

Capital Campaign Overview

As the result of extensive research and study by the Finance Committee, School Board, and Parish Council, and the strong response to last year's Feasibility Study, we have undertaken "*Faith in Action...Building for Our Future.*" The campaign began on Monday, September 18 and is scheduled to conclude in early December.

The total estimated cost to build this new Center is approximately \$6,000,000. To achieve this total, we envision utilizing \$2,000,000 of our parish savings, borrowing \$1,500,000 from the Archdiocese, and raising the balance of \$2.5 million through this fund raising campaign. Work will begin according to the campaign's success, as well as our ability to secure the requisite permits from the city and loans from the Archdiocese. We hope to begin construction on the new Parish Community Center in the summer of 2007, with its expected completion approximately one year later.

The campaign is being **Co-chaired by Dennis Connors, Jenny McCann, and Joel Wine**, who are coordinating the efforts of a Leadership Committee consisting of nearly fifty members of our worship family.

If we are indeed going to reach our goal, we need the support of the entire St. Matthew's. family. Accordingly, **our objective is to give every member of our parish community the opportunity to participate.** We are aware, of course, that everyone has different financial resources, so **our campaign is based on equal sacrifices, not equal gifts** (*every gift, regardless of size, is gratefully appreciated and will be acknowledged, and gifts may be paid over a five-year period*).

Your prayers for the success of "*Faith in Action...Building for Our Future*" are greatly appreciated. How well we will be able to serve the current and future needs of our worship community depends on all of us at this time. When you are contacted by a campaign volunteer - a fellow member of St. Matthew's - and asked to consider your own gift, please think about what St. Matthew's means to you. We hope that you will graciously welcome these ambassadors of St. Matthew's, as they will be asking every member of our parish family to respond to this challenge.