



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Building FOR OUR Future

THE NEXT 50 YEARS CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

November 12, 2010

Our new Parish Life Center/Gym



Dear Friends,

This week, if you had not yet pledged to the campaign, you and other OLG parishioners received a letter and brochure asking for your support. The letter follows two months of early fundraising which, combined with pledges and gifts remaining from our 2007 campaign, already totals \$1.5 million toward our overall campaign goal of \$4.2 million. **We must raise at least another \$1 million from our parish community by the end of December in order to push forward with our building plans.**

Now, it is time for you to play an important role in OLG's next 50 years and beyond. We are counting on our parish community to achieve 100% participation in the campaign and this includes you. This goal will ensure that our new Parish Life Center/Gymnasium becomes a reality thanks to each and every one of us. It will also help us secure foundation grants that hinge upon early and broad support from parishioners. **Please make your gift and/or turn in your pledge form by Dec. 5.**

With your support, our vision is within reach.

In Christ,

Father Jack



Questions and answers about *Building for Our Future*

When will the new Parish Life Center/Gym building be completed?

If everything goes well with our fundraising efforts over the next few weeks, we will begin filing for land use permits next month. Final schematic designs will be drawn early in 2011, building permits submitted in early spring and a groundbreaking planned for June!

How will we raise the entire \$4.2 million we need?

The majority of the funds will come from our own parish faithful. This includes the gifts and pledges that we are currently requesting; \$300,000 in gifts and pledges remaining from our 2007 campaign; and an \$800,000 bequest from the estate of long-time parishioner Michael Hession. We are also actively seeking grants from foundations that support Catholic causes and educational construction projects. We may also secure funding and/or loans from the Archdiocese.



Who is helping us with the building project?

Richard Glasman, owner and principal of [MG Architecture](#), is designing and managing the project. Richard's firm also designed our Parish Life Center and has been working with OLG on our master campus plan off and on for the past five years. Richard has worked with more than a dozen different Catholic parishes since MG Architecture was founded in 2002. Those projects include baptismal fonts, campus master plans, seismic upgrades, a church addition and new a gym at St. George. Richard also did the Parish Center renovations and new chapel at Holy Rosary. We are very fortunate to have Richard and MG Architecture as part of the ***Building for Our Future*** team!

What are the green elements of the building?

As a faith community, we are committed to saving and stewarding God's earth and natural resources. We are now beginning to explore all the options to make our new building as environmentally sound as budget will allow. Stay tuned down the road for more details.



How big will the gym court be?

Good news! At 50 feet by 78 feet, plans call for our new court to be larger than the minimum requirements set forth by CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) for middle schools. The "overruns" (the space between the hoops and the walls) will be wider than required. If you'd like to get an idea of the size of our gym floor, Our Lady of Fatima has the same size gym but with smaller overruns. Bleachers in OLG's new gym

will accommodate up to 168 people, and we will also have the option to bring in even more portable seating. We look forward to hosting games and tournaments for the 2012 basketball season!

How many people will the banquet and reception areas accommodate?

The gym will accommodate banquet seating up to 350 people. The stage area/meeting room -- which will feature beautiful views of the Sound and downtown Seattle -- can hold between 75 and 90 people.

How will parking be affected?

While the new building and construction will result in the loss of three total parking spaces, we are also planning for an unpaved overflow lot. The south parking lot will be designated for our older or disabled parishioners who need to park as close as possible to the church. We also are reviewing options to create a passenger drop-off area on 35th Avenue Southwest right in front of the church.

I have an electrical subcontracting business and would like to make an in-kind donation to the building. How can I do that?

Thank you! Send us your contact info and we'll provide it to our architect. Early next spring, work will begin to select a general contractor for the project and the architect will provide the selected contractor with your info. Ultimately, the general contractor will choose his/her subcontractors. We are already working on a proactive plan to secure and manage in-kind donations and will develop a list of specifications for needed items -- for example, kitchen equipment, gymnasium bleachers, lighting, chairs and tables, etc. -- early next year.

Still want to know more?

The ***Building for Our Future Campaign*** [website](#) is full of details about the new building, our fundraising efforts and other info that will keep you well informed. You may also [email](#) your questions to us. And, as always, Father Jack is happy to talk to you about the campaign before or after Mass.

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.

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

It can be challenging to see how the reading from the Gospel of Luke that focuses on the end time might have a connection to stewardship. Apocalyptic writings focus on the chaos, struggle and suffering. Jesus lists a number of chaotic events that will be signs that the end has arrived and concludes with, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

It is through perseverance that our Parish Life Center/Gymnasium will rise from the parking lot. It is through perseverance that we will grow our parish ministries and help those facing chaos, struggle, suffering and challenge in life find some security.



Help us save money and the environment! Send your name and email address to campaign@olqfuture.org and we'll send Campaign Updates to you via email. Thank you!