

Saving Our Parish Community Center
“A Gift from Our Past...A Legacy for Our Future”

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Campaign exceeds \$700,000...from just 56 families!

We are proud and pleased to announce that ***“A Gift from Our Past...A Legacy for Our Future”*** has exceeded **\$701,100 in cash and pledges from just 56 families!** *It is also significant to note that this total does NOT include the \$500,000 that has been committed from parish savings.*

This is an outstanding start and indicates the tremendous support that is so representative of our parish community. As we reach out to all, we encourage you to respond generously. When you are contacted by a campaign volunteer (a fellow member of St. Bart's) and asked to consider your own support, please think about the meaning of the Saint Bartholomew Parish Community in your life and how this project will benefit our entire parish - now and in generations to come.

Orientation Meeting Held - Great Response!

This past Wednesday evening, our Volunteer Orientation meeting was held for the *“Saving Our Parish Community Center...”* campaign. The response was very good, as over **50 members of our parish family are now volunteering their time for this extremely critical effort!**

Everyone was provided with an overview of the campaign timetable and organization, and *Fr. Healy requested that everyone in the St. Bart's family:*

- Reflect upon the significance of our having a fully functioning, up-to-date Parish Community Center - it will help meet our current needs as well as benefit St. Bart's in future generations;
- Become familiar with this project, become an advocate, and volunteer for this effort. Both the campaign meetings and *the overall time commitment are short – each meeting lasts just 30-45 minutes, and the campaign ends a couple of weeks after Thanksgiving!*

Questions & Answers...

Q. Why don't we tear down the existing building down and rebuild?

A. There are *two* primary reasons. *First, the cost is prohibitive* - conservative estimates are that it would cost \$12-\$14 million to tear down our existing facility and rebuild. *Second*, attempting to build a new facility here would allow neighborhood groups to formally express their concerns in a public forum; as a result, we have been advised that the City of San Mateo likely would not allow us to rebuild.

Q. Will I be reminded to make my pledge payments? How can payments be made?

A. Yes, you will receive reminders from the parish office based on the payment schedule you indicate on your pledge form. If you make a pledged gift, be certain to designate the frequency with which you would like to remit the payments - i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, etc. *In addition, you can make your payments via the **Parish Pay** system if you prefer.*