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25 September 2022 + Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ***Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign Update***

Now that we have completed the first phase of our capital campaign through our focus group and reception gatherings, we begin the general parish phase of our campaign. The focus groups and receptions provided a more personal way for me to present the campaign, answer questions, and distribute campaign materials to those who attended. Again, I thank all of you who came to these events. I just received an early report of those who have already registered their 5 year pledges with the campaign office. You will see their names listed in the bulletin this week; and as I get more updates, we will be adding additional names to the list. Thank you for your early pledge of support! All of you who attended these events should have received your campaign materials and your pledge card already. Please send them directly to the campaign office in the envelope provided. If you are missing or have lost any of these items, we can replenish them through our parish office.

### ***General Parish Phase of the Capital Campaign***

For those who were unable to attend the focus groups and receptions, a table is set up at each of the main entrances of our churches with campaign material, which includes a campaign brochure and a special "From the Pastor's Desk" letter from me highlighting key points regarding parishioner participation and pledging. Some of our campaign committee members are present to help distribute them this weekend. This important first step is to help you become informed about the parish/diocesan campaign. Please take as many sets of materials as you need. These materials will be available for the next few weeks. At a later date pledge cards will be made available, but should you want your pledge card earlier, please feel free to stop into the parish office during office hours to pick yours up.

### ***Volunteer Visitation Cards***

To continue making our campaign as personal as possible, there are also volunteer visitation cards available at the table as well. These cards are for those who have already received your campaign materials at our public events and perhaps have already made your pledge, and would be willing to pay visits to those parishioners you know who are homebound, family members, friends and neighbors who will likely not receive the campaign materials. If you are willing to do this, simply:

- pick up a visitation card at the table,
- fill out the information needed on the card,
- put the names of the parishioners you would like to contact and visit on the back blank side of the card, and
- leave the card with the hosts at the table.

We will get materials ready for you, including the pledge card for those you are visiting, and an envelope for confidential mailing. Your role is not to elicit a pledge, but to simply deliver the materials in a personal way and share your support for our parish campaign. We do this so that we can keep track of those who are visited and have received personal pledge cards. Thank you for your help and service!!!

***Financial Education Day for Families: October 15th at Holy Family Hall***

*This is unrelated to our capital campaign, but I wanted to alert you to a special free financial education day for families we are hosting in conjunction with Catholic United Financial on Saturday, October 15 at Holy Family Hall. There will be workshops in the morning and afternoon related to both young families and to aging parents. There will be a free lunch, and the workshops will end just before the 4:00pm Mass at Stanley. I hope this arrangement will help generational families come together. The workshops will also address financially navigating these uncertain economic times. Watch the bulletin and posters for more information and registration.*

*I will be off on pilgrimage to Italy on Tuesday. Pray for me and the group as we will for you. See you in a couple of weeks. Blessings and best wishes,*