

**Subject:** Parish Center Update

**Date:** February 27, 2016

### **Archbishop's Proxy**

Father Ed received the Archbishop's Proxy. It is signed. This signed proxy provides Holy Trinity the approval to commence with construction. The Proxy further stipulates:

- Diocesan approval is required for any changes in the design of our Parish Center.
- Catholic Mutual, our insurance provider, needs to review and approve the contract between Holy Trinity and CD Smith, our general building contractor.
- Holy Trinity will complete a photographic history of the construction of our Parish Center.

### **Credit Cards**

We know that many of you have asked in the past. We are now able to accept credit card payments for all money coming into Holy Trinity! We accept VISA, Master Card, Discover and American Express. We will need your Name, Address, Credit Card Number, & Expiration Date. We also need to know the amount of your donation and if it is recurring (if recurring how often and for how long) or if it is a one-time donation.

### **Celebration Weekend**

Save the Date! Our Celebration Weekend is planned for Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Events Team is meeting this week to plan and organize our Parish Center Celebration. Stay Tuned.

### **Holy Trinity Junior Girl Scouts**

Our Junior Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout cookies after all Masses between 2/27 through 3/6. Please consider purchasing these cookies as all profit will be donated to WE BELIEVE.

### **Questions Received This Past Week**

**Question:** Why are we publishing names of donors in the Bulletin and Kewaskum Statesman?

**Answer:** Hopefully all people are excited about Jesus and the mission He has given us in this world. As a matter of gratitude, we do want to thank all those who are making the Parish Center a reality. We have always publicly thanked those who make special gifts to our church or school, such as when we remodeled HT church, built the HT Narthex and constructed our HT School addition. Example: We have a beautiful Wall of Recognition in our school's entrance.

Many businesses, alumni and community friends are supporting our WE BELIEVE campaign. We want to publically thank these as well. There are always donors who do not wish to be recognized, and we always honor that....under our "Anonymous" classification. Because we are recognizing donors and those who are praying for our success, we decided to list all as "supporters" in our public recognitions. We sincerely thank all of our supporters.

**Question:** What will the Parish Center be named?

**Answer:** It will be called the Holy Trinity Parish Center. **Holy Trinity's Congregation** (legal name) is legally responsible for our campaign, our Parish Center and will own it. All contracts will be the legal responsibility of Holy Trinity. No other entity, including St. Michael Parish, will have any liability. We are separate corporations. We have separate Finance Councils &

Administrative Committees. Separate checking accounts. A Joint Pastoral Council and several Joint Committees are in place allowing both parishes to collaborate on selected ministries.

**Question:** Why is St. Michael's included in our WE BELIEVE brochures and ads?

**Answer:** All of our local Catholic parishes were listed in our WE BELIEVE brochures, including Holy Trinity, St. Michael, St. Matthias, and St. John of God. We have children and youth from all of these parishes attending HT School or enrolled in our CCD or CYE programs. We also work together on many ministries and provide assistance to many here in our local Kettle Moraine area. Our We Believe Steering Team has always sought to propose and not impose anything on others. We just want to "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."

**Question:** What percent of all pledges is expected to be collected over the next 3 years?

**Answer:** The good response with Steering Team involvement (over 240 parishioners), households participating and pledge numbers are something to be happy about. Yes, they are only pledges at this point. And some people will pass away, move away or not be able to fulfill their pledges. Through our Fulfillment Team and effort, we will work to maintain and increase the pledges over the next 3 years. With our Faith-In-Our-Future campaign, 85% of pledges were received over 3 years. We anticipate receiving 95%+ of pledges with WE BELIEVE.

**Question:** What if I can't fulfill my commitment or pledge payments?

**Answer:** We are counting on the long-term commitment from all. However, if circumstances arise that prevent completion, please contact HT office so we can adjust the pledged status.

**Question:** What impact will the closing of St. Mary School have on Holy Trinity?

**Answer:** There were many feelings of sadness and sorrow in our local Catholic community when this closing was announced. We have been praying for St. Mary's families. Some of us have experienced similar sadness, having gone through an experience of our own school closing. St. Mary's families who live in the Kewaskum School District are planning to send their children to HT School. One reason is logistics, as the KSD busses can pick up and deliver these children through their normal routes. Please be friendly, open and welcoming to these new families. A smile will go a long way toward making these families feel welcome!

### **Financial Assistant**

We announced several weeks ago that we created a part-time Financial Assistant position, due to increased workload in our Parish Office. We have been very fortunate to have Nancy Boden volunteer many hours over the past several years helping out with financial duties at the Parish Office. Recently, we awarded this position to Nancy. Please welcome Nancy.

### **As We All Know It's A Matter of Priority**

As Mother Teresa said so many times, "No one is so rich that they can't receive, nor so poor they can't give." Every rich person can use a few more friends and a few more hugs....And every financially challenged person has something they can give up!

Do you Believe in Us? We Believe in You! Become a part of something special. Please submit your Commitment/Pledge Card today. We sincerely thank you if you've made a pledge.

**"Great Lives Belong to Men & Women Who See Life Filled with Generosity"**