



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Building FOR OUR Future

THE NEXT 50 YEARS CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

September 29, 2010

Our new Parish Life Center/Gym



Dear Friends,

By this time next year -- with God's help and yours -- the construction of our new Parish Life Center/Gym will be well under way.

To make that happen, we need our parish community to donate and pledge early. The construction process includes a review by the Archdiocese of our design plans and construction budget, as well as capital campaign progress and the percentage of our parishioners who have contributed. The Archdiocese usually requires about half the funding to be in place before they give the final OK to move forward. Then begins the city permitting process, which takes about six months. It goes hand in hand with more detailed work by our architect.

When all of this is completed, we can break ground by June 1 of next year. What an exciting day that will be!

In Christ,

Father Jack



Campaign gifts top the \$1 million mark!



Thanks in part to a very generous gift from the estate of long-time parishioner Michael Hession, our campaign fundraising total now stands at **\$1,225,300**. Our deepest thanks to all of you who have pledged and donated early.

Mr. Hession was 93 years old when he passed away last month. He lived nearby and came to the Saturday afternoon Mass, where Father would often chat with him. One of three brothers, Mr. Hession never married and donated generously to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish as well as other Catholic organizations and charities. When he passed away, he bequeathed to OLG and the campaign four lots on 32nd Avenue SW near Camp Long, plus cash and other property. His legacy will live on for generations as our parish owes him a great debt of thanks.

We can all create a legacy, no matter how small or large our gifts, by participating in the ***Building for Our Future Campaign*** at whatever level your personal circumstances allow. Our goal is for 100 percent of our parishioners to contribute!

Make your pledge or donation www.olqfuture.org today!

Put the fun into fall fundraising

You can put the fun in fundraising this fall by supporting the ***Building for Our Future Campaign*** with events and activities that you, your family and your friends can organize. Here are just a few ideas:



- Fall is a great time for garage sales. You can have a double impact by uncluttering your home and raising money for the campaign. Make it even more fun by inviting other families to join you. Promote the sale around your neighborhood and let people know the proceeds are going to a great cause.
- Show off your kitchen skills by hosting an office or neighborhood bake sale.
- Add a literary bent to your fundraising with a used book sale. Your friends and neighbors will probably be thrilled with the chance to donate books they no longer want.
- Ask your family and friends to skip birthday presents for you this year and instead make a gift to the campaign. (They can easily do that online at www.olqfuture.org!)
- Involve the kids in decorating little boxes with coin slots in the top. Give the extra-change boxes to friends and family members and ask them to put the boxes on their desks or dressers and drop in their extra change each day. When the boxes are full, collect them and donate to the campaign.
- Raffle off a lovely item of your own creation - a hand-made quilt, jewelry, a painting, dinner for four.

- Host happy hour, movie-and-popcorn night, karaoke, poker, board game marathon, or another fun event at your home and invite all your friends. Ask everyone who comes to pay \$10 at the door to help you raise money for a new gym and gathering hall at your church.
- Hold a themed dinner party - dress as your favorite movie star, rock singer, historical figure, etc. - and ask each guest to donate \$50. If you spend \$15 per person on food and invite 10 guests, you'll have \$350 at the end of the night.
- Venture into eBay. Ask friends and family to donate one unused but nice item for you to auction off on eBay.

Parish-wide celebration kicks off the campaign



Food, music, a scavenger hunt and lots more fun kicked off our campaign in a big way on Sunday, August 29. A marked-off area on the parking lot even helped everyone to envision where the new Parish Gathering Hall/Gym would stand. Many thanks to everyone who attended, including our volunteers and the Knights of Columbus, who manned the grills and served some 200 hot dogs and other treats at the event.

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT: Take our survey to tell us your ideas for using the new building... and win a prize



We're taking a survey to find out how parishioners envision using the new Parish Life Center/Gymnasium for themselves and their families as well as for the greater good of the community. Everyone who completes the online survey will be entered into a drawing to **win a \$25 gift certificate to Husky Deli**. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us, so please complete the survey today.

The survey closes on October 6 so click [here](#) to complete the online questionnaire.

Faith and the *Building for Our Future Campaign*

Woven through the work of this capital campaign is a deep connection to our faith and tradition. Taking time to reflect on this connection brings our work together into a proper context: the context of faith.

"I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary."

Paul writes this in letter a letter to Philemon, who he is asking to make a major decision. He states his case for an affirmative decision and references his relationship with Philemon. The delicate nature of the particular letter presents a fine example of asking persuasively and a willingness to graciously accept the answer.

The vision that was set by parish leadership led to the development of a master plan that sought input from all members of the parish. Through this capital campaign, parish members are being asked to affirm and commit to support this vision and master plan. Continuing to follow the example of Paul so that the good that is done might not be forced but voluntary will result in a successful effort.

