



A LETTER FROM FATHER EFRAIN



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Corpus Christi is a wonderful parish. As I begin my second year as your pastor, I continue to be inspired by and am grateful for your faith, hard work, and generosity. Corpus Christi is blessed in the sacrificial way that you give of yourselves, your time, your talents, and your finances in support of the parish and our ministries.

Much has been accomplished since the parish began. Through the sacrifice of so many, we were able to take the first step to bring us to where we are now: to purchase property and to build our beautiful church and parish center. Our current parish buildings serve us well, but our community continues to grow and our ministries are active, diverse and many. In order to move forward in the future and continue to serve those entrusted to our care here in Bonita, we must retire our debt first and upgrade several things in our church building, especially the heating and air conditioning units. After consultation with our parish's finance council, we have decided to conduct a Capital Campaign to raise the funds necessary to retire our debt. The theme of our campaign is "Building Up The Body Of Christ."

Please take time to read this brochure carefully, become familiar with our campaign and consider making a pledge to the best of your ability. I am asking all of you to make a generous offering to God and this community. We recognize that each family has different resources, but we ask every family to make a sacrificial gift, an equal sacrifice not an equal gift; to prayerfully consider not what least gift would be most convenient, but, rather, what greatest gift you are able to give back from the many blessings you have received from God.

I urge you to walk in the footsteps of Christ, to live your faith and share your blessings to help retire our debt and secure a brighter future for Corpus Christi Catholic Church. May the Lord shower upon all of you countless blessings for your generosity.

I thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Faithfully,

Reverend Efrain Bautista
Pastor

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WAYS TO GIVE

PLEDGES VIA CASH OR CHECK:

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment. Make sure to select the timeframe of your payments. *Please make checks payable to Corpus Christi Catholic Church.* Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it to the parish office or return it by mail with a stamp. You will be sent payment reminder statements and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you have chosen.

PLEDGE VIA CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS:

Your credit card can be automatically charged through the parish website. You may manage your own online giving by visiting the website www.corpuschristicatholic.org and select "Online Giving" underneath the important links section. We ask that you please return your completed pledge card to the parish office notifying us that an online donation has been made. For information on Electronic Funds Transfers, or Bill Pay, please contact your bank for their procedures.

GIFTS OF STOCK:

The Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego is the "corporation sole" for all parishes in the Diocese. Therefore, all stock gifts must be transferred through the Diocese of San Diego prior to being liquidated. Donors can use their own broker/agent to transfer and sell the stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock at the time of transfer. The stock must first be transferred to the parish (via the Diocese of San Diego) before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

IRA CONTRIBUTIONS:

An IRA owner, age 70½ or over, can directly transfer tax-free up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This option can be used for distribution from IRAs, regardless of whether the IRA owners itemize their deductions. Distributions from employer-sponsored retirement plans, including SIMPLE IRAs and simplified employee pension (SEP) plans are not eligible. To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS OR BEQUESTS:

Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property, other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

MATCHING GIFTS:

Many members of Corpus Christi Catholic Church are or have been employees of companies that have a matching gift program. A matching gift program may allow a donor to double the size of the pledge through employer contributions. Simply contact the personnel office at your company for the appropriate form, complete the donor portion and then forward the form with your pledge card to the campaign office. We will then complete the form and return it to the company for you.

Federal and state laws on income inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving. It may be particularly advantageous for some people to contribute stocks, appreciated securities, annuities, property or other valuables. In many cases, the tax savings may be more than your original investment in the gift. Because each situation is unique, we urge you to discuss such donations with a financial advisor.

SUGGESTED PLEDGE CHART

PLEDGE TOTAL	10% DOWN PAYMENT	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	DAILY SACRIFICE
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$205.48
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$82.19
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$22,500	\$11,250	\$5,625	\$1,875	\$61.64
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$41.10
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625	\$20.55
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$16.44
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$375	\$12.33
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$8.22
\$8,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	\$6.58
\$6,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$4.93
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125	\$4.11
\$4,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$3.29

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your household's financial ability. Payment amounts are calculated assuming a 10% down payment for each pledge.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Make checks payable to Corpus Christi Catholic Church

- All donations made will be deposited into the "Building Up The Body Of Christ" campaign fund and will be used exclusively for the case items presented in this brochure.
- Payments can be made over a period of three years or longer, if necessary.
- All contributions to the campaign are fully tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes.
- Pledge payments are in addition to your regular offertory. The Sunday offertory collection pays for the day-to-day operations of the parish, while your pledge to this campaign will be used specifically for the items outlined in this brochure.
- Pledges are not legally binding, but rather an indication of your intention to donate.
- You may return the pledge card with the offertory collection, bring it to the parish office or return it by mail with a stamp.

If you have any questions about the campaign or making your pledge, please contact the Parish Office at (619) 482-3954.

