

A gift that keeps giving

Parishioners Bob and Renee Harn believe donating to the campaign both honors the past and creates a legacy for the future

A lot has changed in the three-plus decades since Bob and Renee Harn first started going to Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe when they were dating in the late 1970s. They got married, bought a house, raised two daughters and even left OLG for Holy Rosary for many years. But two things remained constant:

Their love for the warm and welcoming spirit of OLG and their belief in giving back to respect past leadership and support future generations.

“There isn’t much that one person can do to make a difference, and what we can do is so often temporal,” says Renee, who sings in the OLG choir and volunteers to cook and serve community meals. “But when you contribute to something like the new OLG building, you know that it will last. It’s bigger than today.”

“Fifty years ago, people came together to build Our Lady of Guadalupe and we’ve been using what they built ever since,” Bob adds.



“It’s now our opportunity – our duty – to do the same for the families and children who come after us.”

When the Harns first learned about the *Building for Our Future Campaign*, Bob admits to being skeptical. He was concerned about parking and about raising so much money in a tough economy. But after talking to Father Jack and doing some research into other church construction projects in the area, he and Renee

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decided to make a significant pledge.

“We feel we are blessed to have good jobs and to be able to give our fair share,” says Bob, who is an engineer. Renee is a nurse at Seattle Children’s.

They remember what the school gym meant to them and other families at Holy



Rosary, where daughters Michelle, now 24, and Kimberly, 21, went to school. “It was a place to build community,” Renee recalls. She also looks forward to more opportunities for social, educational and community service activities in the new building – and, of course, “the great kitchen!”

The Harns celebrate their 30th anniversary this year. They were married at OLG and proudly show off the wedding pictures hanging on their wall. Today, they are also proud to be able to support the parish as OLG has supported them throughout their lives.



Are you ready to make a commitment to the future of our parish community?

If you have not yet donated or pledged to Building for Our Future: The Next 50 Years Campaign please pick up a pledge form in the narthex, download a form or pledge online at www.olgfuture.org, or contact us at 206-938-0358 or campaign@olgfuture.org.