

FROM FR. MARIO

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

—Jeremiah 29:11



Dear Parishioners,

God is always faithful to us, and we are called to be faithful to God.

This mutual faithfulness extends to our efforts to update our parish facilities. We are now being challenged to be good stewards by planning for the future of our parish.

This project is a great task. It takes faith in God as we progress with the planning and the fundraising. It will take faith in each other.

Our Commitment Weekend will be in December. Prior to that, I ask that you prayerfully consider a commitment to the campaign and to the future of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Personal discernment will be part of this process and has two components: First, gathering information is necessary to making informed decisions.

Our events team is planning a handful of get-togethers, each including refreshments and a brief presentation. At these socials, our vision will be shared, the projects will be explained and your questions will be answered.

Please review the upcoming event list in this newsletter and choose a date compatible with your schedule. Bring a parish friend or neighbor and join us in fellowship. It will only take one hour.

Second, prayer is a valuable guide in any discernment process. Printed in this newsletter is our campaign prayer and prayer cards are available in the church, school and parish office. Consider praying this on a daily basis; maybe with your family before the evening meal or at night prayer. As you pray for this parish family, know that you are in my prayers!

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our parish and this capital campaign process.

God Bless You,

Fr. Mario Rapose



CAMPAIGN THEME INTRODUCED

by Jessica Earlywine

The Communications Team is pleased to unveil the theme and logo that will be used for our capital campaign. This creation was our first charge when we began meeting in September.

In reflecting on a theme, we discussed what makes our parish special. We talked about what our goals for the future are. The group wanted our theme and resulting logo to capture the uniqueness and dedication of our parish community. We feel the following theme accomplishes this:

GROWING TOGETHER FAITH • FAMILY • FUTURE

Our logo is simple: A beautiful, thriving tree, representing St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish, bearing the cross upon which Jesus died for us all. The roots symbolize our mutual history of two separate and distinct churches combining, growing together in strength and becoming one united Parish.

With the guidance of our Lord, this campaign will allow us to pursue our mission and will strengthen us as we grow together. The many branches represent what we have found to be our mutual inspiration - *faith, family* and the *future*.

Over the past few years since our unification into St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish, we are growing in *Faith* each day while moving inexorably toward becoming one *family* united in *faith* with an eye toward our *future*. Finally, we are investing in our *future* by uniting together to make our parish a comfortable and welcoming home for each of us who share a vision for our *faith, our family* and our *future*.

YOUR CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Co-Chairs: Tracy Bahle, Jessica Earlywine, Jan Sammons Team: Doug Bahle, Matt Bohnenkamp, Patty Lang, Tom Locher, Alice Huber, Hugh Reilly and Patty Wiederholt.

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

by Sarah Parys



Father, Son and Holy Spirit
We praise and adore You.

With trust, we put our faith, family and future
Into Your hands.

Unite us as we joyfully grow together as one.

As we pray for all who
Form our parish community
May we be renewed and revitalized
To bring honor and glory to You.

Amen



As members of the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Campaign Prayer Team, we are hopeful that all parishioners will be united in prayer during this process. To aid in creating this unity, we focused on writing a prayer to promote the tenets of our campaign theme: Growing Together – Faith, Family, Future.

Toward that objective, we went through a two-week discernment process inspired by Lectio Divina - a tradition of listening and contemplation to be in union with God.

Influenced first through prayer and silence, we shared parish experiences and collaborated on core values that make our parish special: Family, Love, Supportive, Faith and Caring. In developing prayer stanzas, we revisited those four themes in groups and a first draft was created. After rewording, rearranging, edits and additions by the Steering Committee, the prayer is complete.

This process included a great mixture of individual and group participation, truly inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer cards are available in the church entrance, the pews, the school and the parish office. We invite our entire St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parish family to join us, in reciting this prayer on a daily basis, as we seek the Lord's guidance in the weeks ahead.

YOUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER TEAM

Co-Chairs: Nancy Bohnenkamp, Sarah Parys, Peg Ricketts, Diane Sullivan Team: Kim & Bob Becker, Patty and Tom Carney, Fred Hendricks, Jim Huber, Bob & Marcia Marshall, Liz Maycock, Dorie Mittlieder, Dave & Carol Parks, Dorothy & Jon Polan, Carol Schade and Mary Ann Taylor.

You're Invited...

ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT CAMPAIGN SOCIALS

Come see the Facilities Presentation (with photos and blueprints) about the proposed Facility changes. Come to socialize with Parish friends and get answers to your questions about the changes.

OKTOBERFEST

Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 pm

Patty & Tom Carney's Barn

8322 Pawnee Road

Omaha NE 68122



COFFEE, JUICE AND PIE OH MY!

Friday, November 2, 9:00 am

After morning Mass

Activity Center



PASTRIES WITH PADRE

Sunday, November 11, 8:30 am

Parish Center

Childcare provided



FIESTA WITH FATHER

Thursday, November 15, 6:00 pm

Activity Center

Childcare provided



PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Sunday, November 18, 11:30 am

Parish Center

Childcare provided



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(402) 578-6879. To help us plan
appropriately, please RSVP to
one of the Events.