

Saving Our Parish Community Center

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

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Issue #6

Orientation Meeting this Wednesday...

Everyone is invited to the campaign **Volunteer Orientation meeting this Wednesday, November 4th, at 7:45 P.M. in the Media Center.** You will meet many of your fellow parishioners, learn about the project and how you can help!

Fr. Healy will outline our need, and the campaign plan and time commitment (*only about six weeks*) will also be explained. *Our goal is to give all members of the Saint Bartholomew Parish Community the opportunity to participate...to do so we need your help!* We invite you to come and learn about “*Saving Our Parish Community Center – A Gift from Our Past...A Legacy for Our Future*”.

Our Parish Community Center’s Needs...

Although it remains functional, the Parish Community Center has a number of problems that must be addressed; **if we don’t address the Center’s needs, it could become unusable.** The total cost to address the Center’s most immediate needs is estimated to be \$3,300,000. To achieve this, we will use \$500,000 from our savings and raise \$2,800,000 in this campaign. Specifically, the most urgent needs include the following:

- Repair & replace the exit balconies and structure below
- Replace the exterior windows & doors – many are rotting and leaking
- Reconfigure and upgrade the restrooms – several of the toilets no longer work
- Seismically upgrade the Center – the north extension is not earthquake safe
- Provide the necessary space and infrastructure for a new Kitchen
- Upgrade the entry walkways outside the Parish Hall – there is serious vertical dry rot and this has been leaking for years. In addition, the front walkway is uneven and a hazard
- Repave the parking lots

In addition, we will undertake the following if the funds are available after the above projects have been addressed. The additional cost to address these needs is estimated to be approximately \$1 million.

- *Create a balcony on the south side of the Parish Center, with windows overlooking the Church*
- *The lower floor hallway will be made one level with an elevator, enabling wheelchair access to the upper level*
- *Complete the new Kitchen, to provide for Sacramental and other celebrations, receptions, etc.*

Questions & Answers...

Q. *Are families on fixed incomes, one-income households or young families supposed to commit at the same levels as those with high incomes?*

A. *We are asking for equal sacrifice, not equal gifts!* Your gift should be a reflection of your commitment to St. Bart’s, and *all* members of our parish are being asked to give because everyone deserves the opportunity to participate. Together, we can make this campaign a great success.