

Campaign Messenger

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It's All About Building Community

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If you are wondering why we have adopted the new custom of greeting one another before Mass begins, let this phrase ring in your mind, *“It's all about building community.”*

The greater the connection and bond we build with one another, the more we realize our potential as a community of faith. This can mean so many wonderfully good things for us as people who share a love for God and a love for one another. The simple act of greeting one another can help us to get to know each other better. This will strengthen our bonds with each other and help us grow together as a community.



If you are asking, ‘why do we need a gathering space for our church,’ let this phrase ring in your mind, *“It's all about building community.”*

The purpose of the gathering space is to provide our community with a place where we can spend time with each other socially, just to “be” together. Spending quality time

with our parish family is a really good thing to do. “Donut Sundays” sound pretty good to me, how about you?

Another purpose of the gathering space is to have a place where we can meet, talk, or be instructed in the faith. Faith formation is something for all of us no matter what age we have reached. Remember that the gathering space will be nearly 3/4 the size of the church itself. It will be a great place for us to utilize in so many different ways for the good of our parishioners. *“It's all about building community.”*

Father Tim

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Support the Campaign

We recently received a generous gift from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in support of our capital campaign. Along with their donation, they sent us a lovely letter which I would like to share with you here:

Dr. Father Klunk:

For more than 50 years the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and Our Lady of Victory Parish had enjoyed a positive and

mutually beneficial relationship. The years of service offered by the Sisters have been recognized over and over again in the many concrete ways the parishioners have extended generosity to us.

In particular, in recent years you have been so gracious in welcoming our use of the facilities at Our Lady of Victory to celebrate our SND Jubiliarians.

We are conscious that the parish

is in the midst of a campaign directed toward the renovation of the worship space and we want to join the parishioners in this effort by offering a gift to the renovation fund. Enclosed you will find a check of \$500 for this purpose.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for the many gifts they have given us over the years.

Second Annual Celebration

The leadership of our Parish is in the midst of preparing another very special capital campaign anniversary celebration event in January. January 2007 will mark the end of the second year of our campaign redemption phase and we have many reasons to rejoice in our success.

We have raised nearly \$900,000 in pledges and donations for the renovation of our church. This is more than double our annual offertory income! Members of the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Baltimore are very impressed and encouraged with the amount of support we have received from our parishioners and the community.

We remain encouraged as well. Fr. Tim's article on the front page talks about our plans on how we will be able to use the planned Gathering space. With the addition of this space, we will be able to experience more fellowship and to grow closer as a parish community. We will have a place to have activities for the children and to enjoy refreshments or just to talk after mass. We will have a place to share our faith in an informal setting.

This space will be just the right size—bigger than the Marian Room and smaller than the Hall—for gatherings such as these. The plan also includes a private room

for families to gather before weddings and funerals.

Please plan to join us in January as we celebrate our achievements thus far, and keep the success of the "Continuing the Tradition of Victory" campaign in your prayers.

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Campaign Progress Report

Target In Bank to Begin Construction	\$1,250,000
Gifts Pledged To Date	\$ 899,594
Collections To Date*	\$ 546,411
Less: Campaign & Project Expenses to Date**	\$ <u>180,607</u>
Net Cash in Bank	\$ <u>365,804</u>
Number of Contributors	534

*Includes Crab Feast Fundraiser & Interest Earned

**Campaign & Project Expenses to Date Include:

Campaign Consulting & Administration	\$105,131
Architect Fees	40,884
Signs for Buildings	6,016
Supplies, Postage, Fundraising & Other	<u>28,576</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>180,607</u>

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 information about
 our
 "Continuing the
 Tradition of
 Victory"
 capital campaign
 and church
 renovation plans.*