

Building onto our past to FILL the Heart of St. Fabian



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When the Gathering Space was added in 2013, the Building and Grounds Committee and Finance Council discussed the need to create an additional space to connect the Gathering Space of the church with the kitchen and social hall. If one were to sit in our sanctuary on any given day, they would observe dozens of distractions as people use the aisle to access the other areas. When a visitor arrives on campus to attend an event in the social hall (for example a funeral luncheon or speaker series), many attendees find it difficult to locate the entrance. This is a problem for a few reasons, the actual doors are tucked behind the 2013 Gathering Space addition and this entrance is also hidden due to a walled off gas meter.

I am writing each family today to announce that we are ready to launch a Capital Campaign entitled **Building onto our past to FILL the Heart of St. Fabian**. The goal of this campaign is to restore the sanctity of our sanctuary, to improve our meeting venues, and complete the vision set forth a decade ago.

This campaign will raise funds to create:

- A new 2,500 square foot event venue that will connect the kitchen and social hall to the Gathering Space
- An entrance to the social hall that is visible from the parking lot
- Dramatic renovation of both small and large social halls
- A raised ceiling and natural light for the hallway that currently leads to the kitchen and social hall
- More mechanical storage space that is in high demand

The campaign will kick-off the weekend of January 14-15. At that time, I will begin sharing more information about this exciting endeavor. The weekend of January 28-29 is Commitment Weekend. Families will be asked to join other parishioners in making a pledge to support this endeavor. As of Christmas, more than \$700,000 has been pledged or committed to the campaign. Thank you to those who have already supported this campaign.

I have continually sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing for the good of the parish. Through prayer and the wisdom of others, I believe this is a work for the glory of God and the good of the parish. We are hoping for every family to participate in **Building onto our past to FILL the Heart of St. Fabian**. Be assured of my prayer for you and your family.

May God Be Blessed!

Monsignor Timothy Hogan