

Building *our* Community *of* Faith

A CAMPAIGN FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

“Unless the
Lord build the
house, they
labor in vain
who build”
Psalm 127:1



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Gracious God, You are the center of our lives and the source of all that is good. From generation to generation, the people of Saint Patrick's Parish have made many sacrifices, building a rock-solid foundation upon which we build our community of faith today. We thank You for the generosity of those who have gone before us in faith and we ask that You reward them with the gift of eternal life.

Father, we ask that You strengthen our faith, so that we may imitate the generosity of those who have gone before us. Help us become more focused on loving and caring for our families and neighbors. Guide us, as we strive to provide for the spiritual and temporal needs of our Parish and the greater community, and as we work together to build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

May the generations that come after us find that we were faithful in serving You and your people. May the legacy of generosity and sacrifice that was given to us be cherished today and passed to those who will live, work, and worship here tomorrow.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Dear Saint Patrick's Parish Family,

When I first came to Saint Patrick's Parish, I talked at all of the Masses about the future of our Parish family. I first acknowledged the great work that you accomplished in order to build the new church, start a Catholic elementary school program, and build a new elementary school building. You have proven that you have the ability, the desire, and the faith to "step up" to the challenge of building God's Kingdom here on earth. In this talk, I also announced that the Parish would begin a new building project. Just as you have come together in faith to build our beautiful church and elementary school building, I asked you to come together in faith to build again. My primary goal in the years that I have here with you is to continue to build the **community** that uses these buildings as places to gather, pray, learn, mourn, laugh, and grow as a family of faith. ***Are you willing to help me build?***



In 2007, Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School opened its doors, signifying the commitment to Catholic education in our community. This commitment was further demonstrated when the Parish took the next step of building a new elementary school building. This beautiful new facility would not have been made possible without the generous contributions of so many in our Parish and school community through our *Living the Faith* campaign.

While our previous campaign effort was successful, it did not completely cover the needs we had in building our first-class facility. As you may be aware, the building itself was constructed under budget, but start-up costs and furnishings increased the total cost of the facility. With interest already paid and estimated interest payments over the remaining life of the loan, we find ourselves in need of raising additional funds in order to continue our building loan payments.

Through the time that the Parish has built (and paid for) the new church, started the Catholic elementary school program, and built a new school building, there were deficits in our operating budget as well. The operating debt that was accumulated up until July of 2010 was \$1.25 million. From July of 2010 until the present, we have not had an operating deficit, which is a significant accomplishment. We still need to address the operating deficit from our recent past.

This spring we conducted a Feasibility Study and received feedback from our parishioners and school parents. We have listened to you and determined that now is the right time to make a move and reduce the debt the Parish owes. The success of the ***Building Our Community of Faith*** capital campaign will put our Parish in a more secure financial position.

As you consider supporting this effort, please think about what an asset and blessing Saint Patrick's Parish and Archbishop Bergan Catholic School are to our community. Think of the past generations who worked tirelessly to build our Parish family and who made many sacrifices to provide Catholic education to the children of our community. As we now build on their legacy of faith, courage, and trust, consider what the reduction of debt will mean to our Parish and school and how it will allow us to have the financial resources to build our community of faith as we faithfully move forward into the future that God has planned for us.

I am very hopeful about our future. There are so many people—who lived yesterday and who live today—that have given their hearts to God and who show us how to build our community. I am convinced that God will continue to be faithful to us and will guide us with His grace, so that, together, we will build the community that He wants us to be. I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you will support the ***Building Our Community of Faith*** campaign. I believe that I can count on you to make sacrifices, not to build with bricks and mortar, but to build with your own lives, so that we may truly be one faith, one family, united in God's love.

Your Servant in Christ,

Father David Belt

Father David Belt, Pastor

The mission of St. Patrick's Catholic Community is to believe,
live and proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ.





Archbishop Bergan Catholic School exists to instill a passion, as exemplified by Christ, for faith, knowledge and service.

POINTS OF PRIDE

- The high school has maintained a 100% graduation rate over the last decade.
- The average ACT score for the Class of 2012 was more than two points higher than the Nebraska state average.
- 100% retention - Every sixth grader who attended elementary school at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School during the 2011-12 school year will return to Bergan as a seventh grader.
- The 2011-12 kindergarten class at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School marked an enrollment record of 37.
- The school contains a Chapel with the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer garden.
- Each month the elementary school students take part in the Adoration of the Eucharist.
- All fourth graders learn how to play the violin and piano.



Bergan offers the advantage of a small school atmosphere with a wide variety of learning opportunities. Teachers, students and parents form a supportive family-oriented environment that truly makes for an excellent experience. Bergan has provided our daughters with countless opportunities to learn and grow in school work and in their faith. At Bergan we are able to blend our spiritual life with school work, extra-curricular activities and community service to make a complete learning experience for our kids and our family.

