

November 1, 2024

Dear OLL Parishioner,

It is an exciting time at Our Lady of the Lake Parish. We are growing. Over 100 children each week participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday morning Masses. Our outreach to those in need and activities for spiritual growth are in full swing. We are truly the Body of Christ, doing His good work: Loving God, loving others and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, we launched our *Building Our Future – A Sacred Presence* campaign to complete the plans we started in 2015. We are more than halfway to our \$10 million goal, with over \$6,210,000 already pledged from 72 parish families. Our Campaign Cabinet, chaired by Katie & Brian Maag and Melissa & Gary Hanifan, has been working hard to help get us to this point.

Now I am inviting every parish family to participate in some way.

- Please respond in some way with pledges of time, talent, and/or treasure.
- For the sake of future generations, this request is not about equal gift amounts, but equal sacrifice.
- Please consider a three-year pledge. This allows families to maximize their commitment by spreading it out over monthly, quarterly, or annual payments.
- This pledge is in addition to your weekly offering. The weekly offering covers the operating budget, which needs to stay strong. The pledge is for this capital (construction) project only.
- Consider this as an act of faith. Please pray, asking how God is calling you to participate.

Please complete and return the enclosed pledge form by December 20, 2024. This will help us plan for construction. If you have any questions or prefer to speak with someone, please contact our Director of Development (who is also a parishioner), Lynn Andrews, at 503-636-7687.

Enclosed with this letter is a brochure highlighting the details of the campaign. We also have information with floor plans at the parish offices, in the parish hall and on our website at www.ollparish.com/bof where you can see artist renderings and videos. This is a pivotal time for our parish as we make these improvements to our spiritual home for ourselves and for future generations.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Kerns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. John Kerns, Pastor