

APRIL 2019



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It has been six months since we last updated you on the status of our Capital Campaign and the progress, we are making in our efforts to renovate our church.



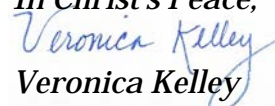
In the summer of 2016, our General Contractor projected the cost of our renovation at \$2.8 million dollars. At the end of 2018, we asked him to update that estimate so that we could seek final approval from Archbishop Sartain to begin the renovation of the church in mid-May of this year. We expected that the cost would increase in that two-and-a-half year period, but the amount of the increase was far more than we expected due to significant escalation in the cost of labor and materials, a higher sales tax rate, and changes that needed to be made in the scope of the project to meet current Kitsap County building requirements and safety regulations.

The contractor's new estimate for our renovation was \$3.6 million dollars. That amount took our breath away as I'm sure it does yours. During our original town hall information meetings, we were asked what we would do if there was a significant increase in the cost of our project that we could not fully fund. We indicated that if that happened, we would reduce the scope of the project to bring the cost in line with what our parish could responsibly afford, but that the renovation would proceed forward. Two major items have been identified that will be deferred to a later time in the future that will bring the price tag for the renovation down to a dollar amount that we can responsibly support at this time. Those items are the finishing of the floors and the purchasing of new pews. Deferring these items now brings the projected cost of our project to approximately \$3.2 million dollars. We will continue to use the existing pews in our renovated church and finish the floors when we are able to do so.

Archbishop Sartain has approved our financing plan and given his blessing to proceed with the renovation as scheduled. We will put \$312,000 of our savings toward the renovation and we have permission to borrow up to \$500,000, if needed, as a contingency to finish the project. Both our archdiocesan and parish leadership, including the Finance and Pastoral Councils are confident that with God's help and your generosity of heart and spirit, that together we can still make this bold vision a reality. Many of our parishioners and contractors have been diligently working behind the scenes to that we will be able to be fully moved into the social hall and celebrate our first Masses on the weekend of May 11/12. Some of the major work that will be done prior to that date includes:

- *Preparing the social hall storage room to serve as the temporary sacristy,*
- *Installation of a fire sprinkler system throughout the entire complex,*
- *Installation of a sound system in the social hall/temporary church,*
- *Building a permanent wall between the existing church and social hall to accommodate a chapel of repose for the Blessed Sacrament,*
- *Laying out the locations of the pews, altar furnishing and religious items in the social hall and placing those not being used into temporary storage on site.*

*In order to fully update you and answer all of your questions, **I want to invite all parishioners to attend one of two renovation update meetings that are scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00am and 6:00pm in the social hall.** We will be able to share much more information with you at that time. Thank you for your generous giving to date, and please keep our renovation efforts in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless us all!*

In Christ's Peace,

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