

Saving Our Parish Community Center

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

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Pledges Received!

After just a couple of weeks, we have already received gifts to “*Saving Our Parish Community Center – A Gift from Our Past...A Legacy for Our Future*” campaign! These early indications of support reinforce our belief that we will enjoy great success.

As we begin to reach out to the entire parish family, a number of you will be contacted in the next few weeks, and our ultimate goal is to reach the entire St. Bart’s community by the middle of December. When you are contacted, we encourage you to welcome your fellow parishioners as representatives of both Fr. Healy and St. Bartholomew’s Parish. We ask you to reflect upon the meaning of St. Bart’s in your own life, and prayerfully consider the significance of our Parish Community Center in the generations to come.

Take a look at the St. Bart’s web site...

You can view project renderings, see the answers to some questions that have been asked, and get other information regarding the campaign on our parish web site – www.barts.org. There is a color rendering of our “saved” Parish Community Center right on the home page! We offer a sincere thanks to Faith Formation Administrator **Stacey Klausner** for establishing this valuable resource.

Questions & Answers...

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, sacrificial, 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.

Q. How much should I give to the campaign?

A. All of us have varying financial resources and obligations; thus, there is no set amount that each donor can contribute. As a result, each is asked to consider an investment commensurate with his/her ability to give. This campaign is based on **EQUAL SACRIFICES, NOT EQUAL GIFTS.**

Q. When will the repairs begin/when will they be completed?

A. We expect to begin the repairs in the Summer of 2010, with their expected completion approximately twelve months later.