Campaign. The Campaign is for three years, ending in October, 2010. All dollars raised in our Capital Campaign remain here at St. Paul Parish; there is no Archdiocesan Tax on these dollars. An update of monies pledged/raised is below. In addition to the monies raised during the Campaign the parish has saved Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars over the past five years.

We continue to receive new pledges and payments towards pledged amounts. If you have not yet made a pledge to our Capital Campaign, I invite you to join your fellow parishioners who have already made a pledge or a gift of appreciated stocks. If you would like to receive the six page brochure which describes the capital needs of the parish and the goals of the Capital Campaign, please call the Parish Office. If you would like to speak to me personally about the Campaign, please feel free to call me.

Following the directives of the Archdiocese, the parish can begin construction when we have Fifty (50%) Percent of the estimated costs of construction in cash.

In assisting you to make a pledge or gift, white pledge envelopes are available at the doors of our church. If you would like to make a monthly gift to the Campaign, there are goldenrod colored envelopes at the doors of our Church and also in the monthly envelope packets. These golden rod envelopes can be placed in any first collection during the month.

Last Fall, we began the Capital Campaign to address the physical needs of the parish as identified in the 2007 Saint Paul Master Plan. The first need was for a handicapped accessible bathroom near the church. We built the handicapped bathroom last Fall in the old rectory kitchen. We also received a Capital Projects Grant of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred (\$11,800.00) Dollars from the 2007 Cardinal's Lenten Appeal to help pay for the new bathroom. The bathroom turned out well! I invite you to see it.

The monies now being raised will pay for a new two story parish building near where the Brown House presently stands on our property. The Brown House will be torn down. The new building will be built to replace the present uses of Croghan Hall, an 1860 era building.

The third need identified in the Parish Master Plan is to enlarge the entrance and exit of our upper parking lot. This is being done to increase the safety for all parishioners and visitors to our campus.

When these projects are both completed, the third floor Parish Hall in Dohony Hall will no longer be used by our School of Religious Education. The Hall will be more available to parishioners and the parish at large for social events. The second floor rooms in Dohony Hall will have a permanent Music Room and a Parish Lending Library.

I thank all who have already made pledges to the Campaign. If you have already fulfilled your pledge, I thank you and encourage you, if you are able, to continue to contribute through using the goldenrod colored envelopes. As I prepare to leave as Pastor of St. Paul Parish, I sincerely urge all parishioners to continue to raise funds for the Capital Campaign since the identified needs of the parish exist apart from me. I look forward to coming back for the dedication of the new building and the enlarged and safer entrance to the upper parking lot!

It has been my blessing and privilege in these past five years to have been here at St. Paul Parish as your pastor.

God Bless you all,

Fr.Mike

Pledge Drive Status Report as of 3/13/08	
Total Pledges	341
Total Pledge Amount	\$957,193.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$299,466.03