



16 October 2022 + Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commitment Sunday Next Weekend

Next Sunday the apex of our parish/diocesan capital campaign - Inspired by the Spirit - takes place as we come to commitment Sunday. Many of you have attended our focus groups and receptions to become more acquainted with our parish and diocesan goals, and a number of you have already made your supportive sacrificial five-year pledge for the future of our parish. **I am delighted to tell you that from those who have already made your pledge we are nearly at 50% of our goal! 46.8% to be exact.** If you have not picked up brochures and other information regarding the campaign, you should have received, or will be receiving, information in the mail from the diocesan campaign office. Materials are at the entrance of all our churches as well.

For those of you who have not made your pledge, I again ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge that you can reasonably sustain for five years. Why is this so important? In order for us to undertake the projects we have outlined, we need to have a clear picture of funds that we can expect for capital improvements in that five-year period. Our campaign goal is based on an average household pledge of \$3,000 over five-years (or \$50/month). Since the capital campaign is built on the foundation of equal sacrifice, not equal giving, each of us has to take into consideration a proper pledge according to the blessings we have received and the financial resources we have. Even if you can only afford \$120.00/year (or \$10/month), consider a pledge of \$600.00 over five-years.

Please take this week to consider what you are willing to sacrifice, in addition to your regular envelope contributions, for the life and future of our parish family. Pledge cards will be available next weekend at all the Masses for all who have not yet made your pledge. Please join those of us who have already made that commitment.

We have already done the hard work of merging our three communities into one single parish, ensuring a stable Catholic presence for generations to come. Now it is time to focus our attention on building up our parish family in faith and love, serving Jesus Christ our Savior, spreading his Gospel, and carrying out the corporal and spiritual works of God's mercy and love. Let us be a light in the midst of a world that sees so much darkness, and a place of comfort for those who are in distress.

Thank you for being the people of faith that you are. May God continue to bless the good work we have already begun in his name!