

Saving Our Parish Community Center

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

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Campaign exceeds \$1,650,000!

As a result of the tremendous efforts of our entire campaign team, the total pledged to “*Saving Our Parish Community Center...*” has now climbed to **\$1,655,020 from 221 gifts!** In spite of this wonderful success, a significant challenge awaits...**one of our goals was to receive a decision from every member of the St. Bart’s family.**

We strongly encourage those of you who have not yet made a decision to do so. **Correspondingly, we thank those of you who have (perhaps spurred by Fr. Healy’s words last weekend!) contacted the campaign volunteer who had initially called on you.** We encourage more of you to do so the same and support this effort.

Questions & Answers...

Q. Why doesn’t the Archdiocese provide some financial assistance for this project? Why is the upkeep of our parish property St. Bart’s responsibility?

A. Upkeep of St. Bart’s parish plant is our responsibility because we utilize it. We are responsible only for its upkeep - we do not have to pay any of the corresponding fees and/or taxes associated with the property. In addition, St. Bart’s is not unique in this regard - this is the situation for all parishes.

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

A. A repaired 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.**