

St. Perpetua Parish

Under One Roof Community Center Campaign News

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This is the fifteenth in our series of newsletters to keep the St. Perpetua Parish Family informed of the progress and activities of **Continuing Our Growth ...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized.** the Campaign for St. Perpetua Parish.

Over the coming weeks our community will be invited to join together in support of our campaign, which has a goal of raising a minimum of \$2.0 million to meet funding needs of our parish community center.

Read **St. Perpetua Parish Campaign News** every week for late-breaking news about **Continuing Our Growth ...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized.**



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Campaign Reaches 75% of Goal \$1,501,026 Committed

The results of our fifteenth campaign report are in! Over the past week seventeen new donors contributed to **Phase II of our campaign** responding to our appeal for support. Current results are

Campaign Goal:	\$2,000,000
# of Parish & School Families:	859
Total Amount Pledged:	\$1,501,026
Raised This Week:	\$43,005
Total Initial Offerings:	\$570,830
Percentage of Goal:	75%
Average Commitment:	\$8,202
Total # of Gifts:	183

A Reflection by Marlene Matsuoka

A simple question with not so simple an answer. Are we tapped out? Do we not see value? Are we far from the kind of donors who put their names on hospitals? Universities? Galleries? Are we more likely to invest in our businesses, the names on our signs, our trucks? Are we saving for our children's education, college, grad school dreams? Are we hanging on to our precious retirement nest eggs worried about the future and a nervous global economy? Are we already giving to help the environment, the marginalized, the arts of the animals? We are all of these. . . And amid all thoughts and hesitations, I still hear persistent music, voices sing what Mary Haugen wrote:

"Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger Bear the image of God's face; Let us bring an end to fear and danger. All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place."

And more than ever in these crazy, politically polarized days I want to, fight to, preserve the words on our front door: "All Are Welcome" - for any and all who need to venture into this sanctuary.

Very few of us can boast "23andMe" results of indigenous American peoples. We are all, then, immigrants at some level. Someone in our family came looking to find welcome in a new place. Some of us come now, seeking peace and Christ because something is broken. Some of us come for community, to thwart the loneliness of loss. Some come hoping to bestow values of sharing and giving to our little ones. Some of us come out of habit.

But we come because we know we are welcome. And we need to welcome more. Can one building really help us do that?

I think so. This is why I give, why we should give. . . So the wood and stone of our new space can become the house where love can dwell, where prophets speak, where all are named and all are welcome, in this place.

Thank You for Supporting Our Vision Realized Campaign

On behalf of the entire St. Perpetua Parish and School community, we extend our appreciation to these donors for pledging their support to **Continuing Our Growth ...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized the 2018 Campaign.**

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