

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



HONORING OUR PAST ♦ SECURING OUR FUTURE



From Fr. Goldade

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to begin by expressing gratitude to God for the many gifts which He has given to this parish: a large Gothic church, a proper rectory, a beautiful school. These are only the material gifts. What about the people who acquired them, who maintained them and who now fill them. It is obvious that along the way there was always the right person for the right job.

Those who built up the parish certainly appreciated these gifts, but, an approaching third generation will inherit them, and they must understand their value and sacrifice to maintain them. Those, older in years, who did their part, eagerly wait for younger people to follow in their footsteps.

It has been observed in family businesses that the zeal and hard work which inspired the first two generations did not always carry over to the third, and therefore the business folded. We want to prevent such complacency, and this will be one of the great fruits of the capital campaign.

The campaign is more than just fundraising. It aims at nothing less than to “**Restore All Things in Christ**”. It is a reminder of who we are and what we must do. I see the campaign as a cultural boost, making the Church the focus in the lives of your families, and the more we sacrifice for it, the more we value it.

It is not enough that we hand on the gift of the Church to our children, we want them to be taught the lesson of the centrality of the Church in their spiritual and social lives. In a Catholic age the Church was at the center of the city and the center of life where one was baptized, confirmed, married, and buried. It was even the place where Catholic monarchs, the heads of government, were crowned. For us it is all of that and more.

I must thank the volunteers of the various teams who enthusiastically supported this effort with their time, ideas, and action. Our consultant, Joe Akers, has been invaluable. Organizing such an operation is like preparing a new food dish – you have to have a bit of faith in the recipe and directions.

Please enjoy this brochure, which recalls our history and our hope for St. Vincent de Paul Church. I encourage you to pray this novena (see page 7) to our patron. Such a big step forward must be the fruit of prayer. One thinks of the teacher Gamaliel when speaking of the early Church: “If this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it.” God bless you.

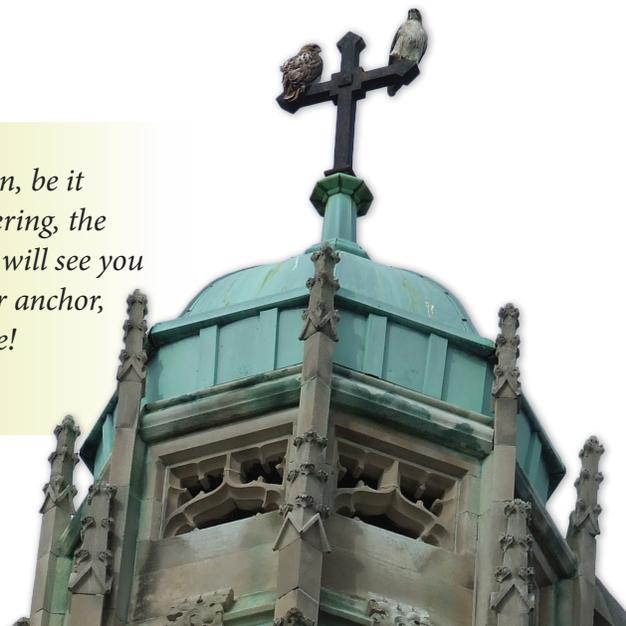
In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael Goldade



No matter what the situation, be it joy, sorrow, triumph or suffering, the Church has the answer and will see you through. She is our rock, our anchor, our light.... our eternal Hope!

Jason and Mary Greene





From Your Steering Committee

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Parishioners,

As the Steering Committee winds down its promotional activities for the Capital Campaign, let us recall the primary theme of this initiative – ***Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future***. Previous newsletters have been articulating the parish life that many of our parents and grandparents struggled to maintain, which we now wish to preserve for our children. Our mission critical instruments are the traditional Catholic liturgy, a Catholic education, and true Catholic friendships.

This should remind us also of St. Pius X's motto: ***To Restore All Things in Christ***, because we are aiming to revitalize our church and academy, built nearly 100 years ago, to pass on the Catholic lifestyle.

As Commitment Sunday draws near we will each be asked to evaluate: How I can thank those brave souls who defended our true Catholic Faith until now? What am I willing to sacrifice to secure it going forward? From Scripture we recall the farmer who found a Treasure in the field or the fisherman who found the Pearl of great price and how they sold everything in order to obtain what they valued.

