

**Saving Our Parish Center**

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

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***Campaign Leadership Team in place!***

The Co-chairs of this campaign are:

**Mary Kircher**

**Joe Pert**

**Bill Regan**

**Jim Shannon**

The rest of the Leadership Committee is listed below. We thank these members of our parish community for their commitment to St. Bart's and offer our prayers for the campaign's success.

**Sheila Burns**

**Susan & Phil Calandra**

**Elizabeth & Rick Elwood**

**Lucy & Chuck Fontenot**

**Brenda & Edwin Foster**

**Susan & Bill Hill**

**Mary & Lynn Horne**

**Laura & Doug Hosking**

**Carol & Joe Marchi**

**Mary Ann Pietro**

**Idalee & Vince Pitino**

**Brenda & Jim Sell**

**Leticia & Dan Stenson**

**Betty Jue & Victor Tan**

**Sheila & George Tichy**

***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. How extensively is the Parish Center used currently?***

**A.** We are a very vibrant worship community - there are approximately **50 clubs and organizations**, and **over 350 children** participate in our Religious Education programs. The Parish Center is the site where most of these clubs and classes convene; if we do not address the Center's needs, it could be deemed unfit for use; without it, the essence of our parish life - and mission - could cease.

***Our Campaign Theme...***

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As a result of discussion within the campaign Leadership Committee, the above was selected as our campaign theme. It seems to perfectly capture our spirit in this effort. By addressing the very urgent needs of our Parish Center, we are clearly demonstrating our appreciation for those whose vision helped St. Bart's become the active parish community it is today, while simultaneously demonstrating our commitment to perpetuating this legacy

for the generations to come. It is our turn....