

Saint Bartholomew Parish Community

Saving Our Parish Community Center

“A Gift from Our Past...A Legacy for Our Future”

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Campaign exceeds \$1,220,000 - from 143 gifts!

As a result of this week's campaign meetings, the amount of gifts and pledges to "Saving Our Parish Community Center..." has climbed to **\$1,222,170!** What makes this figure even more impressive is the fact that it represents the gifts of just **143 members** of our parish community! *Please keep in mind that this total does NOT include the \$500,000 that has been committed from parish savings.*

When you are contacted...

When you are contacted by a campaign worker - *a fellow parishioner volunteering his or her time on behalf of our parish* - we ask you to return the call and meet with him or her. *The visits are enjoyable, and they really serve as a way for the entire Saint Bartholomew Parish Community to grow closer as a parish.*

Questions & Answers...

Q. How will a restored Parish Community Center benefit our parish and our mission?

A. A restored Parish Community Center **will benefit our parish financially, and it will enhance our sense of community:**

- * We will save money by making the building both air and water tight.*
- * We will enhance our sense of community by creating a gathering space in which we can host celebrations, gatherings, etc.*
- * We are building a stronger and more welcoming parish by making the building accessible to the physically-challenged members of our community.*

Since the Parish Community Center is merely a conduit through which the mission of our parish is enhanced, **its needs must be addressed – if not, the essence of our parish life and mission could cease.**

Q. How are the gift request amounts determined?

A. In general, the gift request amounts are related to one's past financial support of St. Bart's. *It is important to keep in mind, also, that the request is simply that - a request.* Your actual gift amount is a very personal matter. *All gifts - regardless of amount - are gratefully appreciated, acknowledged, and confidential.*

As has been noted, **our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to participate.** We will do so by attempting to personally meet with every active member of the St. Bart's Parish Community - that is the best way for us to present these very critical needs, answer questions, etc.