



A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *for*
MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS CHURCH

A GROWING FAMILY OF LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST



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Dear Family,

We have much to be thankful for at Mary, Mother of Jesus Church. Our parish community has a rich history of worship, prayer, evangelization, and service for over 48 years as a Mission Church and almost 17 years as an independent Church Parish. Our campus is a welcoming place where we bring together our life and our faith. We live out our call to discipleship here through celebration of the Mass and the sacraments, engaging in our CCD programs and adult faith formation programs, as well as volunteering in our diverse ministries. It is such a blessing to be your pastor and witness each day how our community of missionary disciples lives out the Church's mission.

Our buildings provide us protection, lighting, heat, seating, and space to live our faith in community. The maintenance of our facilities is carried out with much care, as they enhance our experiences and bring us closer to God as we share the Gospel. However, you may have noticed that over the past several years our Church structure has begun to be challenged by the increase in Mass attendance. Therefore, as I outlined at all the Masses the weekend of December 7-8, it's time for us to increase seating by at least 75-100, while enlarging and updating our lavatories, narthex, and providing for new a confessional and cry room. We will completely refurbish and reconstruct the outside of our church, adding a bell tower and entrance from Highway 165. Additionally, if we are able to meet or exceed our initial goal, we plan to replace our pews, install a modern drop ceiling, and replace our single-pane windows with more energy-efficient double-panes.

For these reasons, after thorough discernment and consultation, we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$1,000,000, that will allow us to be more responsive to our parish needs, mission, and growth of our town and church.

The enclosed brochure shares the plans to ensure that we raise the funds necessary to renovate God's house and continue to grow God's Kingdom here at Mary, Mother of Jesus. Whether you are new to Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, or have been here from the beginning, I ask you to reflect on how you have been blessed by this parish. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to contribute your financial gifts to this crucial effort for our parish and join with me in praying for the success of our campaign. Sacrificial giving is an expression of our faith and a way to put our faith into action.

The Suggested Gift Chart details pledges ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000, payable over 36 months. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program.

Time will be set aside during all Masses on the weekend of February 1st and 2nd for the faithful of Mary, Mother of Jesus to make your pledge. Please bring your completed card, or be prepared to complete a pledge card at Mass.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support for our parish as we look to the future with hope.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Paul M. LaPalme