



"TO LIVE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST"

January 3, 2020

Dear friends,

Our St. Paul family has been on quite a journey these past five years. It has been a significant journey of self-discovery. We began 7 years ago when we purchased 10 acres adjacent to our property with an openness to possible future growth and expansion. As a Parish, we explored the possibilities of renovating or building a new church. Since no definitive conclusion was reached, the Lord led us instead to focus on building our community and relationship with Him. We chose ChristLife as a tool for that. Many people have had genuine conversions and rich experiences of the Holy Spirit working in their lives thanks to our ChristLife and Alpha Sessions.

When our 30-year-old facility began to show a need for major repairs, we were inspired to not only fix what was broken but to expand and renovate our worship space. Detailed plans and drawings were developed. With the approval of the parish, we launched a Capital Campaign and many of you generously pledged your support. However, as we informed you two months ago, due to an exorbitant cost increase we deemed that plan unreasonable. As a result, we were faced with two options: repair the existing sanctuary, or build a new church.

Everyone was invited and encouraged to prayerfully consider where the Lord is leading our parish. We distributed Decision Cards, and 80% of those who voted said yes in support of building a new church. Now we need the financial support to move forward. We have earnestly worked to answer your questions along the way.

Last weekend, we celebrated the Holy Family. They responded to God's call and trusted in His guidance for the journey. We, too, are a holy family and our journey requires faith and trust as we respond to God's call for our community.

The decision point is here. This is the crux of our five-year journey. You are the deciding factor. In order to accomplish the goal, we will need pledges in the amount of \$3 million to complement our \$2 million in savings. Please complete the enclosed pledge card. All families are asked to fill out a card (whether you have a current pledge or not), and return it to the office within the month of January. You may put it in this envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it by the office during the week, or address and mail it in.

In the event we attain our \$3 million goal, based on the results of these pledge cards, we will make plans and proceed with the design and construction process. At that point, we will follow up with you regarding your preferred giving method. If we do not reach our \$3 million goal, all money will be available for refund. Please signify your intentions on the enclosed card, and return it to us. May the Lord continue to bless and guide our St. Paul family.

Sincerely,
Building Committee Members