



# Growing *More* in Faith

A Campaign for St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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**Our parish is planning to build a new church** in order to accommodate our growing number of parishioners.

## The Plan

Our new worship space will feature include:

- Seating for 1,200 people.
- A Eucharistic Reservation Chapel that seats at least 40 people.
- Expanded parking lots.
- Covered entrances and enhanced accessibility
- Brides/Family Room
- Expanded Offices
- Added Classrooms in the lower level.
- Tower and relocated patio.

**The Campaign:** We are asking you to consider a monthly gift to the campaign that can be paid over **5 years**. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$7,000,000.

- **Construction Goal: Raise \$4,500,000** This will allow us to raise enough cash to start construction and pay off our remaining debt of \$300,000.
- **Success Goal: \$5,750,000** Raising an additional \$1,200,000 will allow us to complete the parking lots and outside landscaping.
- **Completion Goal \$7,000,000** Completing our fundraising will allow us to add additional classrooms, complete the lower level interior and relocate the patio.

## Campaign Leadership:

Rod and Blanca Lehnertz-Co-chairs

Jim and Cathy Nepola-Co-chairs

Aaron and Brandy Klosterman-Co-chairs

John and Nancy LePeau-Honorary Co-chairs

Tim Walch-Honorary Co-chair

Susan Puhl-Honorary Co-chair

## Questions and Answers

### How much money did our previous campaigns raise?

While our previous campaigns were successful, the challenge of completely retiring the debt remains. Our campaigns have raised a total of \$5,000,000. Our remaining debt is \$300,000.

### Will the debt be paid off?

The first objective of the campaign is to pay off the debt in order to save substantially in future interest payments and to shift our focus to building a new worship space for our growing parish family.

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## **What is the difference between a capital campaign and my regular contributions to St. Thomas More?**

A capital campaign is conducted for the purpose of creating a building that will serve our parish for generations to come. Because it requires a larger commitment, pledges can be paid over a five-year period. Regular contributions to St. Thomas More Parish, on the other hand, are needed to meet the day-to-day expense of our parish and we must rely on the goodness of parish members to continue their generosity during the campaign for that purpose.

## **Will a capital campaign cause our parish goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal to be raised?**

No. Only the amount of our ordinary income is used for to set our goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

## **How can I be assured that my donation will be used for the building project?**

Money given to the "Growing *More* in Faith" campaign will be placed in a trust that is restricted to the building project and cannot be used for any other purpose.

## **When can construction begin?**

Diocesan policy requires that we have 60% of the total cost of a project collected before construction can begin. Our construction goal is \$4,500,000.

## **Comments from the congregation:**

As a St. Thomas More "old timer," it has been my joy to see the changes and growth of this parish community from the Quonset Hut days of the early 60's until now. It's the present and prospects for the future that excite me now.

This project for expanding and improving the church is going to be vital if St. Thomas More is going to grow in faith to be an even more vibrant, active, spiritual and welcoming community. If every one of us supports this project, the benefits will come back to each of us, our children, grandchildren and all those waiting to be welcomed into our joyful community.

The future is bright! --**Susan Puhl, Honorary Co-chair**

Being as active a parish as we are, it makes sense that we would grow our faith by also growing our parish facility so that we can accommodate more opportunities for everyone. -- **Jim Verry**

On a regular basis, we have people worshiping downstairs. We need to be together as a congregation during Mass. It's the law of numbers; we have outgrown our space and it's time to take the natural next step. It's an investment; it's a down payment; ...[supporting the church expansion] is the right thing to do and we need to make that investment now for ourselves and for the generations that come after us" -- **Eric Aitchison**

I came to St. Thomas More ten years ago and found support after the death of my son, Niko. Because of St. Thomas More Parish, I have grown so much in faith. Our entire area has grown, and I look forward to our parish being able to help more and more people grow in faith. --**Veve Nduhirahe**

***"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing." 2Thesalonians 1:3***

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## **We need your help! Consider volunteering for the Campaign**

Please choose at least one:

- Help with personal solicitations (10 prospects)
- Host a gathering reception for 5-10 couples (November-January)
- Assist with office work (mailings, projects, clerical, invitations –as needed)
- Texting/Phone Calling (for reception reservations, November-January)
- Phon-a-thon volunteers (February)
- I will pray for the success of the campaign

**Personal Solicitation Training:** Thursday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 PM or Sunday, Nov. 11 at 12:30 PM

**Host Orientation and Scheduling:** Thursday, Oct 25 at 7:30 PM or Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2:00 PM

## **Questions and Answers**

### **Why emphasize pledges?**

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through “one-time” gifts. Any commitment is easier to make if we know we can do it over time. We buy homes and cars and make so many other commitments this way. Pledge-type giving allows us to truly consider doing our best.

### **Why is each donor asked to complete a pledge form?**

A donor is asked to complete a pledge form so that the gift may be appropriately recorded and acknowledged by St. Thomas More. Donors are asked to sign a pledge card to indicate that they have agreed to the terms of the gift indicated on the card.

### **Is my pledge legally binding? Will it be considered confidential?**

A pledge is a gift; one you consider meaningful to you. All we ask is that you do your best and advise us of any financial changes that will impact your pledge. All pledges will be kept as confidential as possible. Only the people responsible for maintaining the records will have access to your pledge.

### **What are the memorial opportunities for this campaign?**

Memorial opportunities are available for individual and combined campaign gifts of \$50,000 and above. Please contact the Parish Office for information about available opportunities.

## **Comments from the Congregation**

For us personally, having a son who was diagnosed with cancer and who went through a little over a year of treatment, this church and our faith family here reached out and really helped us get through a very difficult time. They allowed us to feel comfortable, to feel open and loved and allowed us to continue to expand and grow in our faith more.” –Craig Schroeder

“We will have a growth in spirituality because we will have the space that we need to worship together as one family and we will have the space that we need to be of service to each other in ways that we can’t do right now.” –John LePeau

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## Building Naming Opportunities

A limited number of naming opportunities are available on a first come basis. Each room will recognize the donor or honoree with a modest plaque next to the door of the room.

Naming opportunities are a great way for family members and friends to pool their gifts and honor someone who is important to them.

Please contact Katie in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

ITEM	VALUE
Reservation Chapel	\$500,000
Tower	\$500,000
Gathering Space	\$250,000
Lower Level Hall	\$150,000
Pastor' Office	\$100,000
Finance Office	\$75,000
Reception Area	\$50,000
Religious Education Office	\$50,000
Music/Liturgy Office	\$50,000
Youth Ministry Office	\$50,000
Conference Room	\$50,000
Brides/Family Room	\$50,000
Front Entrance	\$50,000
Classrooms (12)	\$50,000

## Prayer for the "Growing *More* in Faith" Campaign

God our Father, grant success to the "Growing *More* in Faith" campaign. The psalmist tells us, "if the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor." Help us to remember that you are source and strength for all we do

Lord Jesus our Savior, your apostle Paul praised the Thessalonians because their faith was growing more and more and their love for one another was increasing. Bless the St. Thomas More Parish Community as we work to open our hearts and expand our worship space for the future growth of our parish.

Holy Spirit, inspire us by the generous example of those from previous generations who have passed the faith onto us. Challenge us by the sacrifice of our patron, Saint Thomas More, teacher and martyr. In flame us with your love so we may grow more and more into a community that serves you and grows in love for one another.

We pray O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.