

Subject: Parish Center Update

Date: December 1, 2015

Since our last update, we have much positive news to share.

Our major donors have provided a check for \$500,000 which is a partial payment towards their pledge of \$750,000. This was deposited into our WE BELIEVE account at PNC Bank. This is a restricted account and all WE BELIEVE payments will be deposited into this account. Because WE BELIEVE is a restricted account, donations will be restricted to the projects identified in the Case Statement. Due to being restricted, the Archdiocese will not require the normal 6% assessment, so all monies raised will remain here at our Parish.

Enclosed is excerpted from Father's letter of appreciation to our anonymous donors:

"Thank you for your generous gift of \$500,000 and commitment to our WE BELIEVE Capital Campaign. As I reflect on your large donation, I say a simple prayer.....

Thank you, Lord, for the goodness of Your people.

God has blessed us with His love and our saving faith in Jesus Christ, and He has equipped us to continue the mission of sharing Jesus Christ and His Gospel with a broken and needy world. Your gift will strengthen Holy Trinity Parish and benefit our greater Kewaskum community for many generations."

We Believe Capital Campaign

Our Steering Team consists of 52 parishioners on 14 different teams. Also another 90 parishioners have volunteered to be on teams. So, we have about 140 parishioners currently working on WE BELIEVE activities. Teams met on November 11 & 12, November 21 & 22 and November 30 & December 1. You will notice several documents in your WE BELIEVE information packet. A special word of gratitude goes out to Lange Printing and anonymous donors who covered all costs of the materials. Important dates to remember:

Kick-Off Weekend.....December 5 & 6

Advance Commitment Gatherings.....January 20 & 21

Celebration Weekend.....April 16 & 17

This is our most historic Campaign – ever! As we begin, we encourage you to:

- Inform yourselves of our parish vision and goals.
- Speak warmly and positively to your neighbors.
- Pray daily for our parish leadership.
- Say "yes" when you are invited to serve.

Archdiocesan Building Commission

Our next meeting will be on February 11th. At this meeting we will submit Form D, which includes itemized quotations from contractors and financing plans. Once Form D is approved, then Holy Trinity can commence with construction.

The WE BELIEVE Campaign will change hearts, lives, families, and our parish.

Archdiocesan 2020 Plan

Per Mark Kemmeter, Director Planning & Councils, "The 2020 Plan for Holy Trinity in Kewaskum is rather clear. Holy Trinity will cluster with St. Michael and there will be one priest assigned for both parishes. Basically, you are as you shall be. There are no plans for further clustering of Holy Trinity."

Kitchen Equipment & Café Furniture

We were very fortunate to purchase the dining tables and chairs at the closed Convent in Campbellsport. We also purchased several large stainless steel counters, cabinets and preparation work areas. All of this equipment & furniture is well maintained and in like-new condition. We were able to purchase this for a very small price compared to what it would cost new. Many parishioners & youth helped on Friday, November 25th. We filled 4 large Drexel trucks and have all of this stored in a warehouse in Campbellsport. Thank you to Joel Fleischman and Jim Leister for completing this purchase and obtaining necessary storage.

Parishioner Support

Mark Filips, President of Vision Works, conducted a Feasibility Study to assess the support for a new Parish Activity Center and provided a report on July 17th to Pastoral & Finance Councils. Mr. Filips conducted 38 personal interviews with individuals and couples for a total of 57 people between June 25 and June 30, 2015. He also facilitated two focus groups on June 25 and 29, 2015 with a total of 60+ people. The findings of his study are:

- 91% of interviewees and focus group participants support the vision for a new Parish Activity Center.
- 93% agree with the appropriateness of a capital campaign.
- 83% indicate a general receptiveness to a new campaign.
- 97% recommended that Holy Trinity should proceed with a capital campaign.

Questions

Question: How will Holy Trinity be able to pay for the operating costs of Parish Center?

Answer: An anonymous donor is giving a gift up to \$25,000 annually for 10 years to pay for the operating costs of the Parish Center.

Question: Holy Trinity will lose between 28-30 parking spaces, how will these be replaced?

Answer: WE BELIEVE has budgeted \$40,000 to build 40 additional parking spaces in locations near HT church and Parish Center entrances. Also, overflow gravel parking may be constructed south of HT playground.

Question: Is our church and school growing?

Answer: Over the past 5-6 years, HT membership has grown from 700 to 830 members today. HT School enrollments have grown from 92 students in 2013 to 114 students today. Visits have already been conducted by approximately 15 families for the 2016-17 school year. Our total enrollments in all youth education programs have grown to 326 students today.

Father Ed supports the Parish Center as a much needed space to conduct our ministries.