

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE – FALL 2022**

Today I would like to update you on the improvements to our Holy Name of Jesus campus. Since our last update, the Capital Campaign has successfully funded several construction and remodeling projects. This month marks the start of the fourth year of fundraising for our Capital Campaign, whose goal is to modernize our facilities, create a safer campus, and bring the parish in compliance with diocesan standards. The initial plan of the Capital Campaign was to focus on four unique projects over a five-year period. These projects include: Building a new Rectory, Remodeling the Parish Business Office, Remodeling the Social Hall, and Creating a Parish Hall for small group events. We have made tremendous progress with each of these projects, and here is a summary of what has taken place.

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### **New Rectory:**

The new Parish Rectory was constructed between January and June of 2021 at a cost of \$910,000, approximately \$200,000 under budget. The rectory consists of four suites and one guest room for the resident priests, seminarians, and visiting clergy. Each suite has a bedroom, bath, and study. For those of you who toured the rectory last June, you will remember that the first floor has a kitchen, dining, and living room. The basement is unfinished. Three priests are presently living in the rectory. Moving the priest's living quarters out of the Parish Business Office provides privacy and brought the parish into compliance with diocesan norms. The two extra suites will be used at different times throughout the year.

### **Parish Business Office:**

The Parish Business Office was remodeled between January and March 2022 at a cost of \$78,000, approximately \$2,000 under budget. There were many problems with the office before the repairs were made. The roof leaked, the shingles were outdated, mold was found in the basement walls, and the electrical system needed to be updated to current standards. The leaking roof was replaced, and the basement mold problem was professionally remediated. The priest's living quarters were converted into office space for the Pastor and Parochial Vicar, and a private conference room was created. At the present time, the basement has not been repurposed.

### **Social Hall:**

The remodeling project for the Social Hall occurred between June and August 2022. Due to supply shortages and the time constraints of the school summer recess, the entire project needed to be divided into two phases. The goal of Phase One was to remodel the interior of Social Hall. The budget for the interior repairs was \$450,000. The final cost is still not tallied until we receive the final bills from the contractors. The project included replacement of all walls, ceiling, and flooring. Professionals removed the asbestos flooring, installed new electrical and ventilation systems, installed recessed LED lighting, and added a new sound system. The existing bathrooms were upgraded, and a new handicap accessible bathroom was installed. The kitchen received multiple upgrades to the outdated equipment. All this work was completed during the short summer recess and became operational for school lunches when the students returned. They were all thrilled to enjoy the remodeled Social Hall. We anticipate the completion of Phase Two of the Social Hall Project during the summer of 2023. Phase Two will primarily focus on new doors, windows, and the front façade.

**Parish Hall:**

The Parish Hall, in the lower level of the church, represents the final phase of the campus improvements. The goal is to construct an area for small group gatherings, ministries, and funeral luncheons. These renovations will create additional space for special parish functions that will not interfere while school is in session. The projected start date has not been set for this project.

**Parish Improvements Will Continue:**

In addition to the Capital Campaign improvements, our parish has been busy during these past three years with several repair and upgrade projects. The ongoing maintenance for the campus is funded by the General Parish Account, not the Capital Campaign Account. Some of the major projects included paving of the parking lot, playground safety enhancements, and necessary repairs to the prayer garden, choir elevator, chapel doors, and the leaking roof in the church. Major upgrades included installation of automatic entrance doors in the church, a hearing-impaired audio system, a new campus Wi-Fi system, and LED lighting upgrades in the church and parking areas. The school has seen multiple improvements over the same timeframe. Some of the more important projects included installation of a camera security system, door and security lock upgrades, repair of the HVAC system, and the purchase of specialized disinfection equipment during the COVID outbreak.

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Altogether, it is amazing what has been accomplished at Holy Name of Jesus over the past three years. Without your continued financial support, none of these achievements would have been possible. We owe extra credit to our team of consultants and parish administrator who were able to accomplish these improvements despite the usual delays and supply chain issues associated with the Covid outbreak.

In conclusion, the purpose of today's message is to highlight the work that your financial support has been able to accomplish. During the first three years of our Capital Campaign, we received \$1.1 million in donations. Our goal remains at \$2 million. We ask for your continued support as we move toward completion of the campus revitalization. Father Quinlan's wish is to manage a debt free parish. All of the projects completed during the past three years have been fully funded by the Capital Campaign without accumulating any debt for the parish. Father Quinlan hopes that you will take the opportunity to walk through the Social Hall today, after mass, to witness some of these improvements. Thank you for your attention. God Bless you and the Holy Name of Jesus Parish.