

Pastor's Column

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Towers of Faith—Be a Part of the Legacy!

“**Towers of Faith**” is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the generosity of a number of parishioners who wanted to ensure that the treasure they would leave behind upon their death would be a sign of life for future generations and a legacy that would continue to support the build-out of our Parish Campus.

As participants in the “**Towers of Faith**” program, these people share a common bond of overt generosity and visionary leadership which nourishes the ongoing success of our Parish.

The “**Towers of Faith**” have included St. Thomas More in their estate planning—through Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Life Insurance, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks and Gifts of Property. In some fashion, St. Thomas More is remembered, just as they remember family members and friends!

“**Towers of Faith**” is an important part of our future support. It helps to ensure that we can confidently move into the future and meet “head-on” the challenges that await us.

The Members of the “**Towers of Faith**” are the pioneers who are setting the example and encouraging other parishioners to follow their lead.

Our “**Towers of Faith**” include *Geraldine Barton, Carl & Colleen Bechtold, Michael Bosak, William Brincko, Ron & Louise Briseno, Hazel Bronzan, Roger & Pat Burkhardt, Jean Crowell, Jack & Charlotte Dale, Larry & Betty Dorsa, Don & Rosanna Eppich, Len & Lois Garth, Charles Robert Hall, Bill and Mary Haynes, Paul Kennedy, Anne Marshall, Josephine Mase, William Mazzarella, Pat McCarthy, Richard & Ann McGeary, Joyce Meehan, Elizabeth Miles, Leo & Beverly Miller, Ralph Mueller, John & Jean O'Donnell, Mary Anne Palmer, Mike & Natalie Provinse, Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Randy & Jana Reznicek, Connie Ringel, Christina Smith, Carl & Masako Streling, Frank & Mary Lou Thompson, and three households that wish to remain anonymous.*

We keep in memory those “**Towers of Faith**” who have gone before us in death: *Lew Crowell, Jim Kilian, and William Zontine.*

We are now gathering names for the 2008 “**Towers of Faith.**” Presently *Regina Aulisio, Maurine Shaughnessy, Maria Surmenidis and Elaine Weiler* have stepped forward!

It is my hope that you would consider remembering St. Thomas More in your estate planning and participating in this venture that is so vital to our future.

This year's “**Towers of Faith**” dinner will be on Sunday, November 9. At this dinner, we will break bread together again and celebrate with those who have chosen to be a part of the legacy. We will remember and honor those “**Towers of Faith**” who have gone before us in death, and we will recognize and honor our newest members.

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

She will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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