

Parish Family Offer \$50,000 Challenge Gift for New Technology

Inspired by the commitment made by many of their fellow parish families, which led to reaching our \$2,250,000 Forward in Faith Campaign goal in less than one-year, and by learning that many families who had not yet participated in the Campaign wished to do so, Fred and Conni Tuffile asked,

“What more could we do if we continued to receive gifts from those who did not have the opportunity to give before our goal was reached?”

This question allowed us to dream. Which enhancements in our original expansion plans were eliminated because of more critical priorities and budget constraints? Which would bring the greatest benefit to our parish and its families?

We shared with Fred and Connie our dream for modern technology that would include: multi-media capabilities and an enhanced wireless network; smart phone climate and lighting controls; and security cameras. They immediately understood the value technology would bring to:

- young families who could enjoy Mass via live streaming in Neumann Hall while their young children could enjoy playing freely.
- the learning experience of youth involved in our faith formation program.
- the delivery of faith messages and parish news in Neumann Hall and the Narthex.
- enhancing security and safety.
- ensuring energy efficiency and cost savings, maximizing gifts to our annual operating fund.

We were stunned when Fred and Conni shared their desire to offer a \$50,000 challenge gift to help make this dream a reality and to offer those who still wished to participate in the Campaign an added incentive to do so. **They especially care about ensuring that every parish family has the opportunity to have a sense of ownership in the growth of our parish and our faith.**

We are deeply grateful for the faith and generosity shared by Fred and Conni and invite you to join this challenge if you have not yet given.

How the Challenge Will Work

We will receive \$50,000 when:

- **75 NEW donors contribute \$27 a month** for 3 years or make an outright gift of \$1,000 (less than \$1.00 a day or the cost of cup of coffee)
- **Gifts are received by June 9, 2020**, the official close of the campaign

To learn more or to give, contact Fr. Greg or Diane Whelan at 508-763-2240 or visit the Forward in Faith link at sjnfreetown.org