



ST. MARGARET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT NO. 2

DECEMBER 2004

Dear Fellow Parishioners

I was cautioned about coming to a parish that is starting a new capital campaign and a construction project. Campaigns and construction projects have a tendency to exhaust a pastor. So, I did my homework before I accepted the invitation to be your pastor.

I learned that St. Margaret's Parish is a family of people who are committed to their faith and their parish. The people are very talented and highly motivated, and want to be involved in the ministries of the parish, as well as development of the parish vision.

Also, St. Margaret's Parish is entering the second phase of its master plan by launching its second capital campaign. Part of my homework included examining how the first capital campaign and construction project went:

- ◆ The past capital campaign (to build our present multi-purpose facility) had a goal of \$1,500,000.00 and was launched in October 2000.
- ◆ To date, we have collected \$1,011,119.00, which is 68% of our goal. Over the last three years, we have had a number of people leave the parish and many more join our parish (we have 611 households registered with us). Several households have made contributions in excess of what they had pledged three years ago.
- ◆ Of our 439 original households, **309 households (70%) contributed to the first campaign.** (Average participation in church capital campaigns is 60%.)
- ◆ The total cost of the construction will be approximately \$2,500,000.00 when everything is paid.
- ◆ This will leave the parish in debt to the diocese for \$1,500,000.00 which, when we begin to pay off the debt, will be \$17,800.00 per month for principal and interest. That means **70% of our monthly income will go towards paying off our debt.** (The first \$600,000 raised in the second campaign will go to paying down our debt.)
- ◆ Throughout the first capital campaign phase, **parishioners were well informed** as to how the campaign was going, and had opportunities to learn more about the campaign if they wished.
- ◆ Once the capital campaign phase of the project was completed and St. Margaret's Parish was confident that

it had the necessary money to begin, the construction phase was started.

- ◆ Because of the good foresight of Fr. Mike Rice and others, most of the infrastructure is already in place for the construction of the next phases of our parish plan, which will result in **thousands of dollars in savings.**
- ◆ The construction phase resulted in a lot of confusion and frustration. There were several delays because of the city requirements, and inadequate planning on the part of the architect. The plans needed to be altered because of some unforeseen complications related to the land, the property lines and city codes. All this resulted in a lot of frustration on the part of the entire St. Margaret's community—staff and parishioners alike.
- ◆ **IN SUMMARY: St. Margaret's Parish is a very generous community; parishioners want to be included in the planning process; parishioners want to be informed on a regular basis (good and bad news); more thorough screening of our architect is needed; we need to be more conscientious about city requirements and codes; and parishioners need to be given an accounting of where their money is being spent.**

As your pastor, I have heard your concerns and will do my best to learn from you and your past experiences. I look forward to the day we can celebrate the success of the capital campaign phase and the completion of the construction phase with the entire parish. However, you must do your part also. I strongly invite all to be involved with our parish, whether it is with one of our ongoing ministries, or with the capital campaign. Do your part by continuing to ask good questions about the campaign, and by attending one of the upcoming "St. Margaret's Mixers." And, when it is time to make a financial commitment to our capital campaign, pray for God's guidance and give generously.

Thank you for your continued support for the parish, and your warm acceptance of me as your pastor.

In the peace of the season,

Fr. Robert

***Forward in Faith* Chosen As Capital Campaign Motto**

Forward in Faith has been chosen by the Executive Committee as the motto for our second capital campaign. This motto represents the hope that we will continue to grow—not just financially, but as a community of faith.

The *Forward in Faith* capital campaign is an opportunity for St. Margaret's Parish to become a stronger community as we work together to achieve our goals. As we go forward, we rely on our faith to guide our decisions and commitment.

Executive Committee Strives To Represent Parishioners

Fifty St. Margaret's parishioners have volunteered to serve as members of the Executive Committee for the *Forward in Faith* capital campaign. The 50 volunteers met for the first time on November 17.

The Executive Committee will guide the tailoring of the campaign plans to meet the unique needs of our parish, make decisions that reflect the needs of the congregation, and communicate the vision of the campaign to other parishioners in day-to-day interactions.

In summary, the role of the Executive Committee is to keep the PARISH involved in the process.

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