



Before he wrote letters to the various Christian communities, Paul had visited them... in person. He had gotten to know them, introduce himself, help them better understand the teaching of Jesus, and answer their questions. His later written communication would serve to reinforce those initial meetings, but the letters' impact was strengthened by the bonds he had established through personal encounters with the people in Corinth, Ephesus, and Thessalonica.

It is not a stretch to suggest that Paul's example is our inspiration for personal visits in our *Extending the Mission ... Building on the Cornerstone of Christ* campaign. What worked for Paul in building community and spreading the Good News has proven to be the most successful means of engaging support for important endeavors, such as our parish campaign.

If you haven't already been contacted, a fellow parishioner will call you to schedule a face-to-face meeting. Over the course of our campaign the intention is for every parishioner — individual, couple or family — to be visited. During those visits, a campaign volunteer — who is a fellow parishioner who has accepted an invitation to take on this role — will offer information about the proposal, answer any questions that you might have and, ultimately, seek a pledge of support for the campaign. This is an important opportunity, not only to discern our sacrificial gift to this project over a five-year period, but also possibly to meet and get to know a new member of our parish community.

