



October 5, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Vincent DePaul—

I am thrilled to announce that Bishop Edward Rice has given his approval for St. Vincent DePaul Parish to proceed on all aspects of a capital campaign to support our parish's growth and development as we envision our future.

This news could not come at a more opportune time as we celebrate our patron saint St. Vincent DePaul this weekend. To honor our heritage and to guide our efforts over the coming year, I am very pleased to share that our campaign theme will be *Extending the Mission ... Building on the Cornerstone of Christ* as we reflect on our Vincentian calling while embarking on a journey as we write our next chapter.

I would like to thank our friends at Red Letter Communications who have professionally developed branding elements to leverage our efforts, including a logo and other collateral. You will begin to see these images in various materials over the coming months. I invite you to look at these elements as well as the parish timeline to date on the display in the Gathering Space this weekend, and I trust you'll be very pleased, as am I, with the way in which they enhance our campaign.

As our efforts ramp up, know our intent is to blend prayer and service from our church community with a well-organized, clearly defined, and transparently communicated capital campaign. With these as our guiding principles, we've established a timeline, outlined below, so you know what you can expect over the next several months as we move forward in this process.

- Beginning today, we will begin praying for the success of the campaign. Laminated prayer cards are in the pews, and we will use this prayer regularly.
- I will continue to provide campaign updates in letters mailed to your home, in our parish email newsletter, and in presentations to our parish groups and school parents.
- We plan to officially launch our campaign in February 2025. At that time, we will announce our campaign goal and the various phases of our campaign, campaign section chairs, and how you can expect to be contacted as we ask for your prayerful support.



We have established a talented committee of parishioners who have volunteered to help lead our capital campaign. I am grateful for their time and leadership and am sharing their names and roles here.

Campaign Administrator — Trent Summers

Campaign CoChairpersons — Mike Kohlfeld, Lori & Tim Powderly, Jim Riley, Bruce Robert

Campaign Gift Phase Committee Chairpersons — Judy Cantoni, Tyler Cuba, Bob Janota

Secretary — Becki Essner

Database Coordinators — Cheryl Oberhaus, Rose Huff, Beverly McMeel, Jan Rigdon

While these roles are in place, please know there is absolutely room for anyone else interested in serving. Please contact me or Trent Summers if you are so inclined.

As I have previously shared, our campaign priorities remain:

- Expand the Gathering Space in front of the church to enhance community.
- Reconfigure our church entrance and access points for greater ease of entry.
- Remodel our Sanctuary for greater spirituality and reverence and modernize amenities for comfort.
- Increase space for faith formation groups and meetings.
- Optimize the DePaul Center (the former Notre Dame High School building) for:
 - A multi-purpose Parish Hall and kitchen for social gatherings, weddings, and fish fries;
 - Dedicated space for service organizations, ie Ugly Quilts, etc.;
 - New space for our parish offices;
 - More productive space for school use; and
 - Dedicated space for our youth
- Repurpose freed up space in our parish grade school, now shared for parish events, to better serve the needs of our school children, thereby creating a more secure school building. Also, replace the roof on the school building's older section.

Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign, *Extending the Mission ... Building on the Cornerstone of Christ* as we envision and embrace the future of St. Vincent DePaul Parish. I will continue to provide updates at significant intervals. If you have questions before then, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, our Campaign Administrator Trent Summers, or any of our Leadership Team.

Peace,

Reverend Rick L. Jones

Pastor



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