

Campaign Messenger

Fulfilling Our Promise
The Debt Reduction Phase Campaign

April 11, 2010

Campaign Kick-Off Event This Weekend

A special Kick-off Celebration to mark the official start of our *Fulfilling Our Promise: The Debt Reduction Phase Campaign* is scheduled for this Sunday, April 11th at Noon. This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall and all church members and their families are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

The event will feature fine food and refreshments that are being specially prepared. More detailed information about our project and campaign will be shared.



You'll have the chance to meet and mix with fellow parish members and to hear from church, project and campaign leadership about our needs, our plans, the campaign and the various ways you can become invested and involved. Our newly printed campaign brochure will be distributed and our recently completed campaign DVD will be shown.

In addition, project and campaign leadership will be on hand to answer any and all questions that people may have.

In short, our Campaign Kick-Off Celebration promises to be an informational and inspirational event that you definitely don't want to miss! So please plan to attend if you can and remember that we absolutely **will not** be asking people for their gifts at this special event.

Creative Giving Seminar To Be Conducted This Week

Did you know that you could increase your current income by making a contribution to our church? Are you aware of the tax advantages of making charitable gifts? Would you like to explore opportunities to not only benefit our church, but also provide financial benefits to you and your family? If so, your questions will be answered at our *Creative Giving Seminar* scheduled for this Wednesday, April 14th, at 7:00pm in Room A11.

At this special seminar, a brief DVD presentation will be shown and a workbook will be provided, which will highlight the many, beneficial ways that gifts might be

made to our church and campaign. We'll explore and explain various methods and benefits of giving cash, securities, personal property, real estate, life insurance policies, and retirement savings. We'll discuss how to minimize or avoid taxes and generate income through various giving vehicles that you or we can help you to arrange. Additionally, we'll have a panel of experts on hand to answer questions and to help further explain and explore various gift-giving strategies. We can even continue to work with you and your advisors to help arrange for these special "creative gifts" where an interest exists.

So please plan to attend this special "Creative Giving Seminar" if you can. Call the Campaign Office at (952) 473-6601 or email campaign@st-barts.org to let us know you plan to attend. You'll be happy you did.

Upcoming Events

Campaign Kick-Off Event
Sunday, April 11th * Noon
Fellowship Hall

Creative Giving Seminar
Wednesday, April 14th
7:00 p.m. * Room A11

Commitment Weekend
Saturday & Sunday
May 15th and 16th

Volunteer News

Volunteers and those willing to volunteer with our campaign.

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| Kevin & Ellen Abram | Craig Hertenberg | Tim & Rosie Owens |
| Don Adams | Tom Hudson | Judy Paul |
| Marie Alt | Christopher & Sheila Jones | Rodney Pinkelman |
| Albert & Delores Azcarate | Owen Kane | Bob & Angela Poorman |
| Mary Barnett | Connie Kearney | Dan & Patricia Rathbun |
| Londa Bilski | Kristie Keller | Fr. Michael Reding |
| Bob Burns | Steven Kennedy | Harold Rudnick |
| John Cella | Jim Koch | Sam Sanchez |
| Mike & Mary Conklin | Paul Kralovec | Scott Sayer |
| Adam Cox | Mike LeJeune | Cindy Schriever |
| David & Susan Crist | John Lindquist | Dean Sparkman |
| Dan Delmore | Teresa Litfin-Wertz | Frank & Judy Stucki |
| Beth Dikeman | Lance Maly | Tom Threlkeld |
| Pete Eckerline | Jodene Marquis | Joe Vochko |
| Ed & Toni Egan | Nick Mattson | Jim & Kate Vogl |
| Joe Egan | Sharon McCartney | Melissa White |
| Chris Eldred | Jennifer McDonald | Jim Winkel |
| Bill Fennessey | Elaine Mead | James & Amy Wojciechowski |
| Lee Glover | Gary Moore | Lynda Wright |
| Merry Green | Pat Moran | James Wrubel & Lindsay |
| Kathy Grendahl | Dave & Rosemary Nelson | WoucZYna |
| John Grobe | Kay Ness | |
| Denis Harrington | Dave Obermiller | |

What In God's Name Is Going On Here?



