

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

“Our Journey Into The Future. . . Together”

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As we journey into the future together, we do so as God's Stewards. Our *time, talent, and treasure* are our three “Thank You's” to God for all that God has done and continues to do for us.

At this juncture in the Faith Journey of the Church of St. Thomas More, the gift of *treasure* is emphasized, in a special way, as we begin raising the necessary funds for the build out of our Parish Campus. The future that lays before us is exciting, and bright - our permanent Church/Sanctuary, Offices/ Youth Center, the five acre adjoining parcel of land, the retirement of the present debt, and \$1 million for the Diocesan Secondary Education Initiative. All is within view and near at hand!

You are a grateful people. You are a generous people. You are a Faith-filled people. I know that you will respond in the manner that is needed!

We now begin *“Our Journey Into The Future... Together!”* Let God who has begun this good work in us, bring it to fulfillment.

God's Blessings.

F.n. Mike



*This is what the Lord said to Moses:
“Tell the Israelites to take up a
collection for me. From every man
you shall accept the contribution that
his heart prompts him to give me.”*

Exodus 25:1-2



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

The author of the book of Ecclesiastes tells us “*there is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.*” We join in joyful thanksgiving for the completion of our Parish Center! It has served our needs well, yet we continue to grow as a Parish, and a new time has come. **The good news is that it is now our appointed time to build our Church/Sanctuary!** Our two previous Capital Campaigns, “*Standing on Holy Ground I*” and “*Standing on Holy Ground II*” were very successful. To date, combined contributions to these campaigns are at nearly \$5.2 million. Many thanks to our dedicated parishioners for their outstanding and ongoing generosity toward the build out of our Parish Campus!

Nearly 86% of registered households contributed to these two campaigns. Final pledge payments for our “*Standing on Holy Ground II*” campaign are due by December 31, 2004. Our current debt is \$850,000, with \$123,000 remaining to be paid in pledges. Overpayments continue to come in and have been in excess of 15% of amounts pledged. The remaining debt on this campaign is anticipated to be approximately \$750,000, which will roll over into our next campaign beginning January 1, 2005.

It is time to begin our new Capital Campaign. We already have \$2.1 million in committed donations that have been secured to go toward “*Our Journey Into The Future. . . Together*” Capital Campaign. We are off to a great start!

In the year since Fr. Mike arrived, he has worked very closely with our Parish Leadership. Two joint council meetings (Pastoral, Finance and Development) were held with the chairpersons, sub-committee chairs, and members attending. The purpose of these meetings was to come to a consensus as to what our future build out should entail. The main leadership then met with Fr. Mike, as well as Bishop Brom and representatives from the Diocese of San Diego, to finalize the decisions resulting from these meetings.

