

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH COMMUNITY

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Issue #1

Campaign Begins!

The campaign to renew our Parish Center is underway! The effort began this week, and it will continue until a few weeks after Thanksgiving. We would like to thank all of you who participated in last spring's Feasibility Study (**50** members of the St. Bart's were *personally interviewed*, and **over 240** *mail surveys* were returned). Your insights and opinions were instrumental in helping lead us to this point of departure. Some observations...

- Parishioners have a great deal of pride in St. Bart's, and they appreciate the *strong sense of community and tremendous commitment to outreach*.
- Parishioners feel the *Parish Center is desperately in need of repair*.
- Study participants feel that having an *up-to-date, fully functioning facility is integral to our mission as a parish community* and would enhance parish life.
- A number of study participants expressed a *desire to become involved in a campaign*.

Having an up-to-date, fully functioning Parish Center would allow us to host the celebrations and receptions that are such an integral part of our parish life - and do so in a setting truly befitting the St. Bart's community. The total estimated cost to address the most immediate needs of the Parish Center is approximately \$3,300,000. To achieve this total, we envision utilizing \$500,000 from our savings and raising \$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*
- *Reconfigure and upgrade the restrooms*
- *Seismically upgrade the Center*
- *Provide the necessary space and infrastructure for a new Kitchen*
- *Upgrade the entry walkways outside the Parish Hall*
- *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 at one level with an elevator to enable wheelchair access to the upper level*
- *Complete the new Kitchen, to provide for Sacramental and other celebrations, receptions, etc.*

Questions & Answers...

Q. *Who will be asked to give? When will the members of St. Bart's be approached?*

A. Every member of the Saint Bartholomew Parish Community will be given the opportunity to participate in this appeal. Due to our size, parishioners will be approached in stages **from early October through early December**.