We Catholics understand it is not the amount given but rather the sacrifice and love behind the gift that makes almsgiving meritorious. There is even an echo of this in the message of Dave Ramsey: *"Tithing teaches us how to keep God first in our lives and how to be unselfish people. Unselfish people make better husbands, wives, friends, relatives, employees, and employers."* If we can really improve our lives by giving, then there is no better time than the current Lenten season to combine prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving to maximize our progress. God is never outdone in generosity!

We should embrace our ancestor's spirit of sacrifice and generosity, whether they built St. Vincent de Paul Church in 1922, or fought to keep the Faith after the Vatican Council II, so we can proudly join them in securing our descendant's future in the Church.

St. Vincent de Paul – pray for us!

St. Joseph – pray for us!



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OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL

Our goal is to restore St. Vincent's Church to its original beauty; to preserve this church for our children and future generations.

- Having every parish family participate in the campaign by prayerfully considering a sacrificial gift over the next three years. This is in addition to regular Sunday giving.
- Raising \$700,000 – \$1,100,000 to address the restoration needs in both Phases I and II of the planning process.

Restoration Priorities

Both feasibility study interviews and input from the Facility Improvement Planning Team direct our priorities in two clear phases.

PHASE I: Seal the church from the elements to prevent further interior damage, and resurface the parking lot.

- **First Priority:** Restore roof, addressing over 30 active leaks
 - **Second Priority:** Tuck point building, matching texture, composition and color of original mortar; attempt to replace damaged stone from original quarries; remove environmental debris/discoloration from stone
 - **Third Priority:** Grade and resurface parking lot
- Estimated Cost \$550,000

PHASE II: Restore the interior of the church to its original beauty.

- Re-plaster and paint church interior
 - Asbestos Abatement
 - Restore/replace church flooring
 - Restore/replace pews
 - Review electrical
- Estimated Cost \$550,000

The components of each phase are estimated to cost \$550,000 for a total restoration cost of \$1,100,000.

In following a master plan for restoration, we address one project at a time, as funding is available. If a project is less costly than anticipated, or campaign funding increases, we move to the next project more quickly.



When my children were growing up, all the transition in the Catholic Church started and we were looking for a traditional Church. As the grandchildren were coming along we needed a school and I spent six days a week to get it ready. I want to make every sacrifice to allow the Church and school to exist because I've seen the results and differences.

Bob Price



Restore roof. Estimated Cost - \$200,000

Facility Improvement Planning Team

Fr. Goldade	Bob Price
Fr. Fahnestock	Justin Tomac
Steve Dailey	Tim Walter
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"To Restore All Things in Christ"

-Pope St. Pius X



NOW IS THE TIME

- St. Vincent de Paul is fiscally sound, projecting an operating budget surplus for 2015
- The current budget, while strong, does not have room to absorb major restoration issues.
- Parishioners are generally enthused about the campaign and the restoration projects.
- One hundred percent (100%) of campaign contributions will remain at St. Vincent's and be used solely for restoration projects. There will be no District assessment on campaign contributions.
- Delaying restoration may result in major damage and unmanageable capital maintenance expense.



This building (church) is an expression of our living faith. It's an important manifestation of our traditions. The beauty of this church, the historical significance of this building is intimately tied to our Catholicism.

Chris and Cathy Stegall



Priority 2
Tuck point church. Estimated Cost – \$200,000



Priority 3
Grade and resurface parking lot. Estimated Cost – \$150,000



Since moving to Kansas City, St. Vincent's has provided us everything we could hope for: the Mass, the sacraments, religious instruction, and Catholic friends. Now that we've added to our family, we are hopeful that the school will continue to grow and prosper so that our children can receive a sound Catholic education.

Kenny and Katy Engholm

Decision to Give

How much should I give to the Capital Campaign?

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider pledging three percent to five percent of their annual income for each of the three years of the campaign – over and above their regular Sunday giving to the church. For those on a fixed income, we ask that you prayerfully consider giving 3 percent to 5 percent of your household assets, either as a lump sum gift or spread over three years. Please remember:

All pledges, no matter the amount are welcomed—and all sacrifice is equal in the eyes of God. The charts here show how your commitment can be fulfilled annually, monthly or weekly.



ANNUAL INCOME	3% GIVING CHART			
	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL 3-YEAR CONTRIBUTION
\$30,000	\$17	\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$50,000	\$39	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$75,000	\$43	\$188	\$2,250	\$6,750
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$150,000	\$87	\$375	\$4,500	\$13,500
\$200,000	\$115	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000

ANNUAL INCOME	5% GIVING CHART			
	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL 3-YEAR CONTRIBUTION
\$30,000	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$50,000	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$72	\$313	\$3,370	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$144	\$625	\$7,500	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000

CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$700,000 - \$1,100,000

- Estimated cost of Phase I projects including roof, tuck pointing and parking lot: \$550,000
- Estimated cost of Phase II interior restoration: \$550,000

A member of the Parish Roster Team will call you prior to Commitment Sunday to answer questions you might have about the restoration project and capital campaign.

Recall all the blessings God has given you, not only for your personal use, but to build the Kingdom of God on earth

Pray to discern what sacrificial gift God is asking you to commit to this capital campaign.

Bear in mind that every gift, regardless of amount, will be an important contribution to the capital campaign.

Discuss your participation and sacrifice with all members of your family as to what it will mean to you over the next three years.



Prayer to St. Vincent de Paul

O glorious Saint Vincent, heavenly patron of all charitable associations and father of all who are in misery, whilst thou wast on earth thou didst never cast out any who came to thee; ah, consider by what evils we are oppressed and come to our assistance! Obtain from thy Lord help for the poor, relief for the infirm, consolation for the afflicted, protection for the abandoned, a spirit of generosity for the rich, the grace of conversion for sinners, zeal for priests, peace for the Church, tranquillity and order for all nations, and salvation for them all. Yea, let all men prove the effects of thy merciful intercession, so that, being helped by thee in the miseries of this life, we may be united to thee in the life to come, where there shall be no more grief, nor weeping, nor sorrow, but joy and gladness and everlasting happiness. Amen.



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COMMITMENT SUNDAY — MARCH 15, 2015

History of St. Vincent de Paul Church

- 1887 At the invitation of Bishop Hogan the Vincentians found a city parish and build an initial wooden church at 1715 Oak Street. In 1895, the parish moves to a brick church at the northeast corner of 31st and Flora.
- 1921 Maurice Carroll designs the new St. Vincent's as "a true gothic parish church". The American Institute of Architects awards a gold medal for his unique design.
- 1923 Famed sculptor, Joseph Conradi carves a 12-ton limestone block in situ as Christ Crucified that faces The Paseo. Registered with the Smithsonian Institute, it's the city's first and largest of its kind.
- 1924 The new church is blessed by Bishop Lillis. It's Kansas City's first church of reinforced concrete and a solid redwood ceiling. (the English Cruck Truss design is unique for the United States)
- 1943 Three new marble altars are installed and blessed in the church by Bishop Edwin O'Hara. The Miraculous Medal (Lady) Chapel is designated the city's official shrine to that devotion.
- 1975 After 88 years, the Vincentians depart and the diocese closes St. Vincent's. The SSPX starts St. Michael the Archangel Mission for the Kansas City area. The Roman Mass is offered first in homes, then a small church, and finally in a floral shop basement.
- 1980 With the guidance and leadership of parishioners Al Walters and Joe Zubeck the SSPX purchases St. Vincent's Church. Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre declares: "It's magnificent! It's a cathedral!"
- 1981 Archbishop Lefebvre ordains several seminarians. On May 10, he blesses the church and gives First Communion and Confirmations to many children. The events earn St. Vincent's the nickname of the "Archbishop's Cathedral".
- 1989 St. Vincent's Academy is obtained and restored allowing classes to begin in 1990.
- 1997 The former rectory is purchased. In 2014, after extensive remodeling, the parish priests take residence.
- 2009 St. Vincent's role as the SSPX's "Episcopal church" is relived during the December 30th priestly ordination of Fr. Benjamin Campbell and the subdiaconate ordination of current academy principal, Fr. Jordan Fahnestock.
- 2012 St. Vincent's historic church bell is blessed on July 19 by District Superior, Fr. Arnaud Rostand, and named "Immaculate Conception". Dating from 1957, this bell is the second oldest in Kansas City.
- 2014 St. Vincent's begins a capital campaign toward the restoration of its nearly 95 year old church.



As long time parishioners, we are very happy to be a part of the Capital Campaign. Our beautiful church will be preserved for all the little souls we joyfully watch filling the pews.

Marc and Antoinette Jamerson