

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Campaign News

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This is the first in our series of newsletters to keep the Assumption Parish Family informed of the progress and activities of **Our Mission, Our Future ...Our Legacy**, the Campaign for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

Over the coming weeks permanent, seasonal parishioners & visitors to our mountain Church will be invited to join their fellow members in support of the campaign, which has a goal of raising a minimum of \$1.0 million to meet the costs of our parish development plan.

Read Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish *Campaign News* every week for late-breaking news about **Our Mission, Our Future ...Our Legacy Campaign**.



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A Message From Fr. Vincent Juan

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

Assumption Parish has been built upon the foundation of a strong Parish family. We can all be proud of creating a faith-filled atmosphere for all walks of life - - past, present and future. There is a strong sense of community oneness, which you have helped to create.

At Assumption Parish, a rich legacy of Catholic faith bestowed upon us by those pioneering families has been evident for nearly 150 years. Yet, even with the dedication of our new parish home in 2011, there is always room for further growth – literally, figuratively and spiritually. Imagine for a moment: where every single chair is filled, every single week at every single Mass; where our Faith Community is moved to new heights of closeness with our Lord; where we become a beacon of light for those away from the Church; where we minister to our own parishioners through evangelization efforts; where we prepare our youth to become Catholic leaders of tomorrow; and, where we redouble our efforts to help those less fortunate. Imagine that day where our debt is paid off to allow for future development of our parish; or, doing more good works of the Greater Church.

Our Mission and the fabric of Assumption Parish is a testament to our community's willingness to look beyond our past and present to embrace the future. We started out with a seed that blossomed, with certainly more room for growth. Through the generosity and dedication of past, present, permanent and seasonal parishioners our purpose as a Faith Community is clear: to help people grow in their walk with Christ; true love for the Eucharist; and, be a vibrant Church for generations to come.

And, what about tomorrow? Can we nurture a youth ministry program or hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner or other communal gatherings? The sad answer is no. We lack sufficient space to accommodate these and a multitude of other life enhancing activities. For Assumption Parish to grow and flourish, we must keep pace with a yearning for sacramental life, spiritual growth, hospitality, education, fellowship and outreach.

Our Mission, Our Future ...Our Legacy Campaign seeks to address these challenges by funding four important initiatives: retirement of our parish debt; participation in the diocesan **ONE** Campaign; undertake modest improvements to our Mission Church; and, establish a seed fund for future parish development. To realize our vision, our campaign seeks to raise a minimum of \$1.0 million in gifts and pledges over the next few months.

Under the guidance of our capable and committed campaign leadership team, over the next several weeks a volunteer team of individuals will be recruited and mobilized to serve as ambassadors in sharing our vision with their fellow Assumption Parish family members. Please join me and the many others who have already committed their time, talents and sacrificial financial support to this vital parish-wide endeavor.

Faithfully in Christ,

Rev. Vincent R. Juan, JCL

Pastor

Planning Cabinet Convenes To Map Out Campaign

A group of parish leaders has initiated efforts to organize our campaign for its formal launch, which officially will get underway next month.

Chaired by **Bob Mescher**, members of our Planning Cabinet are diligently undertaking several important pre-campaign initiatives: recruiting campaign leaders; formulating a communications strategy; and, finalizing the campaign's timetable and plan. Joining Bob as members of the committee are:

Dan Collin	Margaret Paine
Alicia Guzman	Polo & Bertha Ramirez
Dan & Melissa Mangus	Maureen Sheehan
Wanda McDermott	Abel Villagomez
David Murakami	

A primary initiative of the Planning Cabinet is to significantly expand our current leadership team. Over the next two weeks members will personally invite a cross-section of our parish community: young families, retirees and ministry leaders to join with them, accepting the challenge of leading our parish-wide fund raising endeavor.

Fr. Vince stated, "I am pleased to have these men and women join with me as members of our Planning Cabinet. Their leadership, talents and insights of our parish community will be an invaluable asset as we plan for to undertake this significant fund raising initiative to further our mission, our future and our legacy."

**Planning Cabinet Members
Mark Your Calendars for Our Second Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015
6:00 PM**

Assumption Church

Questions & Answers

Each edition of the Assumption Parish Campaign News will answer some of the many questions parishioners have regarding our parish development plan and the campaign, **Our Mission, Our Future ...Our Legacy**. This edition's questions are:

Why Are We Conducting a Campaign?

Following extensive parishioner input, considerable support for a capital campaign was voiced to continue the bountiful spiritual and physical growth of our Parish. **"Why now?"** many of you may be asking. I believe the answer is self-evident: To create a foundation for current and future generations of Assumption Catholic Church.

With our new church having existed for only a few short years in comparison to the larger Church of 2000 years, what will our children's children find? What will be the legacy of Assumption Parish in 100 years? What seeds will we plant today that can grow bountifully? What will be our generation's contribution to cultivating a blossoming orchard for continued, sustainable growth?

Our Mission, Our Future ...Our Legacy Campaign seeks to raise a minimum of \$1.0 million in gifts and pledges, which will fund four important parish initiatives illuminating our pathway to tomorrow. One key initiative is the retirement of our parish debt.

What is Our Current Debt to the Diocese?

Enormous strides have been made to pay down costs of our \$6.2 million construction project. Through the extraordinary sacrificial giving of so many; our vigilance in keeping operating costs as low as possible; and, with proceeds from the sale of former church property due in 2021, we anticipate a remaining modest unfunded obligation of \$155,000.

Retiring our parish debt will permit funds currently allocated for debt service to be redeployed for education, social service, outreach to the poor and future parish development. The following table presents a status report of our construction financing plan.

Source of Funds	Amount	Amount
Campaign Gifts & Pledges	\$1,604,000	
Building Fund Savings	\$1,715,845	
Interest Income/Funds from Other Sources	\$1,283,060	
Total	\$4,602,905	
Note Payable to the Diocese		\$1,644,361
Note Receivable from Sale of Former Church	\$1,489,073	
Remaining Loan Balance after Proceeds of Church Sale	\$155,528	