

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

- **No. 1: The Campaign is the idea of a few individuals who want fancy office space and rectory remodeling.**

**Fact:** The proposed plans are certainly not the idea of just a few people. The process began in April of 2014 through meetings with the Bishop that initiated feasibility studies that led to initial meetings with parishioners. From July through December of 2014, meetings were conducted with 580 parishioners; a parish wide survey was conducted in addition to an online survey. These interviews, meetings and surveys would result in the Capital Campaign moving forward and reaching out to the parish in multiple Town Hall meetings. The St. John Vianney Capital Campaign is the result of the hard work and vision of many parishioners over the last **two years**. Remember, we are creating a Parish Center Complex to be shared by all facets of the Parish. Please refer to the campaign brochure or website for full details and renderings on the many aspects of the projects. You will find that the plans for priority #1 are not merely about office space. This phase encompasses so much more and it is understandable that much can be lost when just looking at the rendering of the project. There are renovations to the existing gymnasium, new HVAC air conditioning systems, new flooring, paint, new gym windows, renovations for a catering kitchen, accessible through the gymnasium & the Joan Wedgewood Center, modifications to the men's room, building an exterior attached basic storage building, new building entry and façade, renovations to the former chapel area, reconfiguration of administrative space for the school and created space for parish offices. After this work is complete there are 4 other priorities before any renovations would be considered for the rectory. The rectory is scheduled to be completed as the 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 Priorities and will consist of basic cosmetic updates to the interior.

- **No. 2: The roof over our building is still leaking and nothing will be done.**

**Fact:** There hasn't been any leaking since Jan. 11 and a temporary fix has already been made. The rains on January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> caused a breach in the roof and water was penetrating the school office and multiple classrooms. This was brought to the attention of all parishioners in the bulletin and at masses on the following Sunday, as well as on the SJV Website. This parish space is used not only by our school but also by our religious education program and ministries. It is vital for all that we remedy the problem and we have been hard at work on it. Immediately we sought assistance to identify where the leak was and to fix it. Given the weather conditions, we did the repairs recommended by a roofing contractor and as weather improves a contractor will do more work to continue a temporary fix. We have consulted our insurance and expect that the cost of these temporary repairs will be covered by insurance. This will not be a final solution as we will eventually have to replace the whole roof. The breach in the roof caused damage to certain sections of the flooring and drop ceiling that will or have been repaired. We are working with school administration, at this time, to itemize the losses. According to the professionals who went through the space, there is no damage to the walls or compromise to the building structure. We are monitoring the weather for snow and rain and taking precautions to cover items with tarps in the event new leaks develop before we can replace the entire roof. The roof replacement was known and that it needed to be addressed within the next five years which is why we identified the roof as a Priority No. 2 in our Capital Campaign fundraising efforts. This event has heightened our awareness of the roof and it is being monitored in our process as we move forward. "Our United in Faith" campaign is all about maintaining our facilities so that all our parishioners and ministries have safe access to space.

- **No. 3: Nobody in the Parish Community had input into the project, priorities and design.**

**Fact:** Every step in the process was driven by parishioners and sought input from parishioners. Mike Casciano, a parishioner and Chairperson of the Finance Committee, outlined the entire process at each Mass on February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> when he spoke from the pulpit. The vision for our parish as a vibrant community took root several years ago with the Parish Vitality Committee. This committee of parishioners realized that space and facilities needed to be restructured to better serve our ministries and vision for the future. The Finance Committee, another group of parishioners, approved a Feasibility Study to explore the possibility and test support for a proposed project. Ruotolo Associates conducted a study with 580 parishioners and school families participating. Through the Study it was parishioners who identified the list of priorities. So, as an example, at the bottom of the priority list are renovations to the rectory as it was prioritized by parishioners. All parishioners

were invited to Town Hall meetings where the results of that Study were shared. A new Steering Committee of parishioners was formed to work with an architect on specific project plans. With plans drafted, the Architect, Jake Schneider, held Town Hall meetings to introduce the plans to parishioners. We received great feedback on these plans and, to that point, the architect made additional adjustments to the plans based on comments from parishioners. It was then that a Campaign Committee of parishioners was formed with Gene and Ann Jordan named as Chairpersons. This committee began raising money in support of the proposed priorities a few months ago.

- **No. 4: The Campaign can't be done – the parish cannot support it.**

*Fact:* No doubt, the goal established is a challenging goal but we took on that challenge after a significant amount of planning. In 2014 the parish conducted a Feasibility Study. We asked parishioners to participate and 580 did respond. In this study we tested how receptive parishioners would be to a new parish center, renovations to the school and rectory. The projected cost of the original plan was \$3 million to \$4 million. Parishioners were receptive to the basic concepts presented but said they would not support a cost of \$3 million plus. Parishioners in the study indicated their own range of support. The total of those parishioners alone were between \$664,000 and \$1,143,000. Knowing that the first proposed project list was too much, we scaled back, and worked with the architect on a plan that would still meet our needs while also costing us less. We have approximately 2,200 registered families plus school families and we are underway with the fund raising. We understand that not everyone has the financial capacity to give. But if an additional 470 families give an average gift of \$3,000 (\$1,000/year) we would be able to surpass our goal. That would be a commitment of \$2.80 per day, \$19.50 per week or \$75 per month. As a parish family we do have the capacity to raise this money if we work together.

- **No. 5: The project isn't necessary and there isn't much that happens at SJV except for the school and Faith Formation instruction.**

*Fact:* The project will support the **280** school students and the **700** religious education students but this just scratches the surface as there is so much more that happens at St. John Vianney. Our Parish Family has **37** active and vibrant programs and organizations that utilize the various locations of the property which involve almost **600 people**. The scheduling of facilities and utilization times are a monumental task as these structures are used every day of the week. These programs are what we currently are able to provide - while we have actually turned away active programming due to the lack of space. This Capital Campaign project will also provide support to the many dinners and special events the parish and school have throughout the year as well as the annual parish Lawn Fete. At the completion of this project, the future possibilities are **only limited by us** and not by what the property will have to offer.

- **Our Church envelope packets already contain a Monthly Facilities Enhancement Envelope. How are all those monies being spent and why shouldn't those funds cover the project?**

*Fact:* The Facility Enhancement Fund envelope that is included in the monthly envelopes brings in less than \$3,000/month and already has many defined purposes. The donations provided through that special collection are utilized for the upkeep and maintenance of the church and grounds. These expenses include a vast range of needs such as repairs and preventive maintenance to the heating and air conditioning systems, entrance doors, canopy, fire alarm system, general building repairs/upgrades, equipment maintenance/repairs and the grounds (landscaping as well as snowplowing/salting/maintaining the parking lot). In addition, it also supports the general needs of the property which includes but not limited to light bulbs, toiletries, rugs and general maintenance and cleaning. All these things need to be taken care of to support the current facility and will need to remain in place to address the needs of the facility for the future. To properly reflect the use of these funds, it was recommended that this envelope be renamed to Facilities Maintenance Envelope.

We thank all of the Parishioners who have taken the time to meet with the various members of the Capital Campaign Committee after the Masses these past few months. The questions and concerns presented by you have been many but the above comments address the most common concerns and questions.

Your efforts to support this parish are evident in the fact that we are an evolving parish community made up of families from all walks of life. This Capital Campaign is not about one specific group or individuals but our whole parish family – the one that we see in our church and buildings, today, as well as the families of tomorrow.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your decision and may God continue to Bless you and your family.