

January 29, 2020



Dear Holy Trinity Parishioner,

A happy and blessed New Year to you and yours! The new year 2020 also marks the beginning of the third year of our Capital Campaign effort to raise the monies needed to fund the renovation of our church building! 2019 began with the disappointing news that the original \$2.8 million estimate for our renovation had risen much more than we had anticipated and needed to be revised upward to \$3.6 million dollars. This was quite a shock, to say the least. After consulting with our Pastoral and Finance Councils, Capital Campaign Leadership Team, and our Archdiocesan leadership, the decision was made to defer the cross/spire from the entry, and the new pews and floors from the scope of work, to bring the cost down to an amount that we could more realistically support. At that time, a parish donor immediately stepped forward and pledged the \$100,000 need for the cross spire, because, as he said, "It is important that our church look like a church." His gift brought the amount needed for the renovation to \$3,240,000! This marked the beginning of an outpouring of good will, generosity, and increase in giving from our parish family that has moved me deeply. To date we have raised \$2,850,834. Just last year alone, our parishioner contributions to the Campaign effort was an impressive \$823,457. We are now optimistically projecting that with your continued financial support at the current level of giving, our remodel will be nearly paid for in full when we move back into our beautiful new church in early summer. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to each one for the gifts given and for the love of God and our parish family that those gifts represent.

Because of this heartening and good news, our Campaign Leadership Team and Finance Council have decided to move forward with a plan to add the new pews and floors back into the budget so that our renovation, our shared labor of love, is fully complete when our house of God is ready for worship. This is the desire that has been expressed by many parish leaders and parishioners alike. Taking this step at this time would not only bring to completion the dream for our community that we have worked toward for such a long time, but it would, in the long run be the best, most cost effective and wise stewardship of all of our financial gifts. I am excited about this possibility and trust that you are as well!

Toward this goal, and as we draw near to the end of our Capital Campaign effort in July, I am reaching out to you for your support of "Seats and Feet," a parish wide appeal for the additional funds needed to cover the cost of the pews and floors that is estimated to be approximately \$300,000. Please remember that this amount would be in addition to the \$389,166 that is still needed to finish the renovation of the church building. This brings the total amount to be raised to \$689,166. Though ambitious, I am convinced that this undertaking can be accomplished because of the generous and unwavering financial support of our parish family in these last two-and-a-half years.

I am now asking everyone to prayerfully and thoughtfully reconsider your total financial commitment to make this effort a fruitful one. Will you join our parish leadership in the belief that this effort is a priority and that together we can do what none of us can do alone? If you have been actively supporting the Capital Campaign, I thank you! Would you consider increasing your total gift by 15%? And if you have not yet made a gift, now is the time to do so. Your sacrificial gift to complete our church renovation will leave a lasting legacy for the future of all Catholic families and witness powerfully that we are one in the Body of Christ.

There are several ways for making your contribution to this effort and they are listed on the enclosed Response Form. Please return your response in the enclosed envelope by the end of February. We also ask that your commitment be fulfilled by July 31st of this year. May God bless our efforts!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Veronica Kelley".

Veronica Kelley  
Pastoral Coordinator

---

Street Address: 4215 Pine Road NE, Bremerton, WA.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 910, Tracyton, WA. 98393  
(360) 377-7674, <http://htcbremerton.org/future>