



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Building FOR OUR Future

THE NEXT 50 YEARS CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

December 2, 2010

Our new Parish Life Center/Gym



Dear Friends,

This week, I had the honor of attending the installation Mass for our new Archbishop, J. Peter Sartain. It was an inspirational ceremony filled with hope and promise for the future of our diocese.

It is with this same sense of hope and promise that I look to the **Building for Our Future Campaign**. Just as our new Archbishop brings renewal and revitalization to the faithful of Western Washington, so does the campaign offer exciting opportunities for growth for OLG parish. The Parish Life Center/Gym that we will build will bring us closer to each other and closer to our faith.

I am very pleased to report that we are nearing the \$2 million mark in our campaign, but we are still far short of our \$4.2 million goal and 100% parish participation. If you have not yet turned in your pledge form, I urge you to do so now. And if you are still considering your gift and seek guidance, I will gladly talk with you. Thank you for your commitment.

In Christ,

Father Jack

P.S.

I want to reiterate the parish's deep appreciation to all our members, school families and friends who contributed to the first capital campaign in 2007. Your previous support not only built our beautiful Pastoral Center -- now such an integral and well-used part of our community -- but also has enabled us to move forward now in the second phase of our long-term master plan. **Thank you!**



Questions and answers about *Building for Our Future*

The parish has asked us to make "a personally significant contribution" to the campaign. What does that mean?

Each individual and family must look into their hearts and examine their personal financial situation to decide how much to contribute. We are encouraging you to stretch and to sacrifice in deciding what your role will be as we work together to build a legacy for our parish. If every OLG member household pledged \$139 a month over three years (for a total \$5,000 contribution), we would easily reach our goal. Some will have the capacity to give more, others less. But we encourage everyone to donate at a level that is meaningful to you.



May we pledge over more than three years?

The more quickly we raise funds, the less our burden of debt will be in the future. So we hope most people will complete their pledges in three years or less. For those who want to give at a higher level but can do so only by spreading their donation over more time, we will welcome a longer commitment if necessary.

Why have you asked people to pledge by December 5?

In order to move forward with our building plans, permitting and construction schedule, we must be able to prove to the diocese that we have raised more than half the cost from our membership. We also will be actively seeking grants to support our fundraising effort, and an early 100% participation rate from our parish will bolster our success with grantmakers. We urge you to make your pledge as soon as possible.

I donated to the capital campaign in 2007. Does this count as my participation in *Building for Our Future*?

Thank you! There were 68% of parish households that contributed to the 2007 campaign, donating \$2.4 million toward a total master plan fundraising goal of \$6+ million. Those 2007 funds allowed us to develop detailed architectural plans for our parish campus, to build the Pastoral Center and to reserve approximately \$300,000 for the Parish Life Center/Gym. The ***Building for Our Future Campaign*** will fund the next phase of the master plan, so we are once again turning to our parish for support -- those who donated in the first campaign as well as new contributors and friends. We are determined to succeed in raising \$4.2 million to complete our Parish Life Center/Gymnasium and we will continue to encourage your support for however long it may take to reach that goal.

White-knuckle driving

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Hands gripping at the wheel, sweat beading at the brow, prayers whispered under the breath: it's an experience we've all had with a snowstorm blanketing Seattle. But some of us may have some of those same feelings when we consider the capital campaign ahead of us.



I asked Mrs. Dixon if I could write this message as a parishioner, a school parent, and a member of the School Commission. I've heard plenty of

white-knuckle sentiments regarding Our Lady of Guadalupe's **Building for Our Future** project: Can we raise enough money? Why do I need to pledge now? Who's this project for, anyway? I've asked those same questions myself. I know this journey might get a little difficult in the months and years ahead, with a few patches of black ice we can't predict. But I know, deep in my heart, it's a journey we have to make.

I say that because I see such a huge wealth of potential in the families of our parish and our school. We've been given a huge gift. Our founders went door to door to build this parish 50 years ago. Now, we've been given a chance to make OLG what our founders intended it to be. Our first pastor, Fr. Storr, said in his dedication of the parish that Our Lady of Guadalupe "will stand on the highest hill of the great metropolis for all the world to see, as a perpetual and public profession of our Catholic faith." In those words, I hear a message of faith and love, and a challenge—a challenge I think our parish and school are ready to meet.

We need 100% commitment from school and parish families to help us earn the grants and large gifts this building project needs. We need to line up our financing now, while construction costs are low. We've made great progress on the journey to build our future, and we can't turn back now. Yes, there are sure to be some white-knuckle moments. But the legacy we're planning to leave behind us is well worth the trip.

Brian Callanan

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.

"A voice of one crying out in the desert. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Isaiah appeared on the scene almost 800 years before John the Baptist. Matthew quotes this passage from the Book of Isaiah, saying it applies to John. It applies to us as well.

Through baptism we are called to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight his paths through all that we do. The focus of stewardship is simply to help each of us do this work of preparing and straightening in an intentional way. Our parish master plan focuses on this work of preparing the way of the Lord and making straight the path. As we strive to complete phase two of that plan to build the new Parish Life Center/Gym, we continue to prepare the way to help us fulfill the mission of our church, parish and school.



Still want to know more?

Over the next few weeks, we will have people available in the narthex after Mass to answer your questions about the **Building for Our Future Campaign**. In addition, the 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.

Help us save the environment and save money – sign up to receive this newsletter via email by sending your contact info to campaign@olgfuture.org. Thank you!