



**BUILDING *a* BEAUTIFUL  
CHURCH *for* MARY**  
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# CAMPAIGN *Newsletter*

I'm pleased and excited to share that our *Building a Beautiful Church for Mary* Capital Campaign is progressing well. The hard work of our volunteers and the sacrifice of parishioners is paying dividends for our faith community. As of today, we total \$929,545 in campaign gifts and pledges. Thank you to our generous donors. It's humbling to receive your sacrifice. I pray that those families who continue to reflect upon their gift, will soon come on board and push us to the \$1 million milestone and beyond!

As you may recall, in late September we mailed a case statement and gift request letter to every registered parish household. We designated some families to receive a follow up call from volunteers, while encouraging others to mail in their commitment. In the weeks since, campaign volunteers have worked to arrange meetings with many to discuss the campaign, answer questions, and finalize pledge commitments. Many parishioners who received a pledge card, completed it and returned it to the parish office.

Whatever group you fall into, please work to submit your pledge over the next two weeks. We are eager to meet and exceed our \$2.5 million goal, but we need everyone in the parish to contribute at whatever level is sacrificial to them. We have accomplished a lot in this campaign with a participation rate of less than 10 percent. Imagine what we'll accomplish if every family defines a gift that is *sacrificial and meaningful*.

If you did not receive a gift request letter and case statement, have a campaign question or would like to make your commitment, please call our campaign manager, Steve Mattern, at 402-525-8115. Note that in the coming weeks, it'll become easier for you to make your gift through:

- Visiting with a volunteer after-Mass
- Completing your pledge card online
- Accepting your commitment over during one of our phone-a-thons

In the meantime, I encourage you to please follow up with your volunteer or return your pledge card to the parish office--mail or Sunday collection basket. We seized momentum, and we need it to continue!

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered for this effort and to those who have made a pledge. I'm humbled by how generous our parishioners can be with their time, talents and treasure. Together, we will be successful in *Building a Beautiful Church for Mary*.

God bless,

Fr. Longua, FSSP  
Pastor