OUR PARISH HISTORY

Corpus Christi Catholic Parish was founded on September 1, 1984. Our first pastor was Reverend Stephen G. Dunn. Dr. John Geis served as our first Deacon. Services were temporarily held at the Bonita Golf Club on Sweetwater Road. Good Shepherd Episcopal Church also rented space to the new Catholic Parish from 1984 through 1988.

In 1989, the worship site was moved to a commercial space that had previously been a hardware store next door to the Bonita Post Office in the Bonnie Brae Shopping Center. From its beginning in 1984, Corpus Christi experienced fantastic growth, starting with less than 200 families and increasing to 800 families by 1989.

One of our founding members recalls the challenge of not having a permanent home. "We had mass at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, the Bonita Golf Club, and eventually found a temporary home at Holy Hardware as the parishioners called it."

In 1986, the Parish purchased a five-acre site in Bonita Long Canyon, on the corner of Corral Canyon Road and Country Vistas Lane. Planning began for a permanent church facility. Reverend John G. Proctor, Jr. became pastor in September 1986. On Sunday, September 10, 1989 Corpus Christi Parish broke ground for its permanent home on Corral Canyon Road. The first mass was held in the new church on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1990. Deacon Jim Hitch began serving the parish in 1992.

In 2005, Father Patrick Mulcahy was appointed pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. On September 1, 2009, Corpus Christi Catholic Parish celebrated two special events: the commemoration of its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary as a parish, and the ceremonial ground breaking of the new Parish Center. A special thanksgiving and Remembrance Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert H. Brom, Bishop of San Diego.

On June 25, 2011, we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi and Bishop Brom dedicated our new Parish Hall marking a new era in our parish life.





“BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST” CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

OUR NEW PARISH CENTER

After the opening and dedication of our new church in 1990, the number of families continued to grow. With our parish growing rapidly, it was clear that there was a need to expand by adding additional facilities. On June 25, 2011, Bishop Brom blessed our new parish center which houses our administrative offices, parish hall, classrooms for our religious education program and the many different ministries we have in our parish community.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

As the church was reconfigured, no changes were made to the heating/air conditioning system, resulting in parts of the church being very cold and others very hot. The current units are the original ones which were installed when the church was built 27 years ago. As part of this project, we hope to conduct a study in the church to ensure we are able to get even air flow to all the areas of the church and replace the aging units that are in need of repair.

ELECTRICAL

As the church was reconfigured, the electrical wiring was never updated to accommodate the new layout. Currently, there are 16 light switches in different locations throughout the church making it difficult to determine which light switch controls the area needing illumination. The need to redo the electrical wiring is evident and we hope to do so with funds raised through this campaign.

The goal of our capital campaign is to raise a total of \$2.5 Million to retire our parish debt, take care of our aging heating and air conditioning system and to reconfigure the electrical wiring in the church. Together with your help, we can continue “Building Up The Body Of Christ.”



A NEED FOR YOUR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

The parish leadership would like every parishioner to participate in our “**Building Up The Body Of Christ**” Capital Campaign and to support our parish needs. Through the involvement and generosity of all the members of our community, we will successfully reach our goal. Every parishioner is invited to attend a reception and learn more about the financial and renovation needs of the parish. All parishioners are asked to make a pledge by returning a completed pledge card. The success of our campaign depends on the participation and generosity of all our parish members. Throughout our campaign, every parishioner will be asked to:

- *Reflect on how greatly God has blessed us as individuals and as a parish community*
- *Give thanks to God for these blessings*
- *Prayerfully consider how their involvement with this campaign can reflect their gratitude to God and our Church*

HOW TO PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

Every member of our parish community is integral to the future growth and development of our church, and therefore, each family is asked to consider a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

Our goal at Corpus Christi Catholic Church is to raise \$2.5 Million through the efforts of this campaign. Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them.

While any amount, small or large, is welcomed and will help us achieve our goal, each family is asked to consider a pledge of \$4,000 or more, payable over three years. A pledge of \$4,000, after a 10% down payment of \$400, is \$100 per month or \$3.29 per day.

Please prayerfully consider your involvement in the campaign. Our hope is that, upon reflection, your generosity will mirror God's goodness to us all. Your example and generosity will provide the needed momentum and enthusiasm for a successful campaign.

IN DEUTERONOMY 16:10 WE ARE REMINDED.

“The measure of your own voluntary offering which you will give shall be in proportion to the blessing the LORD, your God, has given you”.

REMEMBER, NOT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE GIFT, BUT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE.

We Are All Members of a Much Larger Family

All of us are members of families who help each other in times of need. Here at Corpus Christi Catholic Church we are also members of a larger faith family, our faith community. Now we turn to you, our parish family for assistance. Each family member, in his or her own special way, has been generous to our parish. Even the simple act of registration shows a commitment of faith and an identity with the community. Continuing the spirit of generosity, we request a pledge of financial and prayerful support from all our families. We invite parishioners that call Corpus Christi Catholic Church their spiritual home to take this opportunity to help maintain what past generations have entrusted to us, and in the same spirit, provide for future generations. We pray that all members of our parish family will fully support this project.