



Campaign Corner: Campaign Kick Off

This weekend we officially kickoff St. Bernadette's *Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future* campaign. This week every family in the parish community will receive a packet of information, which includes a financial request and instructions for how you might invest in the future of St. Bernadette. We are excited to use this opportunity to renovate our church and parish offices, and hopefully increase our facilities maintenance fund.

In advance of the mailing, I want to express several thoughts regarding this campaign and what is being asked of our families:

Invitation not Expectation

Every family will be asked to consider a specific commitment to the campaign. We have gone through an exhaustive process to determine a request for each family to consider over the three-year pledge period. That said, in some cases, our request may be too high. In some cases, it may be too low. It is not an *expectation*. It is an *invitation* – and the starting point for your personal discernment. Ultimately, the parish will gratefully receive whatever gifts you may provide.

Reflect and Pray

In advance of the request, I ask that you spend some time reflecting on St. Bernadette, our future, and how you can help. Pray and ask the Lord for guidance. Give in a way that represents the blessings that God has bestowed upon you. Knowing that prayer is central to our identity at St. Bernadette and our campaign, we will pray our campaign prayer every weekend throughout our effort.

Shared Responsibility

One family or a few families should not shoulder the responsibility of this campaign. This success of this effort rests with the entire parish community. That means generosity and sacrifice – and not just monetarily. We need gifts of time, talent and prayer too.

Personal Visits

We have over 60 volunteers committed to our campaign. They have attended meetings and trainings to be prepared to answer questions and help ensure a successful effort. Because this campaign is personal, I have asked them to meet face-to-face with as many fellow parishioners as possible. If a campaign volunteer reaches out, please respond to them. They will schedule a brief time to meet with you to answer any questions you may have and provide your pledge card to complete your commitment to the campaign. They do not know the request amount you received in your letter. They, like you, care very much for St. Bernadette. They are giving of their time to connect with you and help us have a successful campaign. I ask that you promptly respond to them if they reach out.

I hope you will join us at the Open House this Sunday, January 7 from 12pm-1:30pm in the social hall for the official kickoff of the *Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future* campaign. We will share more information about our campaign, along with additional renderings of the church renovations. It's an exciting time for our parish and we want you to be a part of something that will mean so much to our future at St. Bernadette!

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff Mollner

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