



September 18, 2016
Year of Mercy

Dear Parishioners of Saint Gabriel Parish,

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm for what you are about to accomplish that I write this letter of support for the *Many Parts, One Body* Capital Campaign for Saint Gabriel's Parish. I know that this day has been years in the making and I applaud your perseverance – bravo!

The words of the *Many Parts, One Body* song are so timely. Given everything going on in our communities, our church and the world, if we truly believed and acted like we were all one body and shared the gifts that we have, I believe that we would make much progress in building the Kingdom of God. After all, those are the central messages of the Gospel: love one another; care for one another; give for each other!

A few months ago I met with Fr. Tim and some of your parish leaders to discuss this project. They shared with me the needs that you have to expand your facilities in order to better fulfill your mission. Having adequate, functional space to be shared by all of your ministries is smart and wise. I commend you for your approach to this project and campaign – it is bold and balanced, great and grounded, progressive and practical.

And while you seek to unite and strengthen the many parts of the body of your parish, I see you strengthening the Church.

- You are one of 13 parishes in Washington County - the county that will experience the greatest growth of Catholics over the next 35 years!
- You are part of the 199 parishes that make up the Body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- Your 1,300 families and over 3,300 parishioners are part of the body of 1.25 billion Catholics around the world.

As you embark on this capital campaign for your parish, be assured of my prayerful support. Know that I look forward with joyful anticipation to celebrating the dedication of your new facility for the benefit of all of your ministries.

With assurance of prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ

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