Bill and Joan Vobejda, Co-General Chairs



CAMPAIGN GOALS

We have established a three-tiered goal for the ***Building Our Community of Faith*** Capital Campaign. Following their Feasibility Study, representatives from the Steier Group reported that we could raise between \$1.8-\$2.8 million if we did a capital campaign for debt with a three-year pledge period. We believe we can raise the \$1.8 million, but we also believe that with the support of the entire St. Patrick's Parish family, we can raise much more.

CELEBRATION GOAL: \$2 million
CHALLENGE GOAL: \$2.5 million
PINNACLE GOAL: \$3 million



OUR NEEDS

The ***Building Our Community of Faith*** campaign is the next step toward putting St. Patrick's Parish on a more firm financial footing by helping to eliminate the debt associated with the construction of the Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School and by replenishing our line of credit which will in turn provide the Parish with more options if presented with cash flow issues in the future. Through previous campaign efforts, our Parish did remarkable work to raise the majority of funds for the brick and mortar portion of the elementary school building project. Now we must turn our attention to retiring the remaining debt left over from start-up costs, furnishings and interest.

THE FACTS

Through the *Living the Faith* campaign in 2007, the Parish raised \$4.2 million toward the \$6.1 million cost of building the Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School. In addition to the debt remaining from the construction of the school building, we have \$1,245,000 million of debt which was secured in 2010 to help pay off operation deficits accrued before that point. The ***Building Our Community of Faith*** capital campaign is designed to decrease \$6 million of debt the Parish currently has.



Archbishop Bergan Catholic Schools have provided our children a quality, faith-based education, instilling values that they will carry throughout their entire lives. We, as good stewards, need to continue sharing our gifts to ensure future generations are instilled with strong Catholic values. We believe that as a faith community, it is our responsibility to give the children of this Parish an opportunity for a Christ-centered education. This responsibility is not without cost, but when we as a Parish work together through our time, talent and treasure, we create a Parish that is alive in its faith. We give future generations a gift they will treasure for a lifetime.

Dan and Kathy Wiesen, Co-General Chairs



DEBT BREAKDOWN

\$1,900,000	Remaining total due following the previous building campaign
\$875,000	Start-up costs for the elementary school
\$300,000	New furnishings for the elementary school
\$1,700,000	Current and projected interest on the 10-year life of the loan
\$1,000,000	Line of credit secured to assist payments on operating debt accrued prior to July 2010
\$245,000	Interest-free loan through the Archdiocese of Omaha
= \$6,020,000	TOTAL debt remaining from construction of Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School and operation deficit (prior to July 2010)

OUR FUTURE

We are embarking on the *Building Our Community of Faith* campaign to retire as much of our debt as possible. By eliminating our debt, we will help lower payments on our loan and build up a reserve fund so future funds can be used for:

- Tuition assistance
- Academic programs
- Expanding ministries
- Renovation projects



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ANNUAL APPEAL

Every year St. Patrick's Parish is required to participate in the Archdiocese of Omaha's Annual Appeal and this year is no exception. Rather than run two separate campaigns however, we have been allowed to include the Archdiocese's appeal within the *Building Our Community of Faith* campaign. St. Patrick's goal for this year's annual appeal from the Archbishop was not finalized at the time of printing, but our goal is expected to be slightly more than last year's \$78,000. We ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to help our Parish reach its annual goal.

The Archdiocese's Annual Appeal is used to support the following areas:
Education • Ministries • Clergy

In order to conduct a successful capital campaign and achieve our campaign goals, St. Patrick's Parish will rely on the generosity of the entire Parish and school family. The following charts are provided to serve as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support.

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

As you personally gauge the level of support that you will provide to our campaign, the following information is provided to help you budget your pledge.

Total Pledge	Initial 10% Investment	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annually	Annually
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$4,167	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$50,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$2,778	\$8,333	\$16,667	\$33,333
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,333	\$16,667
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$694	\$2,083	\$4,167	\$8,333
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
\$6,000	\$600	\$167	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$3,000	\$300	\$83	\$250	\$500	\$1000

LEVELS OF SUPPORT

CELEBRATION GOAL				CHALLENGE GOAL			PINNACLE GOAL		
Gift Level	Number of Gifts Needed	Gift Prospects	Subtotal	Number of Gifts Needed	Gift Prospects	Subtotal	Number of Gifts Needed	Gift Prospects	Totals
\$300,000	1	4	\$300,000	1	4	\$300,000	1	4	\$300,000
\$150,000	1	4	\$150,000	1	4	\$150,000	2	8	\$300,000
\$100,000	2	8	\$200,000	2	8	\$200,000	3	12	\$300,000
\$50,000	4	16	\$200,000	4	16	\$200,000	6	20	\$300,000
\$30,000	6	36	\$180,000	9	36	\$270,000	15	60	\$450,000
\$15,000	10	60	\$150,000	15	60	\$225,000	20	80	\$300,000
\$9,000	15	100	\$135,000	25	100	\$225,000	30	120	\$270,000
\$4,500	25	200	\$112,500	50	200	\$225,000	50	200	\$225,000
\$3,000	70	440	\$210,000	110	440	\$330,000	75	300	\$225,000
\$1,500	150	700	\$225,000	175	700	\$262,500	220	880	\$330,000
> \$1,000	275	900	\$137,500	225	900	\$112,500	--	--	--
Totals	559	2,236	\$2,000,000	617	2,468	\$2,500,000	422	2,396	\$3,000,000

WAYS TO GIVE

Cash

The most common method of making a donation to a capital campaign is to make a pledge then make cash payments on your pledge using a check or credit card. You may benefit from such payments with a charitable deduction on your tax return. Did you know there are numerous other ways besides cash to give to St. Patrick's Parish that will benefit you and the Parish? Some of the most common options are as follows:



Securities

Stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that have appreciated can have an immediate impact on our campaign and also create an income tax deduction for you based on their current value.