Hear, Here

Join us for our

Fulfilling Our Promise: The Debt Reduction Phase

Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

Sunday, April 11th

12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Campaign Purpose and Goals

The main purpose of our campaign is to raise the funds required to reduce our debt from our extensive church and school renovations.

Our minimum goal is \$3,000,000, which will enable us to service our debt for the next three years and pay down nearly \$2,400,000 in principal.

Experts tell us this is a good goal for an average Catholic Church of our size and demographics. However, we have always strived to be better than average at St. Bartholomew, so we need and hope to do far better. Therefore, we've set a challenge goal of \$6,200,000 which, if met, will enable us to retire all of our debt, including the carrying costs of the loan for the next three years.

Minimum Goal
\$3,000,000

Challenge Goal
\$6,200,000

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this chart of gifts illustrates:

“They alternated in songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord . . . and all the people raised a great shout of joy, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord’s house had been laid.”

Ezra 3:11

Minimum Goal		
Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum
\$500,000 or More	1	\$500,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	2	\$500,000
\$100,000 - \$249,999	3	\$300,000
\$50,000 - \$99,999	6	\$300,000
\$25,000 - \$49,999	12	\$300,000
\$10,000 - \$24,999	30	\$300,000
\$5,000 - \$9,999	60	\$300,000
Less Than \$5,000	306	\$500,000
TOTAL	420	\$3,000,000

Gift Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. And there are a variety of ways that gifts can be made.

Pledges

Pledges payable over 3 years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright and are therefore essential to meeting our goal. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward your total pledge is also encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider gifts “in kind” such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry and antiques.

Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another option you may wish to consider. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now, but will not be received until later, and include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and gifts in trust.

Gift Opportunities

There are also several, specific gift opportunities that exist and give donors of qualifying gift amounts the unique chance to designate their gift for a particular portion of the project and dedicate it in honor or memory of those they choose. These special gift opportunities include:

Building Gift Opportunities

Worship and Welcome Center	\$1,000,000
School & Education Center	\$1,000,000

Special Selections

Narthex/Gathering Space	\$300,000	Music & Liturgy Office	\$25,000
Altar Platform and Furnishings	\$250,000 (gifted)	Communications Office	\$25,000
Educational Office Suite	\$250,000	Development Office	\$25,000
Parish Office Suite	\$250,000	Pastoral Care Office	\$25,000 (gifted)
Baptismal Font	\$150,000 (gifted)	Faith Formation Office	\$25,000 (gifted)
Choir Area	\$100,000	Deacon's Office	\$25,000 (gifted)
Elevator	\$100,000	Social Justice/Shared Ministry	\$20,000
Sacristy	\$75,000 (gifted)	Office Workroom	\$20,000
Parish Office Reception Area	\$75,000	Youth Ministry Office	\$20,000 (gifted)
Pastor's Office	\$75,000	Bookkeeping Office	\$20,000
Media Center	\$50,000 (gifted)	School Health Office	\$20,000 (gifted)
Administrator's Office	\$50,000	Renovated Classrooms	\$15,000 ea (3 of 18)
Principal's Office	\$50,000	Worship Space Music Area	\$6,000 (gifted)
Playground	\$50,000	Pews	\$6,000 ea (36 of 80)

Prices of the stated items are not necessarily reflective of the component's cost. Rather, they are based on the prominence of the item, our needs, and hopefully, the gift abilities of our community. Although payments for these gifts may be made over the entire pledge period, recognition will not be received until the gift is paid in full.

Focus On Giving... Appreciated Securities



Gifts of appreciated securities include stocks, bonds and mutual funds and are a popular and advantageous way for members to make gifts. Using appreciated securities that have been held longer than a year to fund a gift to our campaign offers:

- An income tax charitable deduction for the full market value of the security.
- No capital gains tax on the appreciated portion of the gift.
- The opportunity to make a generous gift to help ensure the success of our campaign.

Contact us when you are ready to transfer the securities to the church. If you sell the securities and then donate the money, you won't realize the same tax benefits.



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