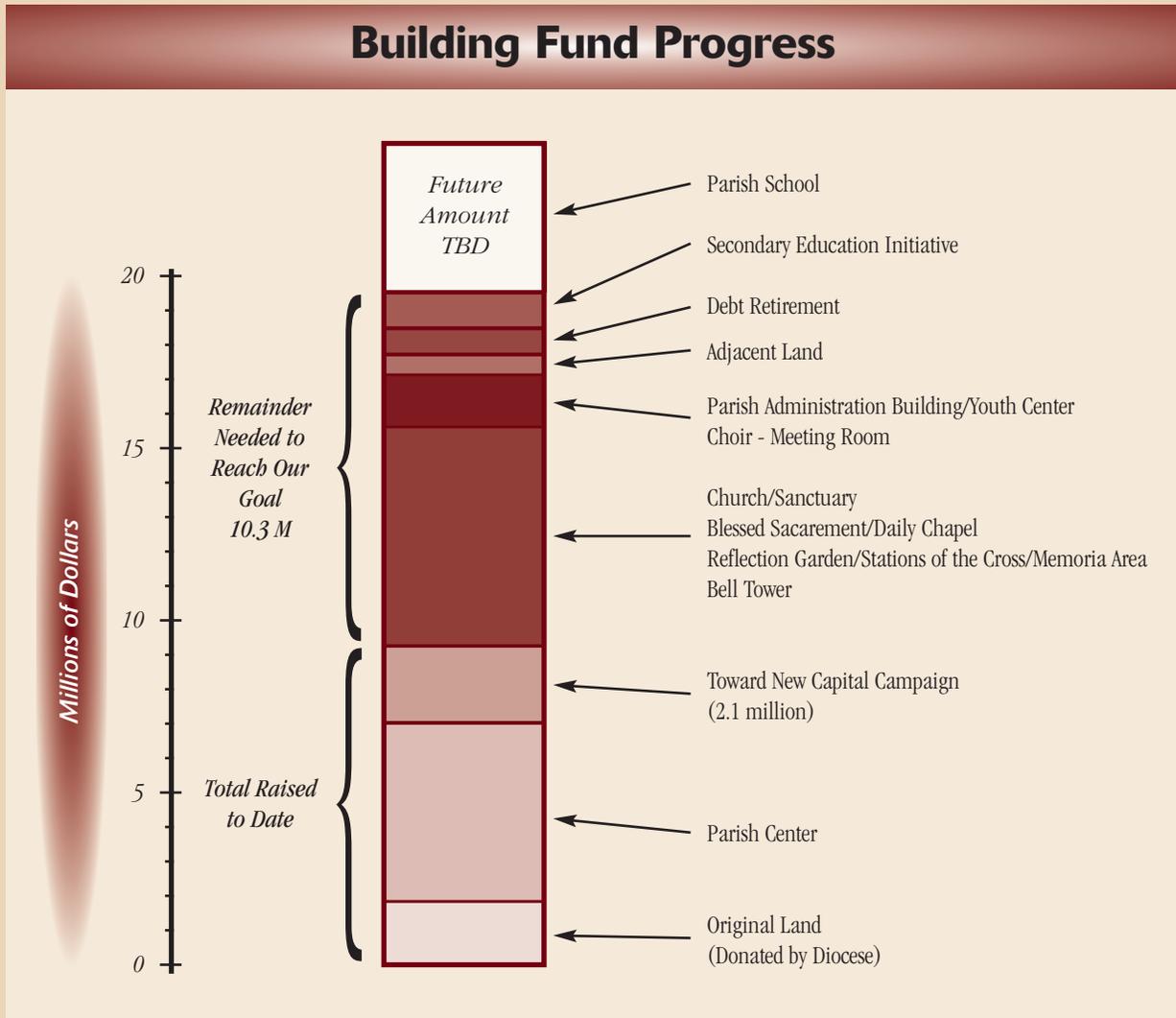
The following outlines our latest plan of record for parish expansion and development:

Church/Sanctuary Blessed Sacrament / Daily Chapel Reflection Garden / Stations of the Cross / Memorial Area	\$8.5 million
Parish Administration Building / Youth Center Choir-Meeting Room	\$1.5 million
Five Acre Adjacent Land Acquisition	\$585,000
Debt Retirement	\$750,000
Secondary Education Initiative / New Catholic High Schools	\$1 million
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$12.4 million</i>

At the beginning of our “*Standing on Holy Ground I*” Capital Campaign in 1998, we had 638 registered households. We now have approximately 1,100 registered households, which shows a 72% increase in Parish households in six years. With the recent opening of College Boulevard, and the upcoming opening of Melrose Drive in 2005, our projected growth is very positive.

Informational Town Hall Meetings were held in recent months to share the results of the joint Council meetings pertaining to our future campus build out and Sacrificial Giving/Tithing options at St. Thomas More. These meetings were very well received and answered many questions that have been raised over the last year. If you have questions regarding any of this material, please contact Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100, ext. 120 or cbriss@stmoside.org.

“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together” Capital Campaign officially begins during Stewardship Awareness/Renewal month in November. This brochure has now been mailed out to every registered household at St. Thomas More, and the details of the campaign will be verbally addressed throughout the month of November. Pledges will be offered in three and five year plans, and payments for the new campaign will begin in January, 2005.



Planning for the future of the parish is challenging and exciting! Some uncertainty exists with respect to future parish needs, and different parishioners tend to have a variety of preferences and priorities when it comes to the services and support they would like to have. One role of the church councils is to continue to consider all these matters in making the best decisions for the long-term good of the parish as a whole. God has richly blessed us over the years with many good stewards who have graciously given of their time, talent and treasure to help us as we continue to make our dream a reality.

The above graphic indicates “where we have been” and “where we are going.” We are indeed grateful for the gift of our first 10 acres of land by the Diocese of San Diego! By checking the graph above, one can see that we have *already raised* a substantial amount to date. While we have come a long way, we realize we still have a long way to go! Parishioners' continued support to the Building Fund is still earnestly needed and very much appreciated!.

MEMORIALS

A Way to Remember

Memorials are special way of honoring the people we love, whether they are living or deceased. These memorials are often made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessing received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. Those who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

All contributions will be recognized on a Memorial to be displayed in our Reflection Garden. By choosing a Memorial Gift Plan, you will have the opportunity to make your pledge in the memory or honor of a loved one. This will serve as a lasting tribute to honor the sacrifices our parishioners generously made.

SANCTUARY	\$7 Million
BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY CHAPEL	\$1 Million
BELL TOWER	\$150,000 *
CAST BRONZE BELLS FOR BELL TOWER	\$75,000
PRIESTS' SACRISTY	\$100,000
MINISTERS' SACRISTY	\$100,000
ALTAR/STATIONS OF THE CROSS	\$100,000 *
TABERNACLE	\$50,000 *
SANCTUARY LAMP	\$7,500
BAPTISMAL FONT	\$50,000 *
AMBRY	\$25,000 *
PIPE ORGAN	\$500,000
CONCERT GRAND PIANO	\$30,000 *
STAINED GLASS WINDOWS (4)	
(Scenes depicting the Life of St. Thomas More)	\$100,000/window**
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.....	\$1 Million
YOUTH CENTER	\$250,000
CHOIR - MEETING ROOM	\$250,000
REFLECTION GARDEN	\$500,000
COURTYARD FOUNTAINS/GROTTO	\$55,000 *
DONOR MEMORIAL IN REFLECTION GARDEN	\$150,000
PERMANENT FIRE PIT IN COURTYARD	
(For the blessing of the New Fire at the Easter Vigil)	\$25,000 *
CHURCH DOORS (Bronze)	\$100,000
AMBO	\$15,000
MARIAN IMAGE	\$50,000 *
RECONCILIATION ROOM	\$50,000
PROCESSIONAL CROSS.....	\$10,000
VOTIVE CANDLE ALCOVE	\$25,000
PRESIDER'S CHAIR.....	\$5,000
DEACON'S BENCH	\$5,000
CONCELEBRANT CHAIRS (6)	\$3,000/chair
VESTMENT CASE/Closet in Vestry	\$20,000
PASCHAL CANDLESTAND (Cast Bronze)	\$15,000 *
SANCTUARY CANDLESTICKS (6) & PROCESSIONAL CANDLES (2)	\$16,000
CANTOR STAND	\$5,000
OSSUARY (Cremains Holder for Funeral Mass)	\$10,000
ALTAR LINENS	\$5,000
ANTEPENDIA FOR ALTAR/AMBO	\$10,000
PEDESTALS FOR FLOWERS (8)	\$8,000
WEDDING KNEELERS (5)	\$5,000
ADVENT WREATH	\$5,000
CREDENCE TABLE	\$5,000
SETS OF CUPS FOR HOLY COMMUNION (2)	\$5,000
THURIBLE/BOAT/STAND	\$5,000
SECONDARY EDUCATION INITIATIVE	
(Pax Christi High School in Oceanside)	\$1 Million

* Already Reserved

** Two windows already reserved

(The dollar amount of your memorial may or may not reflect the actual cost of the item. We are in the very early stages of ascertaining these various costs.. Your donation will guarantee your memorial.)





SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS

5 YEAR GIFT PLAN

<i>Gift Amount</i>	Annually	Semi Annually	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	<i>Daily Sacrifice</i>
<i>\$125,000</i>	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$6,250.00	\$2,083.33	\$480.77	\$68.49
<i>\$100,000</i>	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,666.67	\$384.62	\$54.79
<i>\$75,000</i>	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$288.46	\$41.10
<i>\$50,000</i>	\$10,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$2,500.00	\$833.33	\$192.31	\$27.40
<i>\$37,500</i>	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$625.00	\$144.23	\$20.55
<i>\$25,000</i>	\$5,000.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,250.00	\$416.67	\$96.15	\$13.70
<i>\$15,000</i>	\$3,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$57.69	\$8.22
<i>\$10,000</i>	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$166.67	\$38.46	\$5.48
<i>\$7,500</i>	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$375.00	\$125.00	\$28.85	\$4.11
<i>\$5,000</i>	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$83.33	\$19.23	\$2.74

3 YEAR GIFT PLAN

<i>Gift Amount</i>	Annually	Semi Annually	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	<i>Daily Sacrifice</i>
<i>\$125,000</i>	\$41,666.67	\$20,833.33	\$10,416.67	\$3,472.22	\$801.28	\$114.16
<i>\$100,000</i>	\$33,333.33	\$16,666.67	\$8,333.33	\$2,777.78	\$641.03	\$91.32
<i>\$75,000</i>	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$6,250.00	\$2,083.33	\$480.77	\$68.49
<i>\$50,000</i>	\$16,666.67	\$8,333.33	\$4,166.67	\$1,388.89	\$320.51	\$45.66
<i>\$37,500</i>	\$12,500.00	\$6,250.00	\$3,125.00	\$1,041.67	\$240.38	\$34.25
<i>\$25,000</i>	\$8,333.33	\$4,166.67	\$2,083.33	\$694.44	\$160.26	\$22.83
<i>\$15,000</i>	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$416.67	\$96.15	\$13.70
<i>\$10,000</i>	\$3,333.33	\$1,666.67	\$833.33	\$277.78	\$64.10	\$9.13
<i>\$7,500</i>	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$625.00	\$208.33	\$48.08	\$6.85
<i>\$5,000</i>	\$1,666.67	\$833.33	\$416.67	\$138.89	\$32.05	\$4.57



PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Annuities

Gifts of Life Insurance

Gifts of Property

Gifts of Stocks

HOW CAN I MAKE MY PLEDGE?

Pledges Via Cash or Check:

Simply complete your pledge envelope by selecting the amount of your pledge. Make sure to select the method of payment, i.e., weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Building Fund. The parish will send you reminders according to your payment preference.

Gifts of Property, Annuities or Bequests:

Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal.

Gifts of Stock:

The Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego is the "corporation sole" for all parishes in the Diocese. Therefore all stock first must be transferred through the Diocese of San Diego prior to being liquidated. Donors can use their own broker/agent to transfer and sell the stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock at the time of transfer. The stock must first be transferred to the parish, (via the Diocese of San Diego) before being liquidated.

Matching Gifts:

Many members of the Church of St. Thomas More may be employees or former employees of companies which have a matching gift program. A matching gift program may allow a donor to double or even triple the size of the pledge through employer contributions.

Simply contact the personnel office at your company for the appropriate form, complete the donor portion and then forward the form with your pledge envelope to the Director of Stewardship and Development. We will then complete the form and return it to the company for you.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT PLEASE REMEMBER

- Make checks payable to St. Thomas More Building Fund.
- Pledge payments may also be made by Visa, Mastercard and automatic checking withdrawal.
- Indicate the payment plan that best allows you to pay your pledge balance. The parish will send you reminders according to your payment preference.
- Payments should be made over a period of either 60 or 36 months.
- Pledge payments are in additions to your regular offering contributions. The Sunday offertory collection pays for the day-to-day operations of the parish, while your pledge in this campaign will be used specifically for building our parish facilities.
- Pledges are not legally binding, but rather are an indication of your intention.

A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. Individuals who are financially able to pledge \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or more are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign!

Again, while not all families can give at the same level, we ask that each family make an equal sacrifice, not necessarily an equal gift. Look into your heart to find the sacrificial gift that best fits your blessing from God.



STEWARDSHIP OF ASSETS – PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Our Planned Giving program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out. Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in most cases, avoiding taxes. There have been changes in the tax laws that are beneficial to both the recipient and the giver.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

A Charitable Lead Trust is a way to reduce or eliminate taxes that would otherwise be due on assets left to your heirs. Under the terms of a lead trust, assets are transferred to a trust that pays income to the parish for a predetermined number of years. At the end of that period the assets are returned to whomever you specified at the start.

ANNUITIES

Annuities are investment contracts where a person deposits a sum of money with a guarantee that they will receive a specified rate of return from that investment.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a generous way for a person to assist the work of the church while, at the same time, affording the giver tax benefits and an attractive rate of return on the gift for the rest of their life. The return rate depends on the owner's age.

EXAMPLE: Samantha Wellness, age 70, sets up an annuity for herself. Her rate of return is 6.1%. If Samantha sets up an annuity for Steve, her 80 year old brother, Steve's rate is 7.8%.

A Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity, is one means to defer immediate returns in order to receive higher returns at a later date. For example: If you are 55 years old when you set up the annuity and choose to begin receiving income at age 65, you will have an annual rate of return of 10.5% as opposed to a return of 6.0%.

One Life		<i>Payments for the remainder of your life or lives</i>	Two Lives	
Age	% of Return		Age	% of Return
90	11.3%	92/92	10.0%	
87	10.2%	87/87	8.4%	
82	8.5%	83/83	7.4%	
77	7.4%	77/77	6.5%	
72	6.7%	72/72	6.0%	

A Two-Life Charitable Gift Annuity, provides a means after your death for a person of your choice to receive the same income you did for as long as that person lives.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY

One of the ways in which individuals can contribute to their church while, in most cases, avoiding taxes is to give your home or other real estate to the church while still retaining the use of the asset. The satisfaction of giving, as well as a tax deduction, is enjoyed now rather than later. You continue to live and take care of the property but because you have made a gift of the property by deed, it does not pass through your probate estate at death.

Tax Savings

Federal tax laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate gift, estate, capital gain, and income taxes on funds you donate for charitable purposes. Following are a number of options for fulfilling your 2004 charitable goals in ways that feature tax savings and other benefits.

Gifts of Cash

Through gifts of cash, it is possible to eliminate tax on a significant amount of applicable income.

IRAs

If you intend to give to a charity as part of your estate plan, leaving an IRA to the charity may be the best way to fulfill that intent. Your charity of choice, being income tax-exempt, will pay no income tax on the IRA distributions it receives. Family members, in contrast, would have to pay income tax on any distributions they receive from an IRA they inherit from you, though they would get an income tax deduction for estate taxes, if applicable.

Gifts of Other Assets

Gifts such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that have increased in value since you owned them, can result in tax savings.

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Development Council assists the pastor in creating a “culture of development” within the parish, serving as a catalyst for growth and providing the means for us to meet our long-term goals and objectives.

Chair:

Randy Reznicek758-5457*jlongrez@cox.net*

Secretary

T.L. Keenan734-5988*tl@maritimeescrow.com*

Committee Chairpersons

Stewardship Coordinator:

Our Coordinator organizes and directs efforts to involve volunteers in Parish programs and services, working to ensure the best match of parish and community needs with our volunteer capabilities.

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Sacrificial Giving/Tithing

The committee helps to coordinate Parish financial resources support through weekly donations.

Pat Sanchez599-4250*psanchez@tustinca.org*

Paul Ibbetson734-1051*paul@servicespecialists-inc.com*

Parish Membership

Membership serves as the welcoming committee for new parishioners. The committee members assist new members in networking with the various parish ministries.

Debbie Ipsen723-0402*debsmkbiz@direcway.com*

Annual Catholic Appeal

Betty Dorsa439-1747*lrdorsa@aol.com*

Capital Campaign

This committee works to ensure provision of the financial means to construct the necessary parish buildings.

Bill Ipsen723-0402*bipsen@kpimed.com*

New Construction

This committee assists and advises the pastor on major building projects within the parish.

Fred Just724-6607*justff@tcmc.com*

Publicity/Public Relations

Develops newsletters, press releases and media campaigns to promote the parish and parish activities.

Gloria Larson295-7834*gloria_larson@cox.net*

Planned Giving

Outreach to parishioners and the community to provide charitable opportunities through trusts, wills and estate planning.

(Position Available)

Script Sales

This program is a fund raiser to benefit the Building Fund. Scrip is gift certificates sold by various merchants that participate in the program. Scrip is sold to the parish at a discount. It is then sold at face value and the merchants donate the difference to the Building Fund. Sales after all Masses and Tues./Thurs. mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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