Real Estate

Donations of appreciated homes and other real property are entitled to an income tax deduction equal to the full value of the property and no tax on the capital gain. It may even be possible to make your gift of property now, but still maintain the right to use the property.

Life Insurance

You may donate to the campaign by making St. Patrick's Parish or Archbishop Bergan Catholic School the owner and beneficiary of your insurance policy.

Corporate Matching Gifts

A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift.

Planned Gifts

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Below are a few commonly used ways of making a planned gift:

- Bequests by will or living trust
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions or financial accounts.

Contact your tax advisor about these options.



YOU CAN HELP

As you prayerfully consider your support of this campaign, we hope you will reflect on what St. Patrick's Parish means to you. Ask yourself, *"If not me....then who?"*

Your support of this campaign will help us to:

- Secure the financial future of our Parish and school
- Put Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in position to expand its programming
- Ensure future generations have access to the best Catholic education possible
- Ensure the faith formation of our youth, which has far reaching effect on our community for generations to come

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are we conducting a capital campaign?

We are in need of a capital campaign because we must lower the debt we currently owe from construction of the Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School and we need to replenish our line of credit which would then be available for us when the Parish has issues with cash flow. Based on the positive results from our feasibility study, the decision was made by the trustees, parish council, finance committee and school board to move forward with this campaign.

Why are we running another campaign for the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School – Elementary Building?

The elementary school building cost \$6.1 million for bricks and mortar. The *Living the Faith* campaign and other income provided \$4.2 million toward that cost and the remainder was financed through debt. The original \$6.1 million figure did not include start-up costs or furnishings and with the projected interest for the life of the loan, we have \$4.7 million remaining due on the school.

How much are our payments on the elementary school building?

We are making quarterly payments of \$64,000.

What is the interest rate and life of the loan?

The interest rate is 5.25 percent and we are in the second year of a 10-year loan.

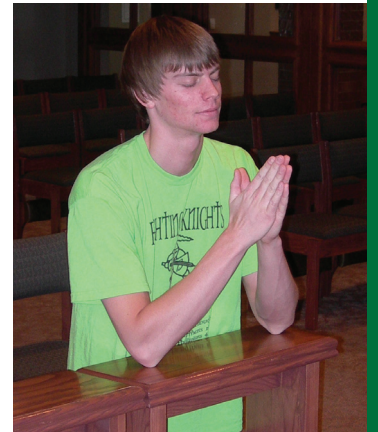
If we are able to reduce our payments on the loan, where will that money saved go?

The less money owed on the elementary school debt, the more money we will have available for a Parish reserve fund and our operating budget. We currently have a \$1 million line of credit which is helping us continue to pay off operating debt which accrued prior to July 2010 and through this campaign it is our intention to eliminate the need for this expense. With less debt, we will have more opportunities to increase our ministries and provide more tuition assistance.



Should we go into a campaign when our operating budget is experiencing shortfalls?

While our operating budget needed special attention last year, this year we have projected, due to increased income and decreased spending, that we will end the fiscal year with a balanced budget for the first time in over a decade. We have made difficult, yet necessary changes which have allowed the Parish to have a greater financial stability this year and into the future.



What about the other projects mentioned during the feasibility study – air conditioning for the Jr. High and Sr. High Gym, repairs and resurfacing of the parking lots and refurbishing the pipe organ?

The feedback received during the study provided minimal support for those projects, while reducing the debt we owe on construction of the elementary school received overwhelming support. Our current campaign will focus solely on debt reduction.

How will my pledges from the Living the Faith campaign be affected by this campaign?

We can work with you on an individual basis according to your specific pledge, including a delayed start to any pledge you will make to the *Building Our Community of Faith* campaign.

Will my pledge be legally binding? Will it be confidential?

A pledge is not legally binding, but it is a gift which you consider to be meaningful. All we ask is that you do your best to fulfill your pledge and advise us of any financial changes that will impact your commitment. All pledges will be kept as confidential as possible. Only the people responsible for maintaining the records will have access to your pledge information.

How do you determine the pledge amounts we are asking a family to consider?

The amounts are based on a number of factors, including giving history and answers shared in the feasibility study. Our goal is to challenge everyone to consider supporting St. Patrick's Parish and Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in a meaningful and sacrificial way, in a manner that works for each